

Dear friends,

Summer is coming to a close rapidly but don't despair yet — there are still lots of fun, seasonal activities to do from apple fairs to sunflower festivals. Check out our list of events around the city for inspiration of what to do with your free time.

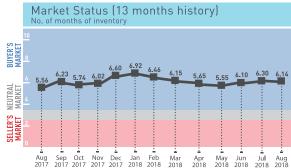
Talking about freeing up time, what about freeing up space? A house can feel so much bigger when things are stored properly and everything has its place. We've come up with some creative ideas for storage, no matter what kind of size you are working with or what room in your place you want to clean up. Sprucing up storage can help whether you are just preparing for the winter or looking to sell.

If you are looking to sell, or buy, please keep me in mind. I am happy to answer any questions and look forward to guiding you on a housing search. No matter what your needs are, I have you covered.

# **EDMONTON MARKET REPORT**

### Market Status





Listing inventory & SOLD (13 months history)

### Average Prices

### City of Edmonton average SOLD price

Month to Month \$364,925

■ Compared to LAST MONTH,

Edmonton





### Active listings Sold listings 8,570 8,361 7,691 8,000 7,000 5,987 6,232 6,000 5,000 4,000 3,000 2,000 1,000

Inventory

### Transactions Data

### Odds of selling (Percentage of Homes Sold VS Listings)





# Year to Year



### Average Days on Market







9,85910,04210,094 9,618



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## **Real Estate News Feed**

Fort McMurray most affordable housing market in Alberta; Canmore least: study – Global News globalnews.ca

Edmonton one of the best Canadian markets for buying a home – Edmonton Journal edmontonjournal.com

Edmonton house prices drop, but mortgage troubles also down – Edmonton Journal edmontonjournal.com

Canada's other CN Tower stands tall in Edmonton – Real Estate News Exchange renx.ca

Condo sales slump as more Edmontonians opt to rent – CBC www.cbc.ca

Calgary, Edmonton house prices head in different directions – Troy Media troymedia.com

## **SPRUCE UP YOUR STORAGE SPACE THIS SEPTEMBER**

No matter how large your home, extra storage space is always a blessing. Sometimes, it's just as simple as adding some cabinets but other times, solutions need to be a bit more creative.

Here are some ideas to spruce up your storage space this fall:

### **Entrance** way

Storage chests act as a tasteful piece of furniture where you can place flowers or other decorative items while still hiding away bulky items. Mudroom benches serve the double purpose of providing a space to sit as you pull on your shoes and also a place to dump scarves, mitts, hats and other items of easily tossed off clothing.

Coat racks are a must — they make all the difference when it comes to walking in the door and immediately have a place to put your jacket — and take up relatively squared foot space.

### Living room

A storage ottoman looks like a centre table but, in reality, has plenty of space under the lid. It can act as anything from a coffee table to foot rest, depending on your needs.

Hang your television up on the wall so that, when it's not being used, it can be hidden away behind closing doors alongside all the television knickknacks like the remote, DVDs and wires.

#### Bedroom

Use a storage bed where you can artfully stack boxes or tuck away drawers underneath the bedframe.

#### Kitcher

Lay your bottles out in a counter top wine rack that stacks the bottles up neatly, one on top of the other, so save up space that otherwise would be wasted. A great way to keep your collection of wine tidy!



On the wall pot hangers are the best way to get your pots and pans out of a tangled mess in the cupboard and somewhere easily accessible.

#### Office

Create storage cubbies at your desk with layers of shelving where you can tuck papers, receipts, pens and other office supplies.

# **Events & Festivals**

Parkinson SuperWalk (Sep. 8) A nation-wide fundraiser in support of Canadians living with Parkinson's.

Johnson MS Mountain Bike (Sep. 8 – 9) An adrenaline-packed weekend with hundreds of bikers showing up for a 90 kilometre mountain-view ride.

Public Art Picnic (Sep. 9) Enjoy some of Edmonton's public art at a picnic that welcomes all ages.

Kaleido Family Arts Festival (Sep. 14 – 16) A fun, free event of creative exploration and street performances.

Edmonton Expo (Sep. 21 – 23) A three-day pop-culture convention for comic fans.

Tibetan Bazaar (Sep. 22 – 23) A celebration of the Tibetan culture, unique in Alberta, which includes a Himalayan market with food and gifts.

Edmonton International Film Festival (Sep. 27 – Oct. 6) A buffet of films from around the world, showcasing some of the best cinematic works.

# **Photo Feature**











