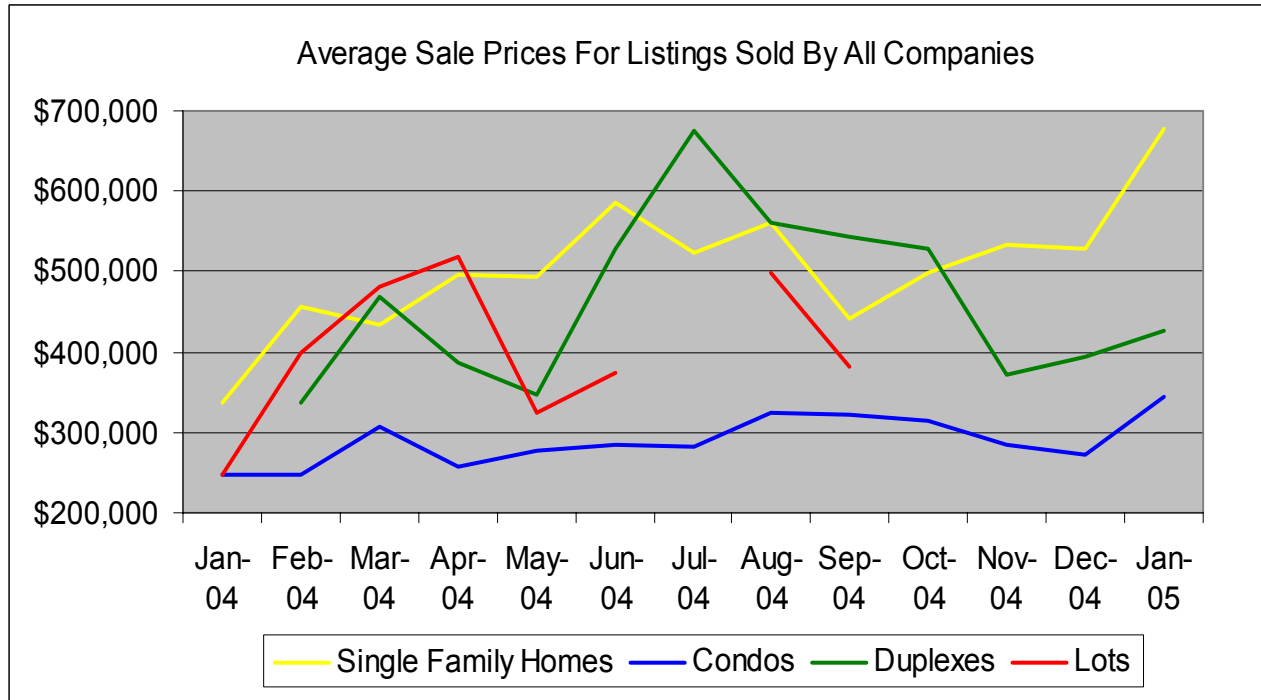




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Note: Where no line connects, there were no sales for that type of property for that month

## Market Synopsis

As we move through February, we are seeing the activity level increase with more buyers coming either out of hibernation, from a previous search, or starting a new search. We had a very strong end to 2004 and the cold weather in January 2005 definitely was a factor in the slower start to the year but with the weather co-operating, the ski hills are very busy and the number of buyers coming has been increasing. Our listing inventory is starting to build from the low at Christmas time and we expect this year's market to be strong. Please give us a call with any questions.

## What's Happening in Canmore

### **February 18<sup>th</sup> – Get Reel Movie Night**

Come enjoy a fun night of popcorn, socializing, and entertainment! Parents are completely optional for children aged 6 and over, supervision is provided. For the 6 to 12 year olds it's "Garfield the Movie", doors open at 6:00 pm. For the 13 to 17 year olds it's "Napoleon Dynamite", doors open at 8:30 pm. Admission is \$3 for a snack and a drink and it all happens in the Canmore Collegiate Theatre. For info call Marg at 678-0808 ext, 334.

### February 18<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup> – Quilters’ Artistic Visions 2005 – An Original Quilt Art Show

Presented by the Mountain Cabin Quilters Guild at the Canmore Library Gallery. The original fibre and quilt art show features original designs in the form of hangings, wearable art and other unique items. Opening reception Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. For more info, call 678-2282.

### February 19<sup>th</sup> – “Live on Seventh” presents the Trapper’s Ball

The Pine Tree Players presentation of The Shooting of Dan McGrew, Sully’s Garage and the Electric Squirrels – a community dance guaranteed to shake out cabin fever at the Canmore Miners’ Union Hall. Come out and support the Union Hall at this Lamphouse Centre for the Arts fundraising event. Tickets are \$20 in advance at Café Books and \$25 at the door.

### February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Alberta International Sled Dog Classic

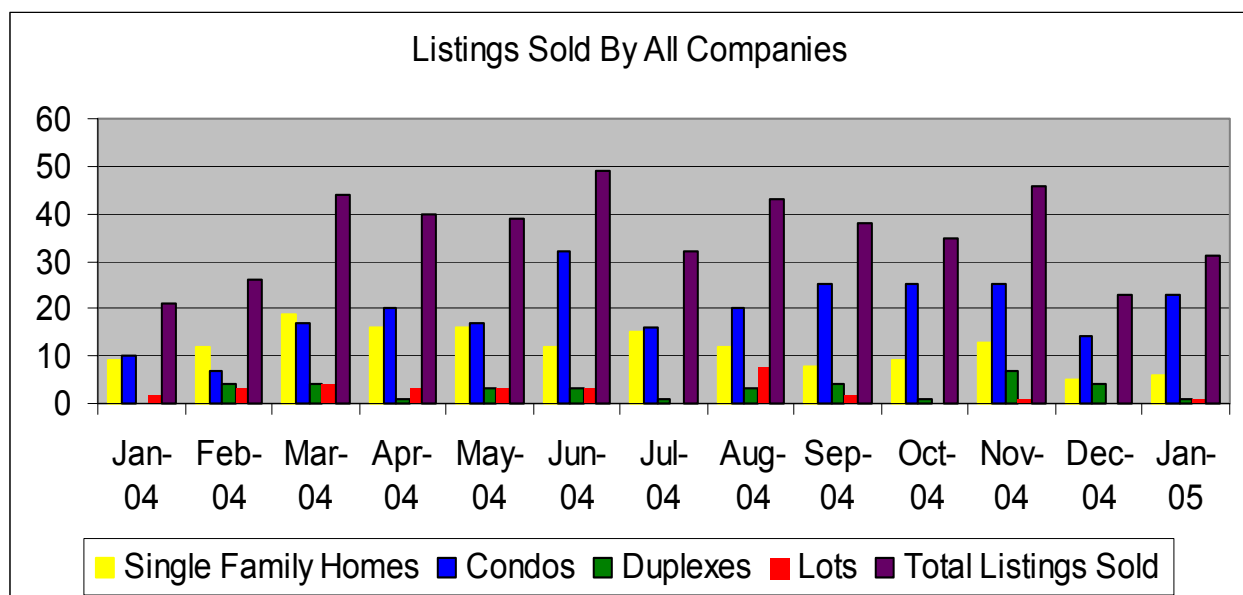
The Alberta International Sled Dog Classic is returning in 2005 to the Canmore Nordic Centre. The race will be held on Alberta Family Day weekend February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and is set to be the grand finale of Canmore’s Winter Festival.

### February 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Music for a Sunday Afternoon

A variety of musicians from the Banff Centre travel to Canmore to present a dynamic concert with a repertoire from familiar classic to new composition. Contact the Centre Box Office the week of the concert for program details. This will be held at the Canmore Seniors’ Centre at 2:30 pm. Donations accepted at the door.

### March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Faces of Canmore - A Photographic Exhibit Opening at the Canmore Civic Centre

Through this exhibit, Canmore photographer Colin Ferguson has captured the spirit of sixty individuals who represent the many and varied faces of the community of Canmore. Some of these individuals have accomplished extraordinary things while others are just starting out on life’s adventure. What these individuals share is the uncommon spirit and sense of place that life in a mountain town inspires.



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## What's a Flutter With All The Clutter?



Have you succumbed to the art of storing, not disposing, your knick-knacks? Do you look around and wonder just when your place became festooned with junk? Realizing that you have more stuff than space is the first step in fighting the compulsive desire to clutter your surroundings. The next step is figuring out where to start.

**Start slowly.** Tackling the situation room by room, cupboard by cupboard, will give you a chance to sort through everything without finding yourself knee deep in bewilderment.

**Assess items on an as-need basis.** If you haven't worn an article of clothing for over a year – chances are you can live without it. Donate all out-of-date and ill-fitting garments to a local clothing drive. The same holds true for memorabilia from days gone by. Items such as old magazines, birthday cards and makeup should be given the boot.

**Get rid of the unnecessary.** Throw out doubles. Extra mugs, pens, key chains, vases, books and magazines are just a few of the items that can take up unnecessary space, if allowed to accumulate.

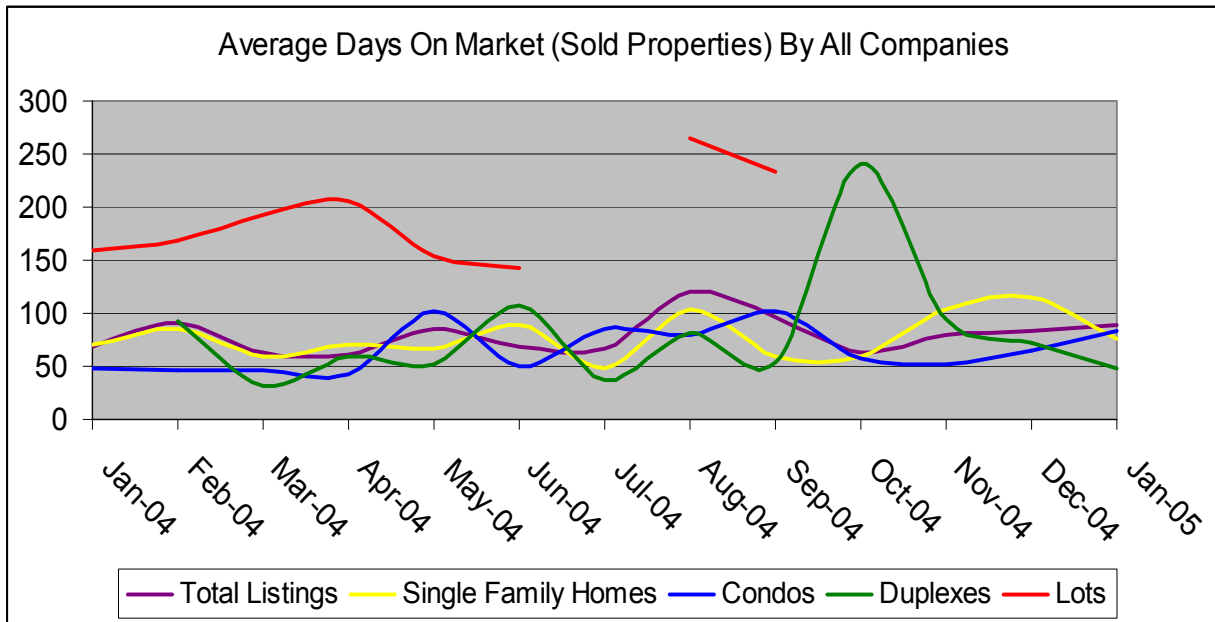
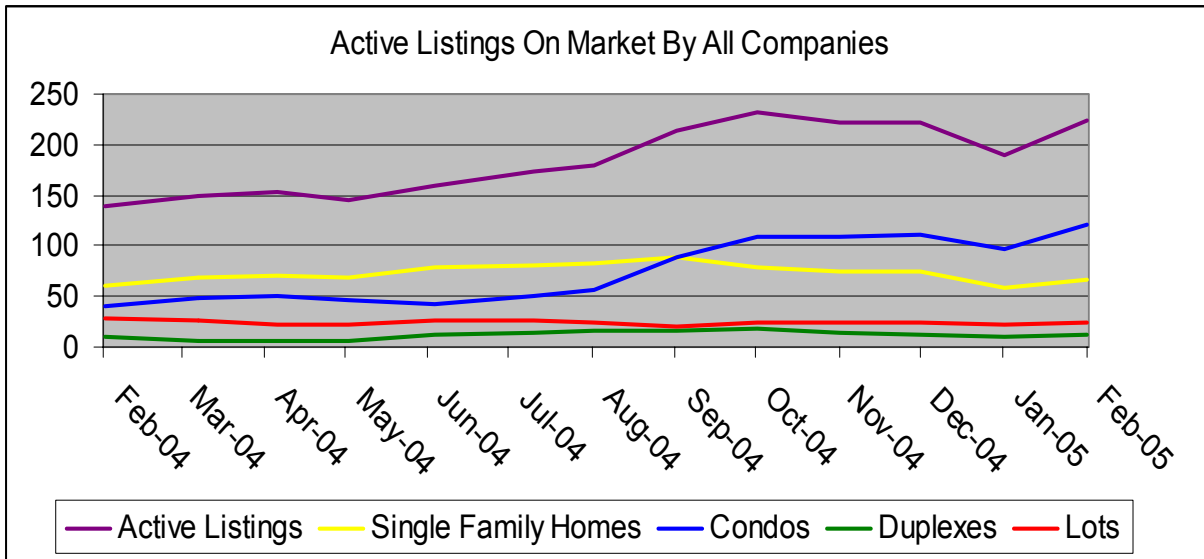
Once you've de-cluttered your space, you'll need to implement measures to ensure that your home will remain tip-top tidy.

**Choose dual-purpose furniture.** When shopping for furniture, don't choose pieces based on good looks alone. Instead, opt for furniture that is versatile and provides room for extra storage. For example, ottomans with removable tops can be used in lieu of coffee tables and storage benches can be used instead of couches. Be creative and select items that combine fashion with function.

**Shelves and storage.** If space is an issue, consider building shelves and cabinetry on empty walls. Use specially designed racks and storage organizers to make the most of even the smallest spaces.

**Home office.** Creating an office in your home will help filter the overflow of mail, books and extra 'stuff' that undoubtedly piles up. Sift through all incoming mail and keep only what is necessary. If you have a home computer, setting up your bills online will dramatically reduce the oversupply of paper. Develop a home filing system that will pinpoint a specific spot for everything you need to keep.

To ensure your home remains clutter-free, it will be necessary to revisit these tips periodically throughout the year. But remember, taking control of the mess, is always the first step.



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