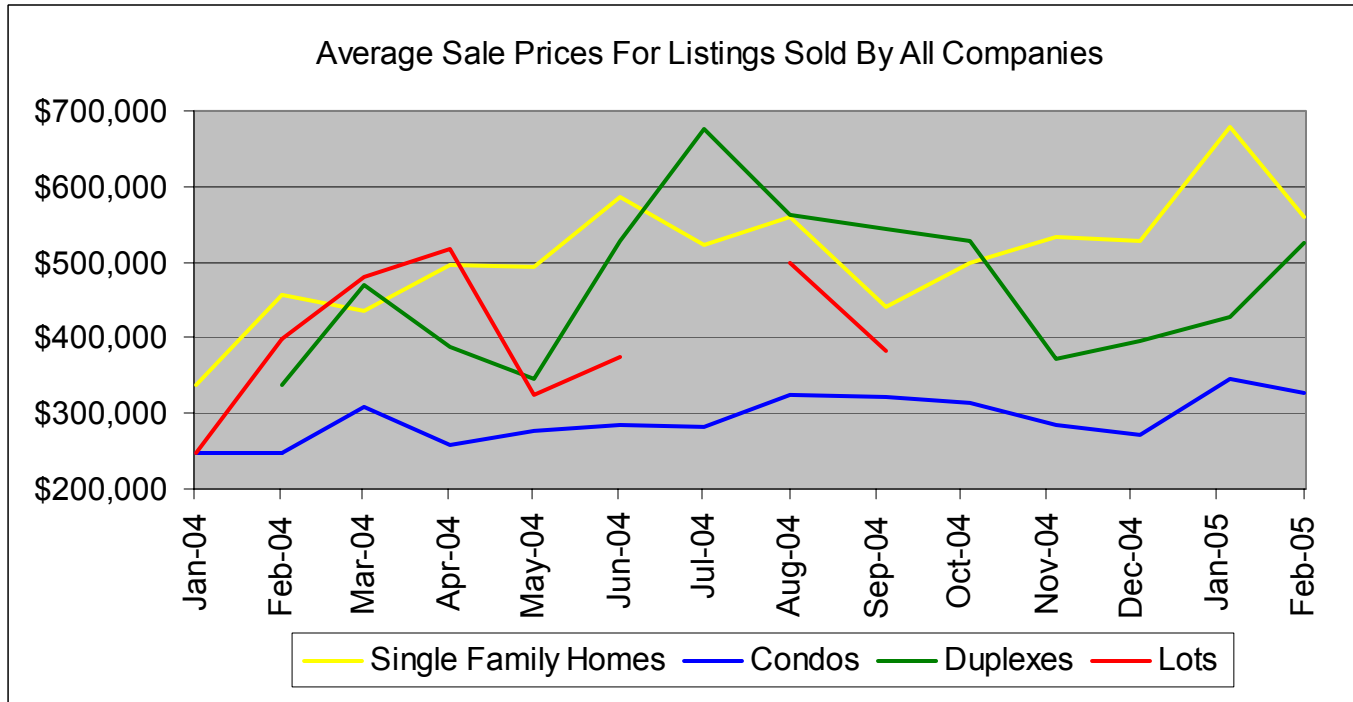




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Market Synopsis

With fresh snow just falling our taste of spring has been put on hold for a short time. We are continuing to see increased numbers of buyers and sellers in the market. Sales of the lower end of the market were stronger in the month of February than January but we are starting to see more interest coming on the higher end of the market. Please call us with any questions whatsoever.

What's Happening in Canmore

March 20th – Raylene Rankin & Archie Fisher

Cape Breton's Raylene Rankin (The Rankin Family) and legendary Scottish folk singer Archie Fisher join in a special double bill for a beautiful evening of song and music. 8:00 p.m. at the Margaret Greenham Theatre, Banff Centre.

April 2nd – Decidedly Jazz Danceworks – Bulla! A Loud Cuban Jazz Experiment

Canada's foremost jazz dance company will heat up the stage with a music and dance spectacle steeped in jazz and smacking of Cuban flavours. 8:00 p.m. at the Eric Harvie Theatre

April 3rd – Carlos del Junco

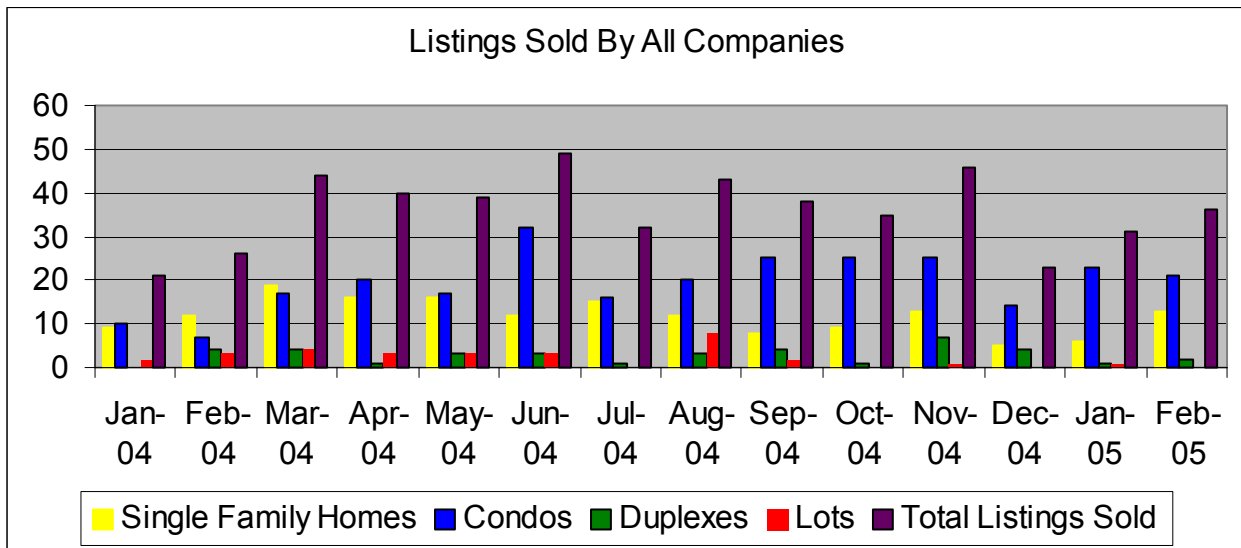
Harmonica maestro Carlos del Junco and his band return to the Club for a hot night of eclectic, electrified, and sizzlin’s blues. 8:00 p.m. at The Club, Theatre Complex.

April 4th – Eric Harvie Theatre presents Blue Rodeo

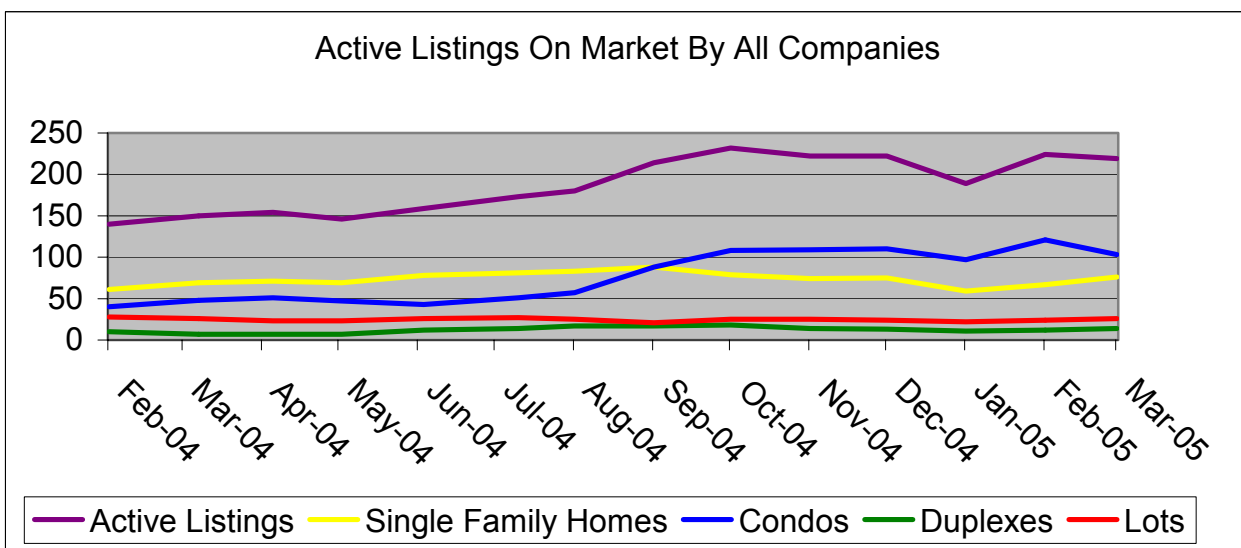
Blue Rodeo performs at the Eric Harvie Theatre with special guests Matt Mays and El Torpedo. For tickets call Banff Centre box office: 1-800-413-8368.

April 9th – LaFarge presents Puttin’ on the Ritz 2005

Flappers & Tappers...The Roaring 20’s. To be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre. Tickets \$55.00 per ticket. For more information, contact Brenda at 670-3340 or the Canmore Daycare at 678-5762.



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Spring Into Cleaning With These Helpful Hints!



The only thing about spring that everyone dreads is the ritual of spring-cleaning. To make this season's must-do chores a little more manageable, try one of these helpful hints that are guaranteed to make the process a little less painful.

For stubborn stains, even the ones you're convinced will never come out, try a mixture of 1 tbsp baking soda, 1 tsp dish soap and 1 cup hydrogen peroxide. Shake and apply to stain full strength. Blot and stain will be removed instantly.

Have pets or children left an unpleasant odour on your carpet? Simply apply baking soda on carpet overnight and the smell will disappear.

Blinds are prone to dust build up because they sit directly in the light. Dust blinds by wrapping a cloth around a ruler. Spray cloth with dusting spray and run the flat end across each blind.

Candle wax can be a nightmare. But the good news is that it can be eliminated. Use baby oil to clean up candle wax spills on furniture surfaces. If wax has spilled on the carpet, it can be removed with an iron and a paper towel. Wait for the wax to cool and harden, then set the iron on 'low'. Place pieces of paper towel over the wax and apply the iron. As the paper towel soaks up the wax, continually move it around to a 'fresh' spot on the paper towel.

When you bought your stainless steel appliances, you were so impressed by their shine, but now they're covered in spots and fingerprints. To remove the prints, just pour some white vinegar on a cloth and wipe away.

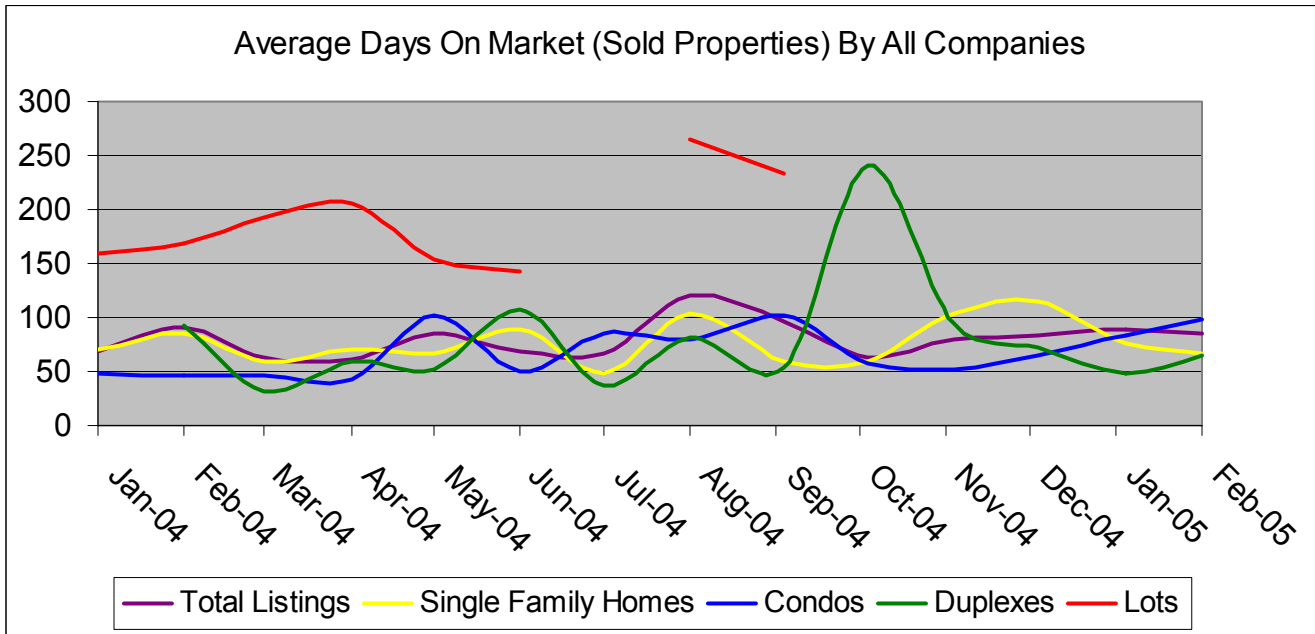
Glass surfaces are prone to dirt and spots, but the good news is that they can easily be cleaned with lemon juice. Pour juice on a cloth, wipe the surface and then dry with newspaper. For surface scratches, use a hint of toothpaste.

What to do when your kids have gone wild with writing utensils? Rubbing alcohol can be used to remove permanent marker on counter tops and appliances. A damp rag dipped in baking soda can be used to remove crayon marks from walls.

If there is one monotonous chore – it's no doubt cleaning the windows. To simplify this process, use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for washing windows inside – this allows you to see which side has the streaks.

Finally, when the house is cleaned, spray a touch of perfume on light bulbs. The fragrance will be distributed when the light comes on, filling the room with your favourite aroma.





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