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What's with the market these days.....As we grow into the new season of spring, the Brad Hawker Team has been well on their way. The market consists of 187 active listings which includes 66 single family homes, 77 condos, 14 duplexes and 16 lots. The month of March, there were an amazing 78 listings sold which takes a good lead for April

Thought of the Day
"Do not allow your life to represent anything but the grandest version of the greatest vision you ever had about Who You Are"
Neale Donald Walsch

Interest Rates
6.1%
Money over

Cheap and Easy Window Treatments

Customized window treatments can be very expensive. The good news is that imagination and ingenuity can overcome a lean bank balance. Here are some quick and easy tips for windows that look great and cost little.

1. If you like a rustic effect, use a tree branch as a curtain rod. First, find a branch longer than the width of the window, and install drapery-rod brackets to support it. A casual tab-top curtain works well hung from a nice straight branch. Cheesecloth makes a light and airy curtain fabric, and it's inexpensive, too.

2. If you enjoy letting the light shine in yet feel your window looks too naked without some sort of décor, place a swag of vines like honeysuckle over your windows. You will have to soak the vine to make it flexible. You might want to twine ivy, real or artificial, around the vine to make the look complete. Dried flowers also complement this look. Raffia and bows are effective, too.

3. Visit the bedding and linen departments of retail stores. Flannel, eyelet and satin look as good on windows as on beds. Sheets can be pressed into service as swags. Just drape the sheet over a curtain rod.

4. Another option is the vinyl window blind, as are Roman and roller blinds. They are very cheap and come in every imaginable shade, so colour coordination is never a problem.

5. Shutters are a nice choice for a country kitchen. They look warm and inviting and are easy to care for. If hung properly, they add a custom look to any room at a fraction of the cost of customizing.

Think outside the frame. Decorating your windows can be easy and inexpensive; all it takes is a little know-how and a lot of ingenuity. And if you tire of your frugal window dressings, it's a simple matter to either move them elsewhere or dismantle them and create something new.

A Hint of History

Real estate has a long and distinguished past. For example, around the year 3,000 B.C., the King of Babylon proclaimed that a real estate contract had to be entered into freely by both parties to make the transaction legal. Mortgage terms were set out on clay tablets in 2,100 B.C., while records of property taxes from 2,000 B.C. have been found in Egypt.

In the Roman times, the usual interest rate was 1 per cent, but only half as much for mortgages. Instead, ancient Greeks and Romans would have a crier in a town square or marketplace advertise their properties for sale. And they had no lawn signs. They painted an ad on the wall of the building for sale or rent.

As the centuries clicked by, real estate transactions, and the right to private property became more and more entrenched, especially in North America.

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	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Mar 2002
Listings Viewed	2740	1485	1312
Virtual Realities Viewed	1909	1026	793
Website Session	724	501	590

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