



Joy to the World

The wreaths are on the door, the snow is on the ground, and spruce trees are glowing with a multitude of colour. Crisp air and smoke from chimneys!.....aaah...it's Christmas in Canmore!

2003 got off to a great start and Drew and I did some team building together for a couple of days with some friends in Montreal. After being jolted out of our seats at the Rolling Stones concert at the Bell Centre, we headed for Lac Des Seize Iles via the snowmobile rental shop. We found snowmobiling to be a great activity for team building, as we really had to work at getting each other out of ditches and other hazardous areas.

As usual, the spring was a long time coming for Kathryn. Lauren had a great year with the Bow Valley Quickies and has really gained some confidence on the slopes. Callum also enjoyed about 20 days skiing and from what Kathryn and I can see, he's going to be a force to be reckoned with. We have enrolled him in lessons this year for his own safety as well as others who may share the same ski hill.

Kathryn and the children were very excited to get to the cottage at the end of June. Lauren excelled in swim team and represented the lake at the annual swim meet. Being short of 8 year old boys, she swam in that category. She surprised us all by coming 1st in backstroke and placing in 2 other races. Not bad, we thought, for a 6 year old girl. (I'm allowed to boast, I am her father!) I was happy to get there for a few weeks and watch the kids participate in all their activities and spending some time with Kathryn. In no time however, it was back to Canmore and the warm summer we experienced.

September and October were very busy with Buyers, Sellers, Agent and Broker conferences, updating software, and welcoming and training 3 great new agents.

I'm writing this newsletter today on mine and Kathryn's 9th wedding anniversary and tomorrow will mark another birthday for me. My family and I have been so fortunate once again this year with good health and lots of laughter.

May this holiday season bring you joy and peace. Indulge in the comfort of family and friends around your Christmas table and throughout the coming year. After all, isn't family and friends what it's all about!

A Fun Way For Groups To Open Gifts!

A fun and easy way to open gifts by turn, is to open them lottery style as you read "Twas The Night Before Christmas". Directions are as follows:

Choose key words from the story, such as Christmas, mouse, mamma, nap, stockings, St. Nicholas, etc. Select as many different words as the number of presents there are to open. Write each of these words on folded slips of paper and put them into a Santa hat.

To begin, distribute all of the presents to the proper recipients instructing them not to open their gifts. Allow each person to draw enough words from the Santa hat to equal the number of presents in front of them; having them put one word on top of each present. Your guests will then listen as the story is being read, and when they hear the word that is written on one of their slips of paper, have them call out "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!". Stop the story long enough for the person to open the gift that has the matching word on top of it, then continue the story, repeating this procedure until all of the gifts have been opened. Be sure to read all the way to the end of the story because you wouldn't want to miss the ending!

What's Happening In Canmore

December 24-25 / Christmas Services in Canmore

- Canmore Community Church, 1717 Bow Valley Trail - Christmas Eve: 7 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
- Interchurch Service, Canmore Nordic Centre, Bill Warren Training Centre - Christmas Eve: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Candlelight service sponsored by the Mountain Baptist Church and joined by the Alpine Christian Ministries and the Trinity Bible Church.
- Lutheran Church Shepherd of the Valley, First Ave. and Hospital Place - Christmas Eve: 7:30 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
- Ralph Connor United Church, 617 Eighth St. - Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. (Children's Service), 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 810 Seventh St. - Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. (Children's Mass), 8 p.m. (Family Mass) and 12 a.m. (Midnight Mass), Christmas Day: 11 a.m.
- St. Michael's Anglican Church, 709 Seventh St. - Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. (Family Service), 8 p.m. (Contemporary Service with contemporary music) and 11 p.m. (Traditional Service with choir), Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

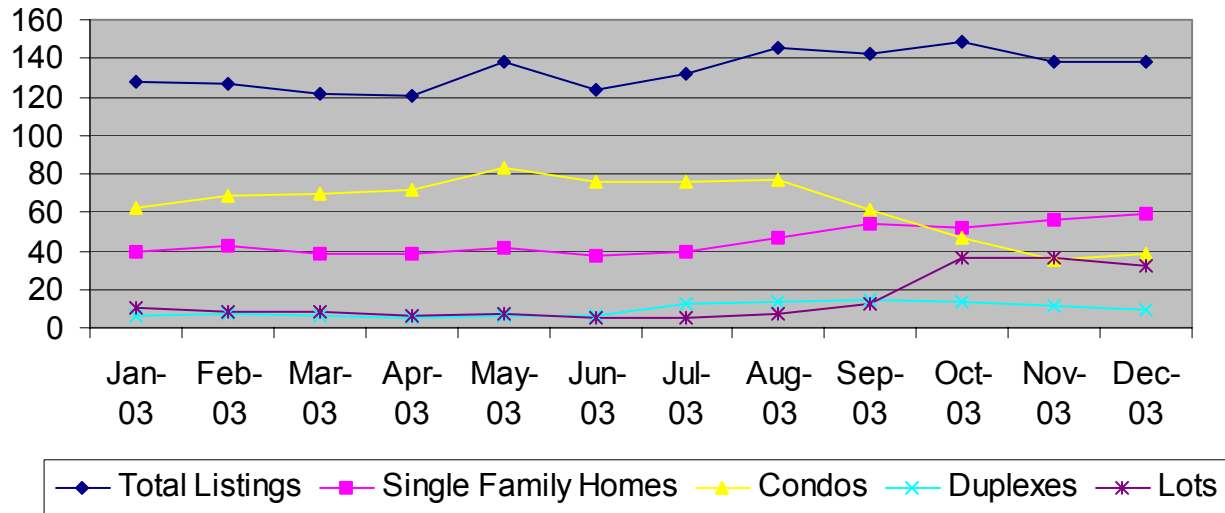
December 31 / Celebration of Community 2002

Canmore's New Years Eve Party on the Pond

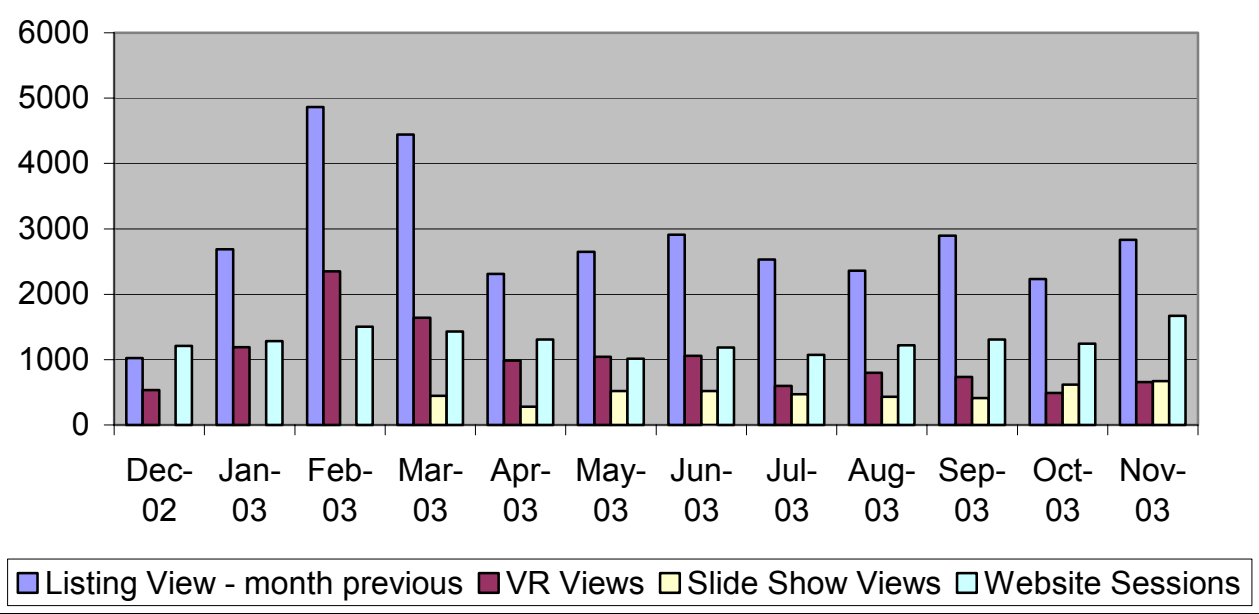
Ring in the new year with friends and family - warm yourself by the fire, enjoy music and fire juggling, take a horse and wagon ride, lace up your skates and take a turn around the ice... there'll be hot dogs and hot chocolate...and fireworks!!!

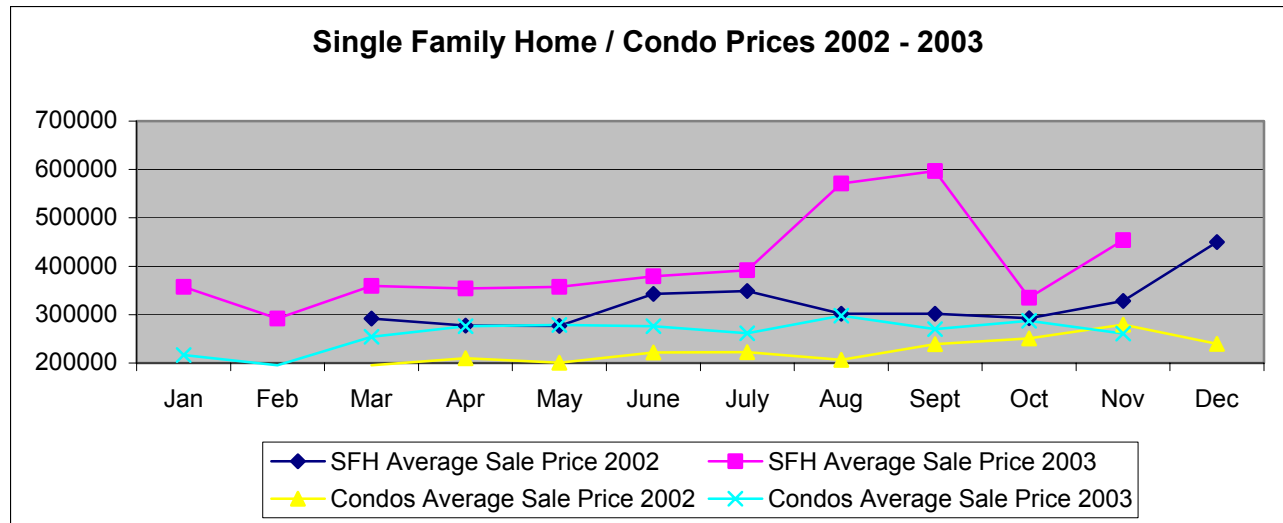
Music will continue on the Pond with skating and bonfires until 11:30 and then it's time to head down to Millennium Park for the evenings grand finale firework display. Canmore. Party on the Pond 6:00 to 11:30 pm Children's Fireworks on the Pond 9:30 pm Midnight Fireworks Millennium Park Midnight. For information or volunteer please call 678-1878.

Active Listings On The Market



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2003 to Date...	Number Sold	Average Sale Price	Average Days on Market
Single Family Homes	156	\$396,475	59
Condo's	216	\$266,097	74
Duplexes	39	\$394,204	71
Lots	36	\$378,763	75
Total	447	\$331,837	69

2003 Market Synopsis

Our market in 2003 rose quite rapidly with average sale prices rising 15% for duplexes, 18% for Condos, 29% for Single Family Homes and a remarkable 55% for Lots. Combine the rise in Prices with average Days On Market falling up to 51% and the Canmore market continues to be a good way to invest be it in your own home, weekend retreat or revenue property. All signs point towards this trend continuing with mortgage rates staying amazingly low, demand staying strong from within Alberta with continued growing support from the US, England and Germany. The direction that TGS is taking with their new preliminary Resort Centre vision looks like it will be a big winner. It is a more scaled down master plan that has more green space, less commercial space and I think a better over all fit for Canmore. 2004 will be very exciting to see how this unfolds; I wish them good fortune with this new vision including the "Wellness Centre".

Thank you for all your continued support, never hesitate to give me a call for all your Real Estate needs.

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