

Spring News from the Sawlers



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Market Update

Once again, this is our way of saying "hello" and keeping in touch with our clients. Often we're asked our opinion of the current real estate market in the HRM. From our perspective, the Real Estate Season of 2007 has started strongly. The good weather of January resulted in much activity, and subsequently, inventory in all HRM is selling. Dartmouth is an especially interesting and exciting market. The extensive development at Russell Lake West and the partial completion of Dartmouth Crossing has created a considerable buzz. CMHC describes today's market as "balanced". This indicates a comparative number of buyers and sellers along with average market time predicted to remain relatively constant. *Warm Regards, Don & Dorothy Sawler and Andy Sawler*



Spring Travel

New passport regulations for traveling to and from the US by air: As of January 23rd 2007, Canadian and U.S. travelers are required to present a valid passport when traveling by air between Canada and the United States. Driver



licenses and other government-issued photo identification will no longer be accepted as valid travel documentation. If you need a new passport, ensure you leave sufficient time! www.pptc.gc.ca. For information on this and other travel tips, *Karen at Cook's Travel TPI 455-8561*

Moving with Fido

Dogs who have been crate trained, move with the greatest of ease. They will feel at home anywhere, in their familiar space. If your dog has not been crate trained, don't try to do it now. Instead, use their special blanket or mat as a "safe area". If moving to larger urban area, try and acquaint your pet with the increased sound and activity ahead of time. Routine is always important to your pet. Daily walks, runs, whether with you or a dog walker help puppy adjust to the new home. Check ahead: look at local leash laws. Find out where the parks are and, where your pets are allowed to run off leash. *Dr. Nadine Trudeau, Veterinarian at Petworks and Rob VanTassel, Trainer*



Strawberry Crisp

A great way to celebrate our "valley berries". Best served warm with ice cream, but delicious at room temperature!

- 3 pints of fresh strawberries
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 tbsp. corn starch
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 & 1/4 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds



Cut berries in half and place in lightly greased and floured 8x 8 pan. Mix 1/4 cup of the sugar with corn starch and mix lightly with berries, coating the berries. Stir butter with sugar. Whisk egg with vanilla and add to butter mixture. Add flour, baking powder and salt. Drop heaping teaspoons over berries, spreading slightly. Sprinkle almonds on top. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes. This recipe came to me from "Lynn in New Zealand" *Enjoy! Dorothy Sawler 499-8100*

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