

A Letter from the Dekker Team

**How's the housing market?
2011 a typical year for home sales in Ottawa.**

(Source: Ottawa Real Estate Board)

OTTAWA, January 5, 2012 - Members of the Ottawa Real Estate Board sold 699 residential properties in December through the Board's Multiple Listing Service system compared with 618 in December 2010, an increase of 13.1%. The 5 year average for December is 611. The total number of homes sold through the Board's MLS system in 2011 was 14,412, an increase of 1.7% over 2010. The average price for 2011 was \$343,701, a increase of 5.2% over 2010.

Of December's sales, 177 were in the condominium property class, while 522 were in the residential property class. The condominium property class includes any property regardless of style (ie/ detached, semi-detached, apartment, stacked etc) which is registered as a condominium, as well as properties, which are co-operatives, life leases and timeshares. The residential property class includes all other residential properties.

"Resale home sales in 2011 were slightly above the 5 year average of 14,326, and that's really the story for the year. The market started off the year quietly, but gained momentum as we headed into spring and summer, losing very little steam during the fall and posting the best November on record, which leaves us with a very solid balance sheet for 2011," said Past President Joanne Tibbles. "In many ways, it epitomized Ottawa's real estate market; no dizzying highs, no dramatic lows, just slow and steady growth over the long term," she added.

The average sale price of residential properties, including condominiums, sold in December in the Ottawa area was \$332,527, an increase of 2.6% over December 2010. The average sale price for a condominium class property was \$262,514, an increase of 3% over December 2010. The Board cautions that average sale price information can be useful in establishing trends over time but should not be used as an indicator that specific properties have increased or decreased in value. The average sale price is calculated based on total dollar volume of all properties sold.

The Ottawa Real Estate Board is an industry association of 2,765 sales representatives and brokers in the Ottawa Area. Members of the Board are also members of the Canadian Real Estate Association.

**Trusting 2012 is off to a good start!
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The Manotick Arts Camp is now offering workshops in Drama, Music (Vocal, Instrumental) and Visual Art on PD days. We are accepting kids ages 7 and up, no previous experience is necessary. Limited of 20 per day www.manotickartsrscamp.com.

JUST KIDDIN' THEATRE presents When Cupid Comes Out to Play February 10-12 Old Metcalfe Town Hall Looking for something unique to treat your Valentine? . Please visit www.justkiddintheatre.com for tickets or registration information.

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REGISTRATION OPEN for our final Mainstage Teen Group Begins late February. Our teens will mount a drama titled "Private Thoughts" to be performed late May. This will be a serious play with serious content not suitable for young children. Please visit www.justkiddintheatre.com.

BONDING WITH BABY Plan to attend 1.5 hour classes and learn infant massage and baby sign language. The first half of class will be spent demonstrating and practicing. Registration required. Call 613 821-2899 Thursdays 1:30-3:00 pm Cost: \$60.00 Dates: Jan. 19-Feb. 9, 2012

Scottish Country Dancing for fun, fitness and friendship. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at Osgoode Community Centre. Info www.rscdsottawa.ca or Marie 613-826-1221

Osgoode Legion Branch #589 Roast - Beef Dinner with all the trimmings. Friday February 3 between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. \$10/person \$5 for anyone 5 years old and under.

Services: General

Storage available in Osgoode at Osgoode Mini Storage. Facility can accommodate both indoor & outdoor storage for all your household item, vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. 24-7 access. Reasonable rates. 613-826-2511 or 613-258-6379.

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Greely, \$325,000

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Greely \$100,000

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Services: Health & Beauty

Professional Hairstylist for all your hair services, cut, color, blowdry, threading face & eyebrows at reasonable rates.Please call Mira at (613) 897-4726. Riverside South & Manotick.

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Yanumojya yoga - relaxing, invigorating, theme based blissful yoga classes. Sat 9 am in Osgoode. New! Back care yoga - Wed 9:30 am Thai massage - full body relaxing massage. Reasonable rates. Contact Christine at 613-826-1969 christine@yogathaibliss.com www.yogathaibliss.com

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- A Free market evaluation of your home
- Information about real estate in your area
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Health & Beauty continued

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