Tina Klein's Real Estate Newsletter

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REXDALE

Reservate MARKET WATCH

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Latest 6 Month Recap of Solds – May 1, 2020 - Oct 31, 2020

	# sold	avg price	high price	days on market
1.5 to 3 storey detached				
2 bedroom	4	758,250	803,000	14
3 bedroom	20	799,315	1,149,000	9
4 bedroom	8	879,820	1,060,000	16
5 bedroom	2	1,446,000	1,562,000	22
bungalow				
2 bedroom	6	753,150	868,900	4
3 bedroom	52	871,835	1,040,000	13
4 bedroom	5	891,100	950,000	17
5 bedroom	2	950,000	970,000	35
duplex				
6 bedroom	1	1,095,000	1,095,000	62
link				
3 bedroom	1	829,000	829,000	13
4 bedroom	1	805,000	805,000	22
semi-detached				
3 bedroom	2	803,025	821,050	6
4 bedroom	4	756,750	841,000	6
split-level				
3 bedroom	10	844,030	980,500	11
4 bedroom	б	1,082,750	1,200,000	6
5 bedroom	1	780,000	780,000	10
6 bedroom	1	929,000	929,000	8
Total	126			12

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GTA MARKET REMAINS ON FIRE

MLS® Home Price Index by Segment (versus Oct 2019) Detached 12.7% Semi-Detached 12.6% Townhouse 12.8% Condo Apartment 6.2% Composite Index 0.8% 12 10 14 16 8 **MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Resale Home Sales** GTA October resale volume of 10,563 units +25.1% year (+25.1%), bringing year-to-date volume growth to +3.9% despite the pandemic · Low-rise market segments (detached, semidetached and townhouses) continued to be the Oct 2020 main engines of volume growth (up by 33.9%, 32.1% and 32.6% respectively) 10,563 · Low rise segments witnessed sales growth far ahead of new listings growth; conversely the condo apartment segment witnessed the opposite Oct 2019 phenomenon MLS[®] Home Price Index (apples-to-apples reading) up by 10.8% versus October 2019; average selling 8,445 price of \$968,318 (+13.7%) set another new record **GTA Resale Home Sales** 14,000 2018 2019 2020 12,000 10,000 8,000 6,000 OCT 2020 4,000 10.563 2,000 DEC FFR APR IUN AUG OCT

Message from Tina Klein...

Season's Greetings!

2020 is almost in our rear-view mirror! Well good riddance is all that I can say!

I would like to extend my most hearty wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday season – even though we all still have to be mindful of social distancing. I would also like to wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous year in 2021. Please drive carefully over the holidays and let's all remember to do whatever we can to help out those who are less fortunate than we are - especially during this pandemic - at this very special time of year.

Happy tholidaye 💥

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Angels, Once in a While ...

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry babies and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone. The boys ranged from three months to seven years; their sister was two. Their dad had never been much more than a presence they feared. Whenever they heard his tires crunch on the gravel driveway they would scramble to hide under their beds. He did manage to leave \$15 dollars a week to buy groceries. Now that he had decided to leave, there would be no more beatings, but no food either. If there was a welfare system in effect in southern Indiana at that time, I certainly knew nothing about it. I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress. I loaded them into the rusty old 51' Chevy and drove off to find a job. The seven of us went to every factory, store, and restaurant in our small town. No luck. The kids stayed, crammed into the car and tried to be quiet while I tried to convince whomever would listen that I was willing to learn or do anything. I had to have a job.

Still there was no luck. The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop. It was called the Big Wheel. An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids. She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until 7 in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour and I could start that night. I raced home and called the teenager down the street that baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pajamas on and the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal. I started at the Big Wheel. When I got home in

the mornings I woke the baby-sitter up and sent her home with 1 dollar of my tip money – fully half of what I averaged every night. As the weeks went by, heating bills added another strain to my meager wage. The tires on the old Chevy had the consistency of penny balloons and began to leak. I had to fill them with air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home. One bleak fall morning, I dragged myself to the car to go home and found four tires in the back seat. New tires! There was no note, no nothing – just those beautiful brand new tires. Had angels taken up residence in Indiana?

I wondered. I made a deal with the owner of the local service station. In exchange for his mounting the new tires, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tires. I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough. Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys. Then I hid them in the basement so there would be something for Santa to deliver on Christmas morning. Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of patches on the boy's pants and soon they would be too far-gone to repair.

On Christmas Eve the usual customers were drinking coffee in the Big Wheel. These were the truckers. A few musicians were hanging around after a gig at the Legion and were dropping nickels in the pinball machine. The regulars all just sat around and talked through the wee hours of the morning and then left to get home before the sun came up. When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning, I hurried to the car. I was hoping the kids wouldn't wake up before I managed to get home and get the presents from the basement and place them under the tree (we had cut down a small cedar tree by the side of the road down by the dump).

It was still dark and I couldn't see much, but there appeared to be some dark shadows in the car – or was that just a trick of the night? Something certainly looked different, but it was hard to tell what. When I reached the car I peered warily into one of the side windows.

Then my jaw dropped in amazement. My old battered Chevy was full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I quickly opened the driver's side door, scrambled inside and kneeled in the front facing the back seat. Reaching back, I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was a whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10! I looked inside another box: it was full of shirts to go with the jeans. Then, I peeked inside some of the other boxes: there were candy, nuts, bananas, and bags of groceries. There was an enormous ham for baking, and canned vegetables and potatoes. There was pudding and Jell-O and cookies, pie filling, and flour. There was a whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items. And there were five tov trucks and one beautiful little doll. As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude. I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning.

Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December, and they all hung out at the Big Wheel truck stop.

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Your Smile For The Day!

Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory! I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine.

Keep Smiling! Tina

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