



The Key to Condo Living

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Happy Valentine's Day! Nothing is known reliably (according to Wikipedia) of St. Valentine except his name and the fact he died on the Via Flaminia north of Rome on February 14, the year being uncertain. Since the High Middle Ages, St. Valentine has been associated with courtly love and thus began the tradition of giving of poems and gifts to one's beloved. These days, Hallmark writes the poems for me, and the cards go to grandchildren!

Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit: Did you do any renovations in 2012, in order to stay in your house? You could be eligible for up to a \$1,500 provincial tax credit if up to \$10,000 was spent in renovations. If you are 65 or older, or have a family member living with you who requires renovations in order to make the house more accessible, you should check with your Accountant. This tax credit is also ongoing for 2013 and could be used to upgrade in order to sell this year. We have a brochure from Publications Ontario that we'd be pleased to email or mail to you.

We'd be pleased to review your current status and chat about future plans. Your options include staying in your own home, moving to a smaller bungalow, condo or seniors retirement centre. We're compiling an information package about the newest condo developments that are planned for Barrie and we will be glad to share that information with you.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Is Condo ownership the right decision for all seniors?

ANSWER: *No! Condo living is not for everyone as it requires that you follow rules and live co-operatively with others. Some find it is too structured and others like more privacy. For some, it is claustrophobic and for others, the fees make it too expensive. We all age differently—one member of the family may be ready to make the move to condo living and his or her mate may not be prepared to leave the family home or neighbourhood!*

Condo update: at the moment (January 26th) there are 56 condo apartments available in Barrie, ranging from \$129,900 to \$959,000....if you are looking in a specific area of Barrie, or require certain features in a condo, we'd be glad to set you up to automatically receive via email any new listings in that location.



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