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View on Fallingbrook

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RETRACTABLE AWNINGS CAN PROTECT & EXTEND SUMMER FUN

Everyone wants to enjoy the beautiful weather that summer brings. But the warm sun and damaging rays sometimes force us to retreat inside, where we crank the costly air conditioning to stay cool.

Creating an outdoor room is a great way to expand your home's living space without the cost of an addition. Retractable Awnings expand homes by turning decks & patios into added living space, combining the comfort of the indoors with the enjoyment of the outdoors.

During the hot summer days, an awning provides a simple solution that shields out harmful sun rays while keeping you cool. It also helps homeowners conserve energy and therefore save money because awnings block the sun from entering the home through the windows. Not only do cooling costs go down, your furniture and carpet are protected from fading.

Awnings are fully customizable and available in a wide variety of style options. Some brands come with an op-

tional wind or motion sensor which allows awnings to automatically retract when wind speeds reach a predetermined level, preventing awning damage. A sun sensor can also be added to allow for automatic operation determined by the sun's strength. Also, an interior wireless remote control is an option that provides easy-access operation. When not in use, awnings can be easily retracted, safely stored, and will subtly blend in with the exterior beauty of any home.



On those summer days when it normally would be too hot to be outside, awnings enable homeowners to full embrace the season creating their vacation oasis right in their own backyard, and there is nothing cooler than instant shade at the touch of a button.

YOUR FALLINGBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD

Currently For Sale: 11

Avg. List Price: \$ 383,772

Low: \$ 309,900

High: \$ 549,900

Sold in 2010: 24

Avg Sale Price: \$ 360,964

Low: \$ 250,000

High: \$ 438,500



What will your property sell for ... Interested?

Fallingbrook Subdivision Stats as at June 1, 2010

MAY SALES REMAIN HIGH

The Durham Region Association of REALTORS® during the month of May reported 1,027 units sold during the month of May which is at par with last year's 1,206 sales for the same month, but does reflect a decrease from the high seen in both March and April of this year.

Active listings remain on the rise with May offering 2,600 resale listings, which is 1% higher than May of 2009 and the highest number seen so far this year.

We can now see the forecasted trend of increased available listings coinciding with a decrease in the substantial sales of the prior few months. With an anticipated increase in mortgage rates, many buyers purchased their homes earlier than is the norm this year" explains Dierdre Mullen, President of the Durham Regional Association of REALTORS®.

"After such a fast pace for the beginning of 2010, the Durham resale housing market is now balancing and will continue to do so in the months to come. With so many options now available for buyers, the annual rate of price growth will continue to slow in the second half of the year.

NATURAL WAYS TO RID YOUR GARDEN OF PESTS

Garden pests come in a number of forms, but most aren't difficult to get rid of.

Carson Arthur, host of HGTV's *GreenForce* and Global's *Room to Grow* says there are a few natural home remedies that will help you get rid of pesky insects, weeds and fungi in your garden.

If you have: Creepy Crawlers (aphids, earwigs, slugs)

Try: The garlic press system

Take an old jug, add five to six bulbs of garlic (about 40 cloves), mash them up and then fill the container with water. Let this brew in full sun for three to four days then strain out the pulp and add the juice to a spray bottle, which you can use on garden plants.

The potent smell will turn even the hungriest insect away. Any leftovers can be spread around other plants to deter slugs, which particularly hate it.

Remember to wear rubber gloves!

If you have: Slugs

Try: Copper wire

A simple copper wire can also help keep slugs away, as it reacts with the slug's slime, creating an

electric current. Place the wire in a ring on the ground and slugs will stay far away.

If you have: Weeds

Try: Boiling Water or Vinegar

This is a "grandmother" tip. Just walk around the garden with a kettle of boiling water and pour on the weeds. No muss, no fuss and your weeds should just die back. If this isn't strong enough try a bit of vinegar. It's acid, however, so it could damage the soil a bit. After applying the

vinegar to the weeds and pulling them out, it's beneficial to add new, healthy soil in the same spot.

If you have: Fungus on your Plants

Try: Garden Sulphur

It's a natural mineral and is a quick and easy fix for almost any fungus in your garden. You can find different mixtures at home and garden stores.

But do stay away from hot pepper flakes or cayenne pepper. If squirrels, cats, rabbits, etc. get too much spicy powder on their paws then rub their faces, they can go blind! So opt for a more animal friendly solution.

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Community Happenings

Whitby County Town Carnival

Saturday, June 26th @ 10 am Cullen Central Park

Enjoy free activities including: live entertainment, jumping castles, balloon bender, petting zoo. Sation Gallery art activities & more. Carnival Games & food onsite. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Whitby Brass Band Concerts at the Lake

Thurs, July 8th @ 7:30 am Heydenschore Pavillion

Whitby Brass band summer concert series.

Movie in the Park - The Tooth Fairy

Friday, July 9th @ 8:30 pm Heydenschore Park

Enjoy an outdoor movie under the stars with family & friends this summer! Rain date: Sunday July 11th @ dusk

Kid's Corner

