

# View *on* Fallingbrook



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## WHAT RECO MEANS FOR CONSUMERS

Do you know how much education is required before a real estate professional can be registered in this province? Or who regulates the conduct of real estate brokers and sales professionals in Ontario? Established in 1997 as a result of the mutual desire of the government and the real estate industry to enhance professionalism, the Real Estate Council of Ontario strives to increase consumer protection while providing an effective, efficient and responsive regulatory framework for the real estate industry in Ontario. RECO is a self-managed, not-for-profit corporation, responsible for administering the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act, 2002 - along with its associated regulations - on behalf of the provincial government, protecting the public interest through a fair, safe and informed marketplace. All real estate professionals in Ontario must be registered with RECO, and are required to adhere to standards contained in the Act. The Ministry of Consumers Services is responsible for the Act, as well as general oversight of RECO.

Protecting the public interest is achieved through:

- Enforcing the standards required to obtain and maintain registration as a bro-

kerage, broker or salesperson.

- Establishing minimum requirements for pre-registration and continuing education.



- Conducting routine inspections of brokerage offices to ensure compliance with REBBA 2002 and educate brokers.
- Addressing inquiries, concerns and complaints about the conduct of registrants received from all sources and taking appropriate action to protect the public interest.
- Establishing and administering insurance requirements, which include consumer deposit protection.
- Promoting ongoing education and competent, knowledgeable and professional service.

## DURHAM REAL ESTATE

### MARKET REMAINS STABLE

The Durham Region Association of REALTORS® reported 815 sales for the month of August, a decrease of 11% from July when there were 906 sales. There have been 6,988 sales so far in 2011 which represent a 2% reduction compared to this time last year. "The decrease in number of sales from July to August is consistent with the market trends in previous years. Summer months tend to slow down when people are on vacation," commented Dierdre Mullen, President of the Durham Region Association of REALTORS®.

Durham Region saw 1,401 new listings in August bringing the total number of homes available for resale to 2,251. "The number of new listings have increased by 5.5% over last month, while the number of available listings remains steady", said President Mullen.

The year-to-date average selling price in Durham Region is \$ 317,306, a 4.4% increase over last year.

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## YOUR FALLINGBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD

Statistics as at September 1, 2011

<b>Currently For Sale:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total Sold in 2011:</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Avg. List Price:</b>	<b>\$371,343</b>	<b>Avg. Sale Price:</b>	<b>\$ 362,621</b>
<b>Low:</b>	<b>\$274,900</b>	<b>Low:</b>	<b>\$ 265,000</b>
<b>High:</b>	<b>\$439,900</b>	<b>High:</b>	<b>\$ 460,000</b>

*What will your property sell for ... Interested?*

**Call Johanna or Kandice at 905-668-0040**

# AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK IDEAS

## Fruit Dip

Mix 1 cup low-fat sour cream and 2 tablespoons each brown sugar and lime juice; sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Cut up assorted fruit and serve with dip.



## Cheesy Chex Mix

Toss 3 cups Chex cereal, 2 cups mini pretzels and 1 cup cheese crackers with 3/4 cup grated parmesan, 1/2 stick melted butter and a pinch of garlic powder. Spread on a baking sheet and bake 15 minutes at 325 degrees F, stirring.

## Apple Quesadillas

Melt some butter in a skillet, then lay a flour tortilla in the pan and top with grated cheddar and thinly sliced apple on one side. Fold the tortilla in half and cook until golden on both sides. Cut into Wedges.

## Granola Bars

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a saucepan with 1/3 cup each honey and brown sugar, and a pinch of salt. Mix in 2 cups rolled oats, 1 cup each chopped nuts and dried fruit, and 2 tablespoons wheat germ. Press into a parchment-lined 8-

inch-square pan and bake 30 minutes at 300 degrees F. cool, then cut into bars.

## Ham Pinwheels

Spread Cream cheese on a sun-dried-tomato tortilla & top with thinly sliced ham. Roll up the tortilla & cut into 1/2" pieces.

## Loaded Oatmeal Cookies

Prepare a 17.5-ounce package oatmeal cookie mix as the label directs, but substitute 1/2 cup applesauce for the butter or oil and add 1/4 cup wheat germ and 1 cup each chopped mixed nuts, dried fruit, and shredded coconut to the batter.

## Banana Chips & Dried Apples

Slice a banana 1/8" thick rounds and lay on a greased baking sheet. Cut an apple in half and scoop out the seeds with a spoon. Slice into 1/4" thick rounds. Bake at 200 degrees F until golden, 2 to 3 hours. Let harden at room temperature.

## Fruit Leather

Mix 1/3 cup no-sugar-added fruit preserves with 1 teaspoon cornstarch. Spread into a 2-by-12 inch strip on greased parchment; bake 45 minutes at 225 degrees F. cool, then trim the parchment and roll up.

## What's happening?

### WHITBY HERITAGE DAY

Downtown Whitby September 17, 2011  
Heritage Wagon Tours, historic mercantile, native Art & Demonstrations, Annual Farmers' Market Local Chef Food Festival, Entertainment, pony rides, historical games, crafts & contests. Farmers' Market and Seniors Bake Sale. Heritage Displays and Demonstrations, a blacksmith, antique woodcarvers and much more.

### DOORS OPEN OSHAWA September 24, 2011

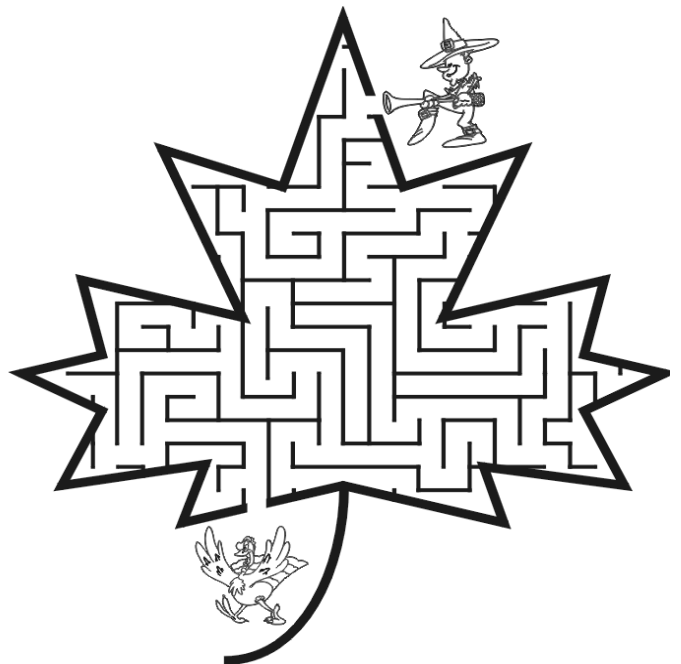
Enjoy this local celebration of heritage that provides visitors and residents with an unique opportunity to explore fascinating historical places and spaces throughout Oshawa for free. [www.heritageoshawa.ca](http://www.heritageoshawa.ca)

### DURHAM MULTIPLE BIRTH CLOTHINGS, TOYS & EQUIPMENT SALE

Oshawa Curling Club, 226 Bond Street East  
September 24, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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## Kid's Corner



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