



Jack Davis

## FROM CAROLYN'S KITCHEN



## TEX MEX BROWN RICE SALAD

3 cup cooked brown rice  
3 tbsp olive oil  
1/4 cup fresh lime juice  
1 Tbsp honey  
1 (19 oz) black beans,  
rinsed  
1 cup corn kernels  
3/4 cup red pepper  
1/4 cup chopped cilantro  
3 green onions chopped  
1-2 tsp chili pepper  
1 tsp cumin  
salt & tabasco to taste

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## VICTORIA REAL ESTATE NEWS

**VICTORIA BC** - REALTORS® across Vancouver Island are experiencing a "wait and see" attitude amongst buyers and sellers alike. The result? Prices remain steady but sales numbers are down in some categories.

Total MLS® residential sales for September 2012 were 400 compared to 435 in September 2011. During the month, 216 single family homes sold throughout the Victoria Real Estate Board's region, just 28 fewer than the 244 sold in September 2011. The average price for single family homes sold in Greater Victoria last month was \$589,361, down from September 2011's average of \$622,393. The median price is down by \$16,500 to \$517,500 over September 2011. There are 5,025 active listings.

"We are at a bit of a standoff in the Greater Victoria real estate market, buyers are waiting for prices to go down, but there are no economic indicators to show that will happen. Sellers are pricing their properties reasonably for the current market, which is reflected by the fact that single family homes are selling for an average 96% of list price," states President of VREB.

"The median price of a single family home is only 1.5% lower than last year and that number has held steady for the last five months," Crabb says.

Condominium and manufactured home sales are virtually unchanged over September 2011 (approximately 1% each), while townhomes sales have declined 10%.

Total Waterfront Single Family Dwellings sold: 18, up 7 sales from 2011

Total Non-waterfront Single Family Dwellings sold: 198, down 35 sales from September 2011

Single Family Dwellings sold over \$1 million: 14 (0 over \$2 million)



## CLEAN ELECTRONICS

Here are some smart ways to keep your electronics in good repair by keeping them clean and ready for efficient use.

**Dust your speakers.** If your stereo sound isn't as crisp as you would like, dust is likely the problem. Remove dust by rolling a lint brush over the front of the speakers.

**Fix your DVD player.** Dust is the biggest culprit that slows down gadgets. Check the back of equipment for dust buildup in the vents. Cover your vacuum's nozzle attachment with pantyhose and safely suck dust away.

**Disinfect your gaming controllers.** Germs build up fast on handheld controllers. Use a disinfecting wipe to surface clean and a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol to remove dirt from the crevices around buttons.

**Organize wires** Use the plastic tags from bread bags to mark which wires belong to what electronic. Write "TV" or "DVD" on the clip and attach to the cord.

### **Jack's Night Out at the Movies**

**The lucky winners of this issue's "night out" are Natalie & Peter Rojas.**

**They have won tickets and treats for two at the movie of their choice. Want to enter for the next draw? Give Jack a call: 250-598-6200 to say hello or send a quick email: [jdavis@davisrealty.ca](mailto:jdavis@davisrealty.ca) He likes to hear from his friends & clients... anytime!**

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