

# Davis Realty News



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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## Market Facts

Vancouver's real estate is off from a year ago.  
Toronto's real estate is up 8% from a year ago.  
Victoria & Island real estate is holding its own. Realtors have said prices are stable and the market is fairly balanced.  
For anyone who is thinking about a purchase anytime soon now is the time to start exposing yourself to the market.  
Interest rates have done their spring jump and are forecasted to stay the same for the short term.

**THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR ANYONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT BUYING OR REFINANCING TO EXPLORE THEIR OPTIONS. IN THE SHORT TERM HOME VALUES AND INTEREST RATES ARE FAVOURABLE TO MAKING A MOVE.**

with thanks: Mark Nielson, Invis Inc.

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**SPECIAL NOTE: WE HAVE A CLIENT THAT HAS A 1 BEDROOM NEWLY RENOVATED SUITE FOR RENT. \$950. monthly including water & hydro. Washer, dryer, fridge, stove. Close to Tillicum Mall. Available July 1. Call Natalie 250-590-0688**

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## Jack's Night Out at the Movies

**The lucky winner of this issue's "night out" is Tanis LaCharite.**

**She has won tickets and treats for two at the movie of her 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!**

**Thank you to all of my clients for the continued loyalty over the years and I appreciate your referrals!**



## REMOVE SOAP SCUM

Here are a few environmentally-friendly solutions to remove soap scum in the shower or tub.

1. **Bye-bye, buildup.** Put vinegar in the microwave for 30 seconds. Pour into a spray bottle and mist the shower. Let sit a few minutes, then rub away.
2. **Re-use dryer sheets.** Rubbing shower doors and tiles with fabric softener sheets after bathing will prevent soap scum.
3. **Lemony fresh.** Apply lemon oil with a cloth to tiles to remove film and protect against future stains.
4. **Squeaky clean.** Combine a cup of baking soda and water to make a paste. Coat your tiles, leave 15 minutes, rinse. Want to get rid of soap scum from now on? Just switch from bar soap, which contains soap-scum-forming talc, to liquid gel.



## EASY CLEAN THE MICROWAVE

Splatters and baked on foods inside the microwave are a nasty task to clean up. Here are some simple easy ways to get it done.

### 1. Freshen with lemon.

Poke a few holes in a lemon with a fork and microwave for 30 seconds. That will release the citrus oil and make it easy to wipe away dirt while freshly scenting the microwave.

### 2. Remove Odors.

Fill a bowl with water and add 1 tsp. vanilla extract. Microwave at 30 second intervals until the smells are gone.

### 3. Steam away stains.

Microwave a glass bowl filled with water for 2 minutes. Add a wooden toothpick to prevent overheating. The steam will loosen debris, making it a cinch to wipe clean.

### 4. Clean the window glass.

To de-grease the glass in an instant, wipe it down with equal parts water & vinegar.

### Tame it with tea.

Get rid of smells in your microwave by boiling tea! Place two tea bags in a mug with water. Microwave for 30 seconds to remove odors.

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