

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### Get Your Home Ready for Fall and Back-to-School Season

As the back-to-school season begins and the crisp fall air sets in, it's a perfect time to prepare your home for both the new school routine and the changing weather. These simple tips can help you get organized and make your home a comfortable space for the entire family this fall.

#### Organize Entryways for Backpacks and Outerwear

With kids heading off to school, entryways can quickly become cluttered with backpacks, coats, and shoes. Consider installing hooks or cubbies for each family member to keep everything neat and accessible. A bench with storage underneath can be a great spot for stowing away boots and outdoor gear.

#### Create a Homework and Study Space

A dedicated area for homework can help kids focus and develop good study habits. Whether it's a desk in their bedroom or a quiet corner in the living room, make sure the space is free of distractions, stocked with supplies, and comfortable for learning. Adding task lighting and some organizational tools like pencil holders or file trays can help keep everything tidy.

#### Prepare Your Yard for Fall Weather

As summer winds down, it's important to get your outdoor spaces ready for fall. Clean up the yard, rake leaves, and trim any overgrown shrubs. Storing outdoor furniture or covering it will protect it from the coming rain and colder temperatures. If you have a garden, consider planting some fall-friendly flowers like chrysanthemums or pansies to keep the yard looking vibrant.

#### Declutter and Refresh Shared Spaces

With the busy school season ahead, reducing clutter in shared spaces like the kitchen, living room, or dining area can help the household run more smoothly. Donate or store items that are no longer in use and add some fall-inspired touches like cozy throw blankets or scented candles. A fresh, clean environment can make everyone feel more relaxed and focused.



## SEPTEMBER Maintenance Tips

- Get your furnace serviced to ensure it's running smoothly for the colder months ahead
- Winterize your irrigation system to protect your pipes from freezing
- Fertilize and reseed bare spots on your lawn to keep it healthy and strong for next spring
- Cover or store outdoor furniture to shield it from rain and colder weather
- Inspect your fireplace and chimney for safety, so you're ready to enjoy cozy fires this season



## After-School Activities

Looking for fun and engaging after-school programs for your kids? West Kelowna offers a wide range of activities, from sports and swimming lessons to creative arts and youth programs.

Explore the options and find the perfect fit for your family.



# MARKET UPDATE Residential August 2024

341 HOMES SOLD	\$1,031,685 AVG. SALE PRICE	10 MONTHS OF INVENTORY
57 AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	95.07% SALE PRICE TO LIST PRICE RATIO	2,946 TOTAL # OF SALES 2024

Stats: August 2024 - Central Okanagan Source: Association of Interior REALTORS®

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## 7 Simple Ways

### TO ADD FALL CURB APPEAL TO YOUR HOME

As we move into September, it's the ideal time to prepare your home for the cooler months ahead. Refreshing your home's curb appeal with these easy updates will make it feel warm and welcoming all season long:

- 01 Add seasonal planters with colorful mums and pumpkins.
- 02 Clean and touch up your front door with a fresh coat of paint.
- 03 Update your outdoor lighting for a welcoming glow.
- 04 Lay down a cozy, fall-themed welcome mat.
- 05 Trim back bushes and rake leaves to keep your yard tidy.
- 06 Add a seasonal wreath to your front door.
- 07 Swap out your mailbox or house numbers for a stylish update.

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**FIGHT KIDS'**  
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Great Cycle Challenge

## Around Town

- **Every Friday and Saturday in September** | Movies in the Vineyard, Grizzli Winery *West Kelowna*
- **Every Saturday in September** | Westbank Farmers' Market *West Kelowna*
- **September 14** | Summerland Fall Fair *Summerland*
- **September 15** | 14th Annual Okanagan Feast of Fields, Niche Wine Co. *West Kelowna*

## COMMUNITY GEM

### GRIZZLI WINERY

#### Outdoor Cinema Schedule



- Sept 6: Bride Wars
- Sept 7: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
- Sept 13: Crazy, Stupid, Love
- Sept 14: Dirty Dancing
- Sept 20: The Devil Wears Prada
- Sept 21: Pretty Woman
- Sept 27: The Proposal
- Sept 28: Bridesmaids

Doors open at 7pm, movies begin at sundown.

Tickets are \$10 and available online at:

[Grizzli Winery Outdoor Cinema](#)



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