

4 important life lessons

LESSON #1: The people around you are significant

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke.

I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

The sweetest sound to a person's ear is their name pronounced and spelled correctly! Watch your emails!

LESSON #2: Always remember those who serve you

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 7-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. "The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left.

When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

LESSON #3: The obstacle in our path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

LESSON #4: Giving when it counts

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?" Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

You see understanding and attitude, after all, is everything.

~Dave, Margorie and The Grime Team



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Headwaters Real Estate Recap: MARCH 2016

Spring weather is coming and going and sometimes it doesn't quite feel like spring yet, but the market has definitely warmed up this year. Again, **home sales were on the rise** in March over February, up from 188 sales to 226 sales in the Headwaters region of Orangeville, Dufferin, Caledon and Erin.

The **inventory of homes for sale hasn't changed** much, so Buyers have been pouncing on hot new listings that show well and are priced well.

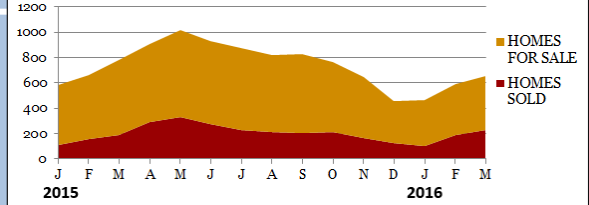
Orangeville has been especially hot. 114 sales have occurred since January 1st in Orangeville under \$400,000. Out of these sales, the average sale-to-list ratio is 101%, showing that Buyers must act fast in entry level prices, and most of these sales have gone into multiple offers!

With this hot market, hopefully the weather follows suit! Give us a call for an up-to-date market evaluation. *-Dave*

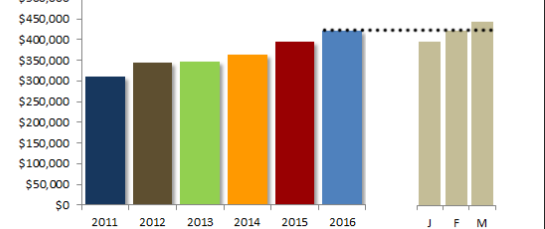
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Headwaters Market Performance 2015 - 2016

Headwaters Region: Orangeville, Dufferin, Caledon and Erin



Orangeville Average Sale Price 2011 - 2016 YTD



Spring Cleaning Shortcuts

Let's face it...we are all busy and no one loves spring cleaning. Here are some great shortcuts to make the job easier!



Make sure your cleaning supplies are multi-purpose. Constantly having to switch out, organize and store mountains of cleaning supplies is a definite busy-person no-no. Products such as microfiber cleaning cloths, baking soda, and a no-water-needed dry cleaning sponge do double and triple duty leaving you more time for what really matters.

Keep cleaning supplies within reach. Keeping cleaning supplies within reach, preferably even in the room that you'll need them, is a great cleaning shortcut sure to save you time and energy. A simple cleaning caddy or two is all you need to stay organized and ready to tackle a job quickly and efficiently.

Work from top to bottom. Avoid re-cleaning areas once they're clean. Start at the top (walls, windows, ceilings), using a microfiber duster with an extendable handle, move on to counters and other surfaces, and end with your floors.

Clean your window treatments without taking them down. A handheld steam cleaner is the perfect tool for easily cleaning and reviving window treatments. A steam cleaner is no unitasker, though: you can use it to clean upholstery and easily remove wrinkles from bedskirts!

Use your time wisely. Keep your wait time to a minimum to work most efficiently. Spray cleaner on your bathroom fixtures and take out the trash while you're waiting for it to do its thing. Pour toilet bowl cleaner in your toilets, and wipe down your counters while it cleans and disinfects.

Edit ruthlessly. Trinkets are cute, but the more stuff you have, the more time you need to spend cleaning, moving, and organizing.

Dufferin County Hazardous and Electronic Waste Events

- Sat May 7, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Town of Mono Works Yard
- Sat May 28, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Primrose Operations Centre
635666 Hwy 10 (just south of Highway 89)
- Sat June 25, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Town of Orangeville Operations Centre
500 C Line, Orangeville
- Wed July 27, 2016 4 pm - 8 pm Town of Orangeville Operations Centre
500 C Line, Orangeville
- Sat Sept 10, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Town of Grand Valley Works Yard
56 Main St North, Grand Valley
- Sat Oct 1, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Primrose Operations Centre
635666 Hwy 10 (just south of Highway 89)
- Sat Oct 29, 2016 8 am - 3 pm Town of Orangeville Operations Centre
500 C Line, Orangeville



The Grime Team helped these clients **MOVE** in March!



If you or someone you know is thinking of making a move please be sure to give us a call at 519-941-5151!