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A WEEKLY GUIDE TO CENTRAL ALBERTA REAL ESTATE

MAY 12, 2017



## 264 Kingston Drive, Red Deer

Check out this IMMACULATE FULLY FINISHED FAMILY HOME In a quiet family neighbourhood. With double heated garage.

### \$319,000

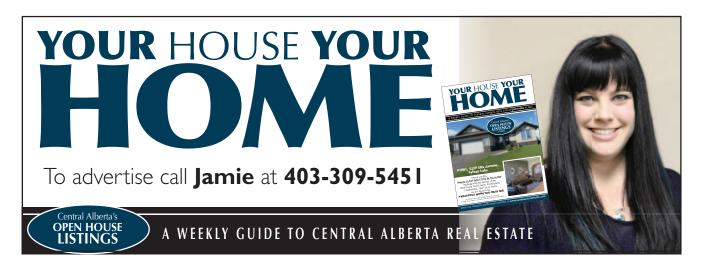
For further info on this multiple listing service home, see page 5 or contact a member of the Red Deer Real Estate Board.

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Make sure to check out the Open House Directory in the centre of the magazine and go see your new home!

### Call Jamie at 403-309-5451



#### Content Advantage Toncheva 403 304 Milena

Покупаете или продаете недвижимость? Доверьтесь моему опыту и профессионализму и я помогу вам обеспечить наилучшие условия при покупке или продаже жилья. Звоните мне!

¿Desea comprar o vender su casa? Aquí encontrara´ a un dedicado y experimentado agente de bienes raíces que puede ayudarle en cada paso de las transacciones de compra-venta de inmuebles. ¡Llâmeme hoy!



Milena Toncheva 304-5265



**DISTANCE TO RED DEER COLLEGE** Fully developed, upgraded half duplex with a basement suite, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$255,000



**EXCELLENT, FULLY FINISHED** Immaculate starter home in a quiet family neighbourhood with a double heated garage. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$319,000.



IN ANDERS, PRIME LOCATION This town house has seen much love & upgrades in the last few years. Experience care free home ownership. 3bdrms, 3 baths. 240.000





**6 MICHENER BIVD** 943 SQ FT CONDO

1 BDR, PLUS DEN, 2 BATH



5344 76 STREE1 GREAT FAMILY HOME 960 SQ FT MOBILE HOME 3 BDRMS, 1 BATH, \$41,000



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## Mays to make your house more saleable.

There are a lot of things that you can do to help which could make for a quicker sale at a better price. They are all little things that cost you little or nothing, but they can make a big difference in the prosepect's first impression . . .

Call a member of the Red Deer Real Estate Board — their expertise in real estate can help you during the complex process of selling a home.

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## **OPEN HOUSE**

## CENTRAL ALBERTA'S OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 13

#### **RED DEER**

#112 54 Bell Street	)0Bower North
177 Ireland Crescent 1:00 - 3:00 pm Nadine Marchand ROYAL CARPET REALTY	0 Inglewood West
21 Rowell Close	
118 Jaspar Crescent	0 Johnstone Crossing
52 Eastman Crescent <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Scott WiberROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	
33 Metcalf Avenue	0 Morrisroe Extension
51 Ackerman Crescent 2:00 - 4:00 pm Pamella Warner ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	)0 Aspen Ridge
32 Dawson Street	)0 Deer Park Village
1606 30 Carleton Ave 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Nicole Dushanek ROYAL CARPET REALTY	5
32 Sisson Ave	
1003 30 Carleton Ave <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Mike SnellRE/MAXRE/MAX	
104 150 Vanier Drive <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Leanna Cowie	5
27 Lees Street	
94 Lewis Close	
119 Isherwood Close 1:00 – 3:00 pm Allan Melbourne RE/MAX	
10 Kingston Drive	
85 Wright Ave	5 5
21 Michener Place	
6136 Horn Street	
4026 52 Street	
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#### SATURDAY, MAY 13

#### **OUT OF TOWN**

12 Ebony Street <b>1:30 – 4:00 pm</b> .	Dale Stuart	COLDWELL BANKER	302-3107	\$358,900	Lacombe
4913 Aspen Lakes Blvd 1:00 - 3:00 pm.	Debra Kerr	RE/MAX	597-9134	\$399,000	Blackfalds
40 Jarvis Close 2:00 – 5:00 pm .	Eduardo Haro	SUTTON LANDMARK	318-3980	\$338,700	Penhold
#17 4546 Iron Wolf Place 2:00 – 4:00 pm.	Darlis Dreveny	ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK	358-4981	\$241,800	Lacombe

SUNDAY, MAY 14	RED DEER
6 Densmore Crescent <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Dallas ToddCENTURY 21 ADVANTAGE <b>57</b> 105 Dowler Street <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Mike PhelpsCENTURY 21 ADVANTAGE <b>50</b> 439-6 Michener Blvd <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Ivan Busenius	<b>6-2121</b> \$344,900 Deer Park Estates <b>0-8102</b> \$340,000 Michener Hill
24 Drake Close <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Andre Iliescu       SUTTON LANDMARK <b>87</b> :         163 Doran Crescent <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Janice Mercer       ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK <b>59</b> :         171 Daniel Crescent <b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b> Doug Wagar       ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK <b>30</b> :         434 Jenkins Drive <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> Gerald Doré       ROYAL LEPAGE NETWORK <b>87</b> :	8-3338 \$349,900 Deer Park Village 4-2747 \$409,900 Devonshire

#### SUNDAY, MAY 14



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#### **OUT OF TOWN**

## PAGE 10 YOUR HOUSE YOUR HOME Ask Charles

#### I just spent \$50,000 to finish my basement with high-end finishings. Now, I'm listing my house for sale, and my real estate representative says she can't include the basement square footage in the total size. Why not?

You developed your basement and it's beautiful. You're sure any potential buyer would agree that it looks great, and is definitely livable space. But, your real estate professional is correct, the square footage of your basement cannot be included in the size of your home for listing purposes.

In Alberta, real estate professionals are required to follow the Residential Measurement Standard (RMS) when listing a residential property for sale. The RMS contains nine principles that enable real estate professionals, as well as buyers and sellers, to determine and compare the size of residential properties. The RMS sets out the specific parts of a residential property that can be included in its size for listing purposes.

Above grade levels are the levels of a residence that are entirely above grade. Below grade levels are the floor levels of a residence that are partly or fully below grade. If any portion of a level is below grade, the entire level is considered below grade. Below grade spaces include lower levels and basements. The RMS size of a property is, essentially, the sum of its above grade levels. Below grade levels are not included in the RMS area.

Without the RMS in place, there would be little consistency in how real estate professionals, and their sellers, measure and describe their property. Some may want to include their basement (unfinished or not), some may include an enclosed sunroom, while others may include the space created by a bow or bay window.

The RMS provides a consistent means of measuring, and describing, residential property size in Alberta.

fixtures, countertops, flooring-the list goes

on! Two bedroom unit with 2 patio areas, and

assigned parking. Only \$159,900

Sellers, and their real estate representatives, are welcome to include additional measurement information in their listings, but the primary size listed in the listing must be the size according to the RMS.

Sellers need to remember that size isn't the only factor that will affect a property's list or selling price. Other factors include location, condition, quality of finishing, layout, and even type of ownership. You may not be able to include the square footage of your basement in the total square footage of your home, but the features of your home will set it apart from other properties. Size matters, but it's not the only thing that matters.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA). RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.





chairs, massage beds, nail technician

stations, office equipment, and all inventory

and leasehold equipment. What an excellent

opportunity to start your own, or increase

vour existing!

area, family room and exercise room,

storage, two parking spaces (one inside,

one out). Reduced to \$325,000 Immediate

occupancy.

Pie lot, gorgeous two storey with a huge bonus room above garage. 1907 sq. ft., double attached garage, hardwood flooring, jetted tub, *reduced to \$432,000*. Call before it is gone.

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## MAY 12, 2017 YOUR HOUSE YOUR HOME PAGE 13 The benefits of hiring professional contractors

The DIY movement has inspired many homeowners to tackle home repair and remodeling projects on their own. DIY projects can be rewarding, and many homeowners who have embraced the DIY movement have discovered talents they never before knew they had.

But no matter how simple popular home renovation television shows make remodeling projects appear, homeowners should know that such undertakings are far more difficult than they appear on television. Homeowners who overestimate their abilities and the time they have to complete projects can cost themselves substantial amounts of money. In fact, there are a variety of reasons homeowners might want to work with professional contractors when tackling home improvement projects.

#### Experience

A trial and error approach can work with various projects and problems. But applying such an approach to home improvement projects is risky and potentially dangerous, not to mention costly. Experienced professional contractors with strong track records (seek recommendations from friends or neighbors) won't have to go through trial and error and are therefore more likely than DIYers to complete a project on time and on budget.

#### Inspiration

One off-overlooked benefit of working with professional contractors is the likelihood that they can draw up ideas for projects that homeowners might otherwise never have thought up on their own. Homeowners without specific ideas in mind can ask contractors to come up with various scenarios before committing to a particular one. Veteran contractors can draw on years of experience to create designs that DIYers might be incapable of coming up with and/or incapable of seeing through to completion.

#### Cost

Conventional wisdom suggests it's less expensive to do something yourself than to hire someone else to do it for you, but that's not necessarily true of home improvement projects. Labor costs typically account for a substantial amount of professionally contracted projects, but homeowners can



cut those costs by volunteering to do some of the simpler tasks themselves. In addition, contractors often purchase materials at a much lower cost than individual homeowners because contractors buy in bulk. So while labor costs might be lower on DIY projects, the cost of materials can offset those savings.

#### Resale value

Many homeowners renovate their homes with eyes on improving the resale value of those homes. But if homeowners want to showcase a newly remodeled kitchen when selling their homes, they should be prepared for prospective buyers to ask who worked on the project. Fearing potential problems down the road, some buyers might be put off by homes that were remodeled by DIYers and not professional contractors.

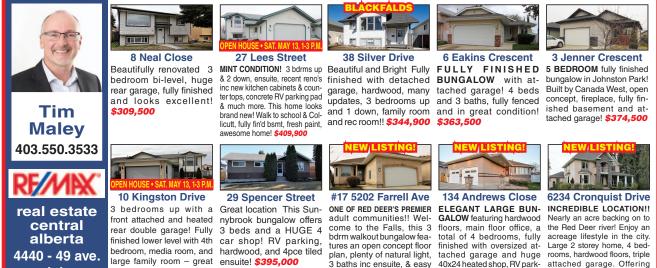
Renovating a home on your own can be a rewarding project for homeowners. But it's important that homeowners recognize the many benefits of working with professional contractors before making any final decisions with regard to who will tackle their next project.



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set up your personal showing call/text 403.391.4236.

#### \$184.900

118, 60 Lawford Avenue MAIN FLOOR UNIT features 2 bdrms, 1 bath, in-suite laundry, corner gas FP & ground level parking. Further details at www.tonysankovic.com or to



\$197,500 204, 60 Lawford Avenue SECOND FLOOR UNIT

features new paint & flooring, 2 bdrms, 2 baths, in-suite laundry & underground parking. Deck is east facing. Further details at

www.tonysankovic.com or to set up your personal showing



#### \$227.500

137-6 Michener Blvd. SIERRAS OF MICHENER is a terrific 40 Plus condo with super amenities. This suite offers very open floor plan, convenient location, heated underground

parking and a great atmosphere. You will love to live here at a very affordable price. Ivan Busenius 403-350-8102, www.ivanb.ca



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\$340.000 439-6 Michener Blvd. SIERRAS OF MICHENER is a 40 plus adult building and this is

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shopping. House & garage have little to no value. Sold ``as is where is". Further details at www.tonysankovic.com or to set up your personal showing call/text 403.391.4236.

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