

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

MARCH 2022

NEIGHBOURS of Stonewall



MEET THE MYERS

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The Myers Family

Scott and Michelle Myers moved back to Stonewall in 2005 when they bought their first home together as a newly married couple. They both graduated from SCI, moved out of Manitoba but chose to come back to the family oriented small town of Stonewall when they were about to start their own family. They knew Stonewall was a great place to raise kids with lots of programs available for young ones, good schools and lots of options for sports and activities.

Michelle and Scott have 3 children ... Alex is turning 16, Rhea is 14 and Kenzie is 10. Stonewall has been a wonderful place to raise a family. With many old friends raising their own families here and meeting new friends over the years, there is definitely a "it takes a village" mentality amongst young families. Everyone is always willing to help each other out and make sure all the kids get to their sports and activities. Michelle and Scott have always enjoyed playing sports and have now been involved in their kids sports as well. Scott was the president of Stonewall Minor Hockey and Ringette Association for many years as well as helping to coach their kids hockey and baseball teams. Michelle has helped coach hockey and soccer teams for many years as well as being a part of many tournament committees.

Michelle and Scott each run their own business as well. Michelle has been an RMT since 1999 and has owned and operated Interlake Kneads Massage Therapy since 2003 after moving back from Alberta. She currently has 3 other massage therapists working with her at the clinic within the Westside Plaza. Along with massage therapy, there are a variety of bath, beauty and wellness products that are sold from the clinic.

Scott was an avid hockey player himself as a young man. After playing in the WHL and pro hockey in the states, he moved back to Manitoba in 2003. A few years later, he began working with his Dad in his pressure washing company, Wash on Wheels. Scott is now the owner and operator of WOW and hires local students to help him during the busy spring and summer months.

We would love to feature your family and promote your community!



Communities We Call Home!



To find out more about submitting your family, visit www.bemyneighbour.ca or scan the QR Code above!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Don't rely on luck this spring if you have plans to sell — go on and contact us and let's track down your pot of gold! Happy St. Patrick's Day, friends - here's wishing your day is packed with every kind of wee willy charm!

Did You Know there are 156,145 people of Irish descent in Manitoba?! That makes a total of 12.6% of our total population!

data from 2016 census

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 12 - St. Patrick's Dinner & Concert -
5:30pm - Something Beautiful Cafe

March 17 - Astronomy Night - 7pm
Oak Hammock March

March 20 - Maple Syrup Workshop - 1pm
Oak Hammock March

March 25 - Spring Break Begins!
All Manitoba Schools

FOR OUR FOUR LEGGED FAMILY

Spring is just around the corner and your furry friend(s) are most likely getting anxious to play outside and roll around in the grass again! Stonewall Quarry Park is a fantastic on-leash area for walks in a beautiful historic area. For the more active pooches, Thompson Dog Park is a fenced-in off-leash park located at the corner of 9th Ave. South and 1st. St. West in Stonewall.



Stonewall Quarry Park



With covid restrictions lifting, let's get out to celebrate and visit our local restaurants!

Appy Place Lounge

363 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-9890

ARS Flavour

23 Main St - Stonewall - 204-344-6100

Chen's Chinese Food Take-out

377 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-7444

Chicken Chef

314 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-9042

LJ'S Grill

250 Railway Ave - Warren - 204-322-5458

McLeod House Tea Room, Restaurant, Boutique

292 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-2303

Red Star Chinese Cuisine

322 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-8221

Sig's Grill

332 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-9056

Sing Fei Restaurant

333 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-5321

Something Beautiful Cafe & Gifts

307 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-9620

Rockwood Motor Inn & Motel

390 Main St - Stonewall - 204-467-2354

Cravings Restaurant

266 4th St East - Stonewall - 204-467-9078



simple HOME DESIGN TIPS

"Love what you see in everyone else's home but feel stuck when it comes to yours? I get it. Home design can be overwhelming, especially if you don't have a knack for it."

To help, here are a few fool-proof design tips to pull you out of your decorating paralysis and get your home headed on the right track:

- 1 Invest in the classics. Go trendy on the cheap.** Things like the sofa, your bed, an area rug, and the coffee table should be quality, neutral pieces that will last for years to come. Then add trendy patterns and color on the cheap with throw pillows, accessories, and lamps.
- 2 Coordinate but don't match.** While buying a furniture set is convenient, it can make your home look like a run-of-the-mill furniture showroom. Instead, choose pieces that complement but aren't matchy-matchy.
- 3 Hang photos and art at the right height.** One of the biggest mistakes homeowners make is hanging wall art too high. Above furniture, like a sofa or console table, art should be no more than six to nine inches above the top of the furniture.
- 4 There's a mirror for that.** Unsure what to place on that empty wall? Go with a mirror. It'll add light and make the space instantly feel larger.
- 5 Hang those curtains high.** Not doing so makes your room and windows look squatty and cramped. Hang the curtain rod high; you can even go as high as a few inches below the ceiling.
- 6 Think in threes.** When putting the finishing touches on a bookshelf, mantle, or console table – go for groups of three. Odd numbers look best, as does changing up the height of each piece.



Tips From Certified Staging Consultant Susan McKillop

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scents TO SELL YOUR HOME

The Importance Of Scent When Selling

Get Rid of Unpleasant Odors First

When staging your home for sale, it's not enough just to cover up odors with irresistible scents. Buyers are smart and will know the underlying smells are there. Rather, you need to get rid of unpleasant odors completely. Things like cat litter, mold, mildew, and garbage should be removed from the premises completely before a single buyer sets foot in your home.



Avoid Cooking Before a Showing

Before a showing, try to avoid cooking anything that might leave a lingering unpleasant odor. Fish, garlic, onions, etc. smell great while cooking, but leave behind a lingering stench that no one likes to smell. If you do cook, try baking something like chocolate cake or anything cinnamon. Chocolate chip cookies are always a great idea since the aroma almost always brings back fond memories of childhood for most people.



Natural Scents are Good

If you don't have time to bake a batch of chocolate chip cookies, try using essential oils in natural scents instead. Lilac, vanilla, and cinnamon scents will enhance the overall appreciation of your home. Try to avoid using spray or plug-in air fresheners as they can cause allergic reactions in some people. Further, they are often too strongly scented to be enjoyed properly. Opt instead for a diffuser or some strategically-placed candles that are watched closely as they burn. As someone that lives in your home every day, it is easy to become used to the smells and not even notice them anymore. Your real estate agent can help by pointing out problem areas and recommending scents that buyers find appealing.

If you are selling your home, make sure you not only make it look great but that you also make it smell great, too. Scent is important when it comes to selling your house, so be sure to incorporate the tips listed above when getting your home ready for the market.





featured PROPERTIES



\$264,900



Matt McKillop
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206 2nd Street East - Stonewall

An excellent starter, downsize, or rental property that is move-in ready!! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1006 sqft home is located on an oversized maturely treed corner lot right across from the gorgeous Quarry Park and R.W. Bobby Bend elementary school!



SCAN ME



\$425,000



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331 1st Street East - Stonewall

Newer 5280 sqft commercial building built in 2002 with storefront in Stonewall's commercial zone, just off main street! This property could be used for many different applications! Contents are available as part of the business package.



SCAN ME



\$529,900



Brandt McKillop
204-782-8869

23 Dykstra Road - Balmoral

This striking raised bungalow was custom built with a stunning open floor plan and many high efficiency features throughout! Showcased on a 0.64 acre lot with features including 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, a fully finished basement and so much more!!



SCAN ME

See all listings at www.mckillop.ca

THE *smell* OF COOKIES

Mix the following together until blended:

- 3/4 cup margarine
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla

Add together:

- 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
 - 1 1/2 cups flour
 - 1 tsp baking soda
 - 1 tsp baking powder
 - 1 cup coconut
- (use approximately 1 cup chocolate chips or raisins if you are including in the recipe)

- Slowly mix dry ingredients into wet ingredients.
- Drop by spoonfuls onto cookie sheet and press with the palm of your hand.

Fast & Delicious!

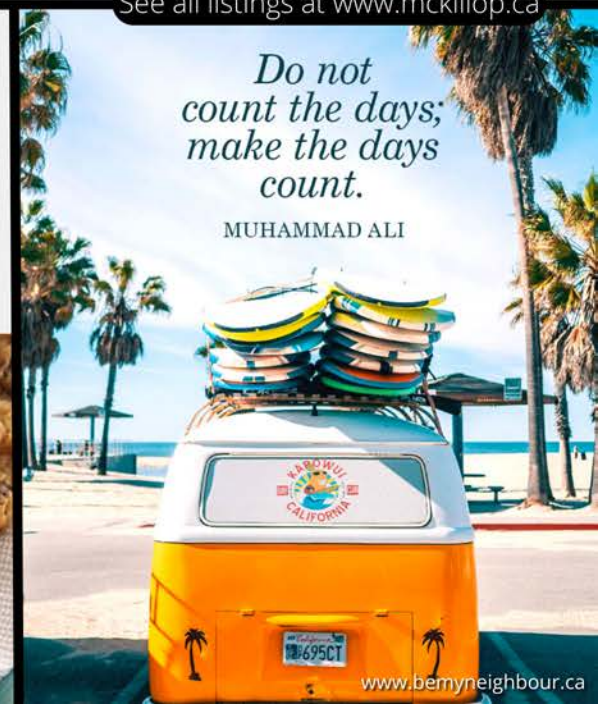
Bake at 375 for 8 - 10 minutes.



**SUSIE'S OATMEAL
CHOCOLATE CHIP
& RAISIN COOKIES**

*Do not
count the days;
make the days
count.*

MUHAMMAD ALI



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HOME *selling* TIPS

Avoid These Two Mistakes When Pricing Your Home To Sell

Sidestep these two common pricing mistakes the next time you're ready to proudly plant a for-sale sign in the yard:

Emotions run high when selling, especially if you've lived in your home for years. Sometimes I have sellers who love their home so deeply, they can't see clearly where to price it. Other times, sellers want to recoup 100% of their upgrade or renovation costs.

The truth is, pricing a home for the market is more than emotions or renovation costs. Its comparables, location, size, age, updates, and, of course, market conditions. While a good agent will always listen to your opinions, he or she will use their own tried-and-true methods to price your home accurately.

Overpricing is the #1 way to crush your chance at getting the most money for your home. The idea that pricing a home higher will lead to a higher sale price is just flat out WRONG!

The first few days of a listing are the likeliest to bring a high offer. Crazily overprice it and buyers won't be interested. Remember they have agents too who know what your home is worth. A home that is priced right will generate more interest and sell faster.

Contact us if you want to talk more about real estate — we're always available!



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Now is a good time to list your home!

If you're in the market to sell your home, list it sooner rather than later—while inventory is low and interest rates are still low!



HOME *buying* TIPS

Why You Should Work With An Agent To Buy A Home

Can you search for a home alone? Yep. **SHOULD** you search for a home alone? NO!

A real estate agent's job is to help you find a home and represent your best interests in the transaction. This is what we do - we help people buy and sell homes every day!

Here are 10 reasons why buyers should use an agent to purchase their home:

- You will see listings before they hit the market with a custom MLS search that comes directly to your email inbox.
- You will receive access to The McKillop Team's network of other agents (and listings!)
- You can leave it to them to weed through the duds and only show you homes that fit your criteria.
- You will have a professional negotiator in your corner during negotiations to ensure you get a home you adore at a price you feel good about.
- You will have your agent's experience and objective support when emotions run high.
- You will want to have an understanding what is required legally if you renovate or remodel.
- We will help you with the home inspection process and guide you if further negotiations are required.
- Buying real estate is a paperwork heavy process and we make it simple.
- You will be able to relax knowing that The McKillop Team has successfully helped over 5000 families buy & sell a home. Be assured the knowledge you need is there.
- Our experience will ensure that there are no delays or issues at possession.

Need a few more reasons to use an agent when you buy?
Reach out today and let's talk. We'd love to find you a new home in 2022!

Now is a good time to purchase a home!

If you're in the market to buy a house while interest rates are still low, let's get together and get you pre-qualified! We'll put you on our Preferred Buyer Loyalty Program!



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