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## in York Region

### The Real Estate Market Watch

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## Gardening Goes Social in York Region

**Innovative recognition programs help “Green Thumbs”  
to tap into gardening communities**

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**YORK REGION** – As any real estate sales representative will tell you, cultivating a gorgeous garden is one of the best ways of boosting your home’s curb appeal (and value!) during the competitive spring and summer real estate markets.

For aspiring gardeners, one of the greatest incentives for getting into this rewarding hobby is the sense of community it inspires, and the opportunity to connect with other homeowners who share the same interest. Luckily, York Region offers a variety of community programs to help make gardening more social, and even provide some recognition for homeowners who go the extra mile in beautifying their neighbourhoods.

### Garden Recognition Programs in York Region

In an effort to encourage garden improvements across the region, and to reward those who have often put a huge effort into their yards, some York Region municipalities have introduced garden recognition programs to highlight local properties with exceptional greenery.

#### City of Markham: The Susie Garden Program

The Susie Garden Program allows City of Markham residents to nominate exceptional local gardens for special recognition – whether the properties containing them are residential, commercial, or industrial. The owners of Susie-recognized gardens receive a special certificate, a sign for their front lawn, and an invitation to the Susie Garden Program Social, held annually during the fall.

If you’d like to get involved and nominate a garden in your own neighbourhood, you don’t even have to get up – nominations can be easily submitted via a handy web form on the City of Markham’s official website.

#### Town of Richmond Hill: Front Garden Recognition Program

Richmond Hill’s own garden recognition initiative is a little more focused on boosting curb appeal – the garden under consideration must be located at the front or side of the property in order to qualify. Plant selection, arrangement, and colours are other key factors in picking nominated gardens for recognition.

The Front Garden Recognition Program is also nomination-based, and features a convenient online form that you can use to nominate neighbours’ gardens. The nomination period ends on July 1, and later in the month, volunteers from The Richmond Hill Garden & Horticultural Society will be hitting the pavement to evaluate and select nominees.



*Front Garden Recognition Programs like these help connect homeowners who share similar interests*

### 2,015 Gardens: Celebrate the PAN/AM Games with Homegrown Veggies and Fruits

With sporting venues located all over the GTA – including some notable ones in Markham like the Angus Glen Golf Course – the 2015 Pan Am / Parapan Games promises to be one of York Region’s biggest and most exciting events to date.

To celebrate the Games and help promote a more sustainable region, the York Regional government has teamed up with Seeds for Change to launch 2,015 Gardens – an innovative challenge to add 2,015 food gardens to York Region by the time the Games come to town. Participating is easy to do:

1. Register your garden at [www.seedsforchange gardens.org](http://www.seedsforchange gardens.org).
2. Plant at least 3 food-producing plants in your backyard, terrace, or community garden.
3. Make sure the plants are grown organically – that means no use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

The whole point is to promote local, organic produce, while encouraging participants to share the word (and their fresh produce!) with friends and neighbours in the same community. It’s also a great way to add some colour and biodiversity to your own backyard!

Looking to meet other local gardeners in a more low-pressure, educational environment? It’s worth taking an occasional look at York Region’s online events calendar. The Region frequently presents workshops and classes for aspiring gardeners, on subjects ranging from plant selection, to pest management and permaculture. Many are free to attend, but it is always a good idea to check the event page and register online in advance!



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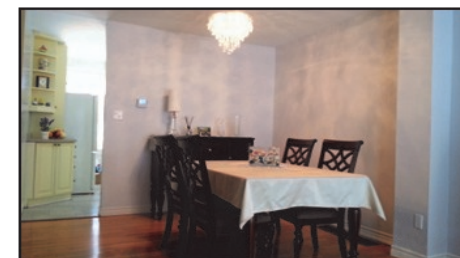


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4 Complete Ens

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Backing on Greenbelt

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215' depth lot

58 Arten Ave, RH



Silver iron picket stairs

14 Elyssa Dr, RH



Across park/tennis crt

448 Weldrick E, RH



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Total Sold by  
Bonnie & Daniel

**118** Hses

**11** Listed & Sold

**32** Sold

**43** Resale Total

**75** New Hse

**118** Total

**Sold**  
**75 New Houses\*\***  
**in 1 week**

3 Eastgate\*\*  
7 Highview  
22A Avery  
138 Clarendon  
77 Ava  
6 Mooregate  
72 Strathearn  
152 Strathearn  
15 Boake  
88 Boake  
31 Boake  
2 Boake  
151 Boake  
199 Boake  
15 Earl Grey  
29 Clarendon  
53 Glenarden  
79 Glenarden  
18 Cassandra  
64 Ava  
20 Ardmore  
23 Ardmore  
8 Amanda  
1 Brimwood  
2 Dewbourne  
61 Graydon  
7 Greenshire  
4 Hillholm  
10 Mooregate  
16 Ridgley  
164 Spadina  
190 Spadina  
109 Strathearn  
119 Strathearn  
199 Strathearn  
22 Stephe  
35 Stephe  
25 Vesta  
432 Weldrick  
Horner\*  
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**Sold in 2014**  
**Total: 76 exclusive + 112 mls = 188**  
**Bonnie & Daniel: 118**  
**富豪山莊2014年售樓數量**  
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Agent A  
經紀 A



Agent B  
經紀 B



Agent D  
經紀 D



Agent E  
經紀 E



Agent F  
經紀 F



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46 經紀

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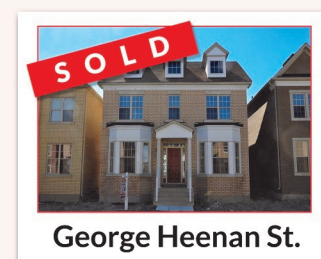
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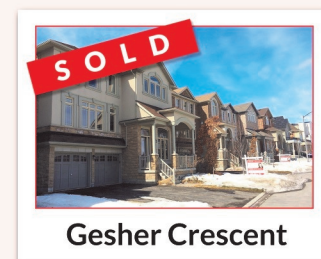
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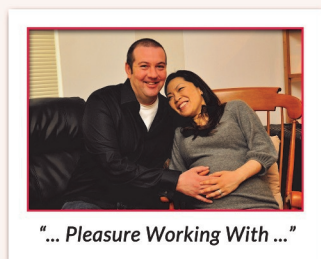
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