



# THE MOUNT PLEASANT REALTOR® REPORT



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## Lower on the sell and gain on the buy ... are you ready?

“Home buyers have been taking a wait-and-see approach for most of 2018. This has allowed the number of homes available for sale in the region to return to more typical historical levels,” Phil Moore, REBGV president said. “This activity is helping home prices edge down, across all property types, from the record highs we’ve experienced over the last year. Home prices have declined between four and seven per cent over the last six months depending on property type.”

Courtesy of The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver

**Now is a great time to act  
if you were thinking of upgrading, moving to a new area,  
right sizing, or buying your first home!**

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# Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season!



## "CALM" for the HOLIDAYS

Feeling anxious about the holidays? Try these tips to bring on the calm:

1. Don't feel like you have to say "yes" to every invitation, menu demand or gift request.
2. Ask others to pitch in on tasks such as shopping, baking and wrapping. And if someone offers help, accept it!
3. Set a budget for gift purchases and stick to it. A mountain of new debt is no way to start the new year.
4. If you're hosting a meal, ask guests to bring side dishes or desserts. If they ask to do dishes, hand them a sponge!
5. A 15 minute walk each day will leave you refreshed and help clear your head.



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## The North Pole Cocktail

- 4 ounces vodka
- 2 ounces Kahlúa or more to taste
- 4 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 teaspoons molasses
- 1/8 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or whole milk
- whipped cream candy canes and gingerbread cookies, for serving (optional)

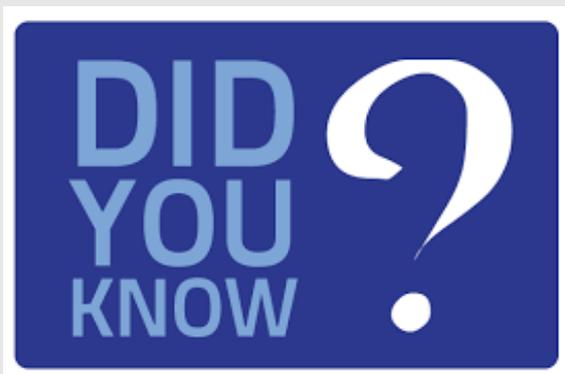
In a cocktail shaker combine the vodka, Kahlúa, chocolate syrup, vanilla, molasses, and ginger.

Shake until well combined.

Add ice and shake again. Strain into 4 glasses. Top off each glass with heavy cream. Dollop with whipped cream and garnish as desired.

Enjoy!

[www.halfbakedharvest.com/north-pole-cocktail/](http://www.halfbakedharvest.com/north-pole-cocktail/)



## The B.C.'s Government's new Speculation & Vacancy Tax just received Royal Assent and is now in law.

The speculation and vacancy tax is different from the City of Vancouver's Empty Homes Tax, which is a municipal levy. If you own residential property in Vancouver, you may have to pay both taxes.

[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/speculation-and-vacancy-tax](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/speculation-and-vacancy-tax)