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#### **JULY 2022**



# Summer is here!

The Miracle Home/Property Program and other fundraising initiatives have aised millions of dollars for Children's Miracle Network (CMN) member hospitals across Canada. This year we are celebrating our 30-year anniversary of the partnership between RE/MAX and CMN-Through the Miracle Home Program, the Month of Miracles, fundraisers and other creative endeavours, RE/MAX affiliates come

together to support CMN Hospitals all

year round, and we thank you for your time, effort, and generosity.



## **MARKET UPDATE**

Summer is finally here, we hope you and yours are doing well and finding ways to take advantage of this warmer weather that we have been waiting for!

Let's take a look at what is happening in our local real estate market over the last month.

Listings in the South Okanagan for the month of June are up 9.11% from the 428 properties that were listed in June of last year. Year to date listings in the South Okanagan are almost on par with last year with only a decrease of 5.26%. Sales across the South Okanagan on the other hand are down 28.52% from 277 properties sold in June of 2021. Year to date 1255 properties have traded hands in the South Okanagan which is also showing a decrease compared to 2021. However, taking a look back at the number of properties sold throughout the last five years, we are seeing sales numbers normalizing after a robust 2021 real estate market and unit sales are on par with those reported in 2018.

In Summerland for the month of June properties hitting the market are up 23% compared to June of 2021. Year to date listings is also up 11.9% for the first six months of the year compared to last year.

Sales in Summerland are in line with what is occurring across the South Okanagan as a whole, with Sales down 38% in June 2022 vs. June 2021. The average sale price of a Single-Family Home in Summerland is \$900,988 when looking at year to date 2022 vs. \$894,159 for the same period last year.

As you enjoy the South Okanagan summer with your family boating, hiking, wine touring or camping we want to remind you that fire season is upon us, and it is important to make sure your investments are protected. A few tips to get ready for fire season include 1) make an emergency plan and make sure your family knows about it 2) Create an emergency kit 3) clearing flammable materials from around your properties such as dead trees or yard waste and 4) contact your insurance provider and make sure you have the right coverage.

In today's market it is invaluable to seek sound advice from an experienced real estate professional. We invite you to reach out should you have any questions.

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#### **HOME DESIGN TREND**

## Decorative Title Patios

Patterned floor tile is commonly used to spiff up a bathroom or laundry room. But why not take the idea outdoors? Tile makes a durable waterproof surface for a patio and, given all the style options, offers tremendous opportunity to add color, pattern and texture. Be sure to work with your design and build pro to determine the right material and finish for tile that will provide a safe, nonslip and durable surface. Many pros recommend a porcelain tile in a matte finish.

This San Diego patio by Tidal Interiors features streaked-gray hexagonal tile and black-and-white patterned accent tile on the stair risers and outdoor kitchen.

Full article courtesy of <a href="https://https:remax/2022homedesigntrends">https:remax/2022homedesigntrends</a>



# JUST THE Stats Please

**TYPE** 

SINGLE FAMILY

**APARTMENT** 

Active Inventory

94

8

Property Types Purchased- Summerland, June 2022

% OF UNITS

80.95%

9.52%

AVERAGE SALE PRICES

\$862,647

\$466,500

UNITS SOLD

17

2

**Average Days on Market** 

#### Who is the Okanagan Buyer?

(JAN-DEC) 2021 YTD

#### **IN SUMMERLAND**



UP 38.39% FROM 27 DAYS IN 2021

28% COUPLE, WITHOUTH CHILDREN CHILDREN

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EMPTY
NESTERS/
RETIREES

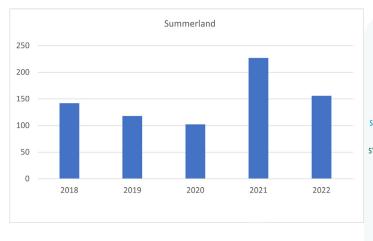
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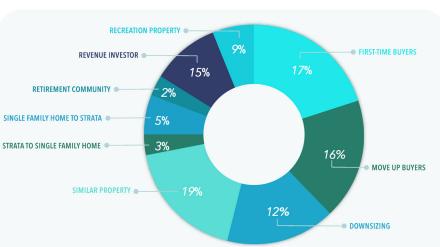
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#### **Year to Date Unit Sales Comparison**

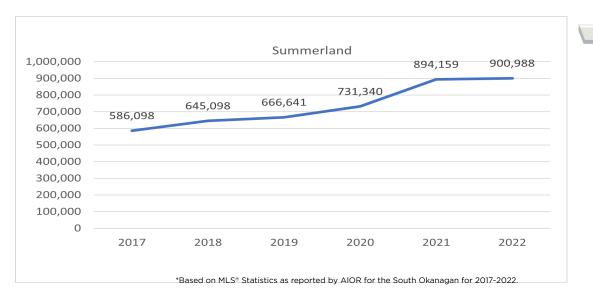
#### What are They Buying in the Okanagan?

#### (JAN-DEC) 2021 YTD





#### Average Sale Prices Single Family YTD Comparison in Summerland





# IN THE Blog

#### LAST YEAR WE LOST NEARLY 200 HOMES TO WILDFIRES IN BC. HERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE THIS YEAR.

#### **Outside**

Clear your yard surrounding your home. Clear a 10 metre area of any combustible material around your home. When you remove burnable debris such as needles and leaves that build in landscaping beds, under decks and in gutters you remove fuel for fire from your property. Install fire-resistant landscaping. Avoid using plants such as cedars, junipers, pines, tall grasses and spruces as these plants are highly flammable. Favour fire-resistant tress such as ash, maple, birch or poplar. Don't let your lawn become overgrown as grass is fuel for fire. Conversely, a well maintained, irrigated lawn does have cooling benefits and can provide a fire-break between a wildfire and your home. Make sure there are no overhanging tree branches near your home or the power lines coming into your home. Trees in your yard should be at least three meters apart and should be trimmed at least two meters from the ground up to avoid a fire spreading from the ground to the tree tops. Remove smaller trees that can spread fires from the ground to the taller trees. Renovate in a fire smart way. Consider selecting fire resistant materials for your next renovation. For example, siding is vulnerable when it ignites and when flames or embers get into the cavity behind the siding. While stucco, brick, fibre cement boards/ panels and poured concrete all offer superior fire resistance.

Did you know that un-rated roofing materials (untreated wood shakes or shingles) create a dangerous Penticton combination of combustible material and/or crevices for burning embers to lodge, and provide no protection from wildfire. As asphalt-composition shingles age and curl, more openings are exposed and may increase places for embers to accumulate. Fire-rated roofing materials (ULC/ASTM) provide the best protection from wildfire. > Class A fire-rated roofing materials provide a higher level of protection in comparison to Class B& C. Avoid wood shakes or shingles.

#### Inside

Clothes Dryer Vents - Clothes dryers are a common cause of house fires each year. Reduce your risk with simple dryer maintenance such as cleaning the lint trap after every use, and clean out the vent pipe at least every three months. Protect outside vents to keep out

dirt, leaves, animals or insects.

Keep the area around the dryer vents unobstructed, and never place anything flammable near your dryer. Plug the dryer into the wall outlet, not an extension cord, and leave your dryer unplugged when going on vacation for an extended length of time. Smoke Alarms and Fire Extinguishers In more than a third of home fires resulting in fatalities, there was no smoke alarm in the home. Install smoke alarms on each floor of your home and outside each bedroom. Check the alarm function twice each year and replace the batteries. Keep a Class ABC fire extinguisher on each level of your home. These extinguishers fight most common types of residential fires. Have your fire extinguisher within easy reach of your kitchen and garage, and know how to use it! Plan ahead. Even with careful fireproofing, it can be necessary to leave home in a fire. Firesmartcanada. ca has preparation checklists and evacuation plans that will help in the event of an emergency. The site will help with getting ready to evacuate (what to bring, who to call, etc.) and it can assist in assessing a home's fire risk.

Stay safe this summer! From our house to yours.

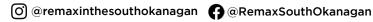
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For more information visit Firesmartcanada.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfirestatus/wildfire-situation

Source: FireSmart Homeowners' Manual

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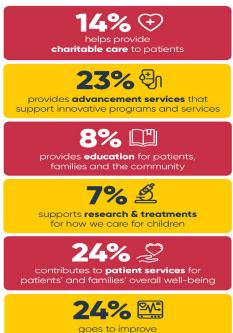
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#### EXP

## LOCAL EVENTS

#### July 17th

#### **National Ice Cream Day**



#### July 21st - July 23rd 97 SOUTH SONG SESSIONS

97 South Song Sessions is a magical music performance event, where you'll hear the stories behind the songs that make up the soundtrack of your life. Award-winning songwriters and recording artists come together to share tales of the creative journey that inspired their hit songs and perform them for you, in the round, acoustically.

#### July 23rd 6:00AM - 9:00PM

# "VIVE LA FRANCE" WINEMAKER'S DINNER

Join us on July 23rd for a very special "Vive la France" Winemaker's Dinner with the culinary preparations of Pierre Geronimo of Origine Catering. Must be 19+ years of age to attend

Where: Roche Wines, 60 Upper Bench Rd

## July 23rd - July 24th 9:00AM ADVENTURE RACING CAMP

# This is a two day adventure filled weekend of Adventure Racing experience sharing in depth knowledge on a wide variety of disciplines with real life scenarios including orienteering, map reading,

paddling, trail time/biking and

Where: Hoodoo Adventure Co.

#### August 3rd - August 7th

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#### PENTICTON PEACH FESTIVAL

Penticton Peach Festival is an annual South Okanagan Valley tradition, which began in 1947, to celebrate the peach harvest in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. All performances are in Okanagan Lake Park are free. No tickets required. With a full line-up of events and attractions including the return of the Canadian Tire Mega Motocross riders, the celebration of past and present Peachfest Royalty, the popular sandcastle competition and the return of the West Coast Lumberiacks. RE/MAX is proud to be a sponsor of the Simply Queen Tribute Night on Friday August 5th!

Where: Okanagan Lake Park, 86 Lakeshore Dr East

