

## Preferred Group Team Member Update



### *Congratulations... It's a girl!*

Our assistant Dayna and her partner Jason Bates welcomed their brand new, healthy, baby girl into the world in early February. Dayna is taking time off to spend with her new joy before returning to the office in a few months. We are all a bit extra busy without her valued assistance, but are so very happy for her and Jason. Dayna spent time over the holidays with her family in Saskatchewan, and Jason is transitioning from working out of town to a job in St. Albert so he can be home every day for his family. Lots of changes, but with their two dogs and a home on an acreage outside of St. Albert they will be plenty busy and happy.



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### Which of these musicians does not belong in the Band?



Answer: The Cellist. A Cellist belongs with an orchestra



## Kids Korner

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## Small, but Spacious

If you've been dreaming of increasing the size of your bathroom and just don't have the space in your house, a simple accessory change can give you the larger shower you've been envisioning. Replacing the traditional straight shower rod with the curved variety opens up the shower area making it brighter and giving a much more spacious feel. The curved shower rod is ideal for any size bathroom, but is especially useful for smaller spaces where it's difficult to change the configuration of the tub/shower combination. +

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# Basil Pesto

## Ingredients:

2 cloves garlic  
2 cups fresh basil leaves, packed  
3 tablespoons pecans  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan  
Reggiano cheese  
1 tbsp lemon juice

In a food processor, add garlic, basil and pecans; pulse until combined. While the processor is running, slowly pour oil into the opening at the top. Puree until all ingredients are mixed well. Add salt, pepper, lemon juice and Parmesan cheese. Mix until combined. If mixture is thick add a little more olive oil until desired consistency is reached.



Pesto is delicious as a pasta sauce, a base for pizza or a marinade for chicken and shrimp.

## Social Sensibilities

The use of social media continues to grow exponentially day by day. It's an easy way to share information and connect with people on an immediate basis. Here are a few things to pay attention to when using social media:

**Post your whereabouts after you get home.** Letting people know you're away from your house at the moment leaves it open to thieves that might be creeping around the network.

**Protect your password.** Change your password every few months and never auto save it to ensure your password is as secure as possible.

**Keep it to yourself.** Don't allow personal information such as address, full birth date or phone number to be visible on the site.

**Familiarize yourself with your social network's privacy settings.** These can change if the site changes, so check frequently that you are only sharing the information you want to share.

When using a public Wi-Fi connection, limit the amount of personal information you are transmitting. Keep banking and other important information you want to keep safe until you are on a private network.

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Jeffrey James

## "Spring Cleaning"

...Yeah we are pretty filthy...



## A Home Buyers will Love

Home Sweet Home

Preparing to sell a house means paying special attention to items that will make the home stand out from the rest of the market. With that in mind, any renovations you plan to do should give consideration to upgrades buyers appreciate and look for in a prospective purchase. Here are a few additions to get one step up on your competitors when selling your home:

**Keep it efficient.** Energy efficient features such as new windows, doors and appliances are all hot selling features for potential buyers. These additions are not only aesthetically pleasing, but the buyer knows it will keep utility costs down in the future.

**Create lavish finishing's.** Whether it is a spa-like bathroom, granite countertop or perfectly finished trim, upgrading specific components of your home will add the essence of luxury that buyers desire today.

**Get organized.** A built in closet organizer is a great way to show your space efficiency, regardless of the closet size. Ensure the organizer is changeable as your needs may not be that of the buyer.

**Plan your laundry room to be ultra functional.** A bright, user-friendly, organized work area is enticing for buyers. The trend now is to have the laundry room easily accessible through the main living area, if you have plans for renovating, consider moving the laundry out of the basement.

**Hard floors are at the top of the list for many buyers.** Hardwood, porcelain, ceramic, bamboo, cork – there are many choices when it comes to solid floors, and a number of the options are eco-friendly. Carpet in bedrooms is still popular and if the solid floor is a bit cold for you, an area rug is great to pull a room together.+

