



# Talk About Frederick

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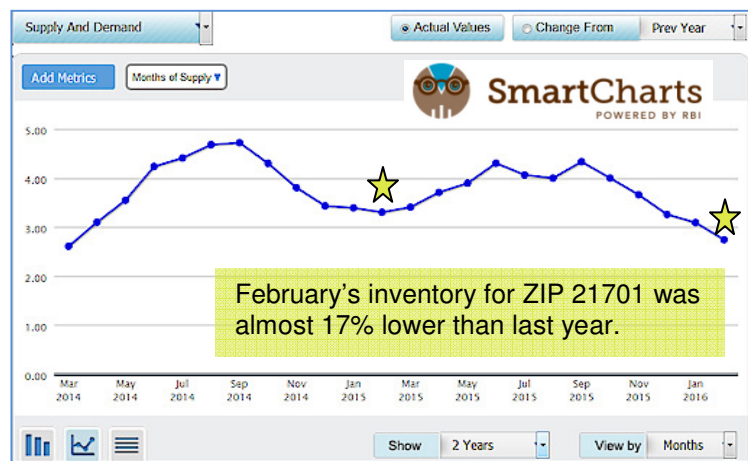
# APRIL

## Upcoming Events

For more details about the upcoming events go to the websites for the Downtown Partnership, Celebrate Frederick, or the Tourism calendar.

- Carillon Recital March 20, 12:30 – 1:00 PM, Joseph Dill Baker Carillon, Baker Park
- Beyond the Garden Gates Tour - May 21 -22 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Downtown Frederick.
- Third Annual Americana Music Festival - March 18 & 19, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM The Weinberg Center
- April First Saturday - April 2 • 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Going Green in Downtown Frederick
- Frederick Speaker Series - Thursday, April 14, 2016 • 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM The Weinberg Center

## Housing Market February 2016



### Total Homes Sales January 1 through March 15

REGION	2013	2014	2015	2016
Frederick City 21701	61	46	66	80
Frederick County	275	259	313	350
Washington County	111	119	138	155

Total homes sold rising, average prices dropped in some areas. Source: MRIS

### Average Home Price January 1 through March 15

REGION	2013	2014	2015	2016
Frederick City 21701	\$ 230,121	\$ 256,659	\$ 265,450	\$ 259,372
Frederick County	\$ 277,533	\$ 293,764	\$ 292,985	\$ 293,105
Washington County	\$ 167,800	\$ 174,072	\$ 179,646	\$ 156,893

## Thought of the Day

"I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen." – Frank Lloyd Wright

## Pasta Primavera

### Ingredients

- 3 carrots, peeled, cut into thin strips
- 2 medium zucchini, cut into thin strips
- 2 yellow squash, cut into thin strips
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow and 1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried Italian herbs
- 1 pound farfalle pasta
- 15 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan



### Directions

- Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
- On a large heavy baking sheet, toss all of the vegetables with the oil, salt, pepper, and dried herbs to coat. Transfer half of the vegetable mixture to another heavy large baking sheet and arrange evenly over the baking sheets.
  - Bake until the carrots are tender and the vegetables begin to brown, stirring after the first 10 minutes, about 20 minutes total.
- Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente, tender but still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid.
- Toss the pasta with the vegetable mixtures in a large bowl to combine. Toss with the cherry tomatoes and enough reserved cooking liquid to moisten.
- Season the pasta with salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and serve immediately

[Recipe from foodnetwork.com](http://Recipe from foodnetwork.com)



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## Clean Green – Try These Cleaners

When selecting household cleaning products, a closer examination of their flashy packaging reveals an alarming fact: in the process of making your home spotless and sanitary, these products typically incorporate a laundry list of noxious chemicals.



These chemicals are surely effective at killing bacteria and may be appropriate for some messes, but they also tend to be harsh on the skin, have dubious effects on the environment, and may even be hazardous to breathe. For instance, the chlorinated bleach that is the main ingredient in many household cleaners is known to cause headaches and eye irritation and may be harmful to water supplies. This spring, consider the following “green” alternatives:

1. **Vinegar:** For an all-purpose cleaner, combine one cup of white vinegar with three cups of water in a spray bottle. To add fragrance to this handy solution, drop in a bit of your favorite essential oil or steep citrus peels in the mixture. Like bleach, vinegar kills most strains of mold and bacteria, without the offensive odor of bleach. Since vinegar is biodegradable, it does not pose a threat to the environment.
2. **Baking Soda:** Attack kitchen stains with a sprinkle of baking soda and a slightly abrasive sponge.. A bit of baking soda and water can be used to erase grease, hard water stains, and that ever-resilient coffee or tea ring on mugs.
3. **Lemon:** Deodorize with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice. Like vinegar, lemon juice is known to have antibacterial properties. In addition to killing germs and other pesky organisms, lemons can be used to deodorize and create a fresh scent wherever needed. Try squirting a bit of lemon juice into the garbage disposal, over sponges, or into containers that have taken on the aroma of the foods that occupied them previously. Source: WiseAgent.com

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### Regional Housing Update

February's inventory was almost 17% lower than last year. Home prices holding steady in some areas, falling somewhat in others. See inside.

## The Home Inspection

Buyers typically hire a home inspector to determine the condition of the home's most important features and uncover any potential safety and maintenance concerns. Home inspectors are licensed by the state or professional associations.

The inspection is mostly visual. Inspectors will focus on the overall condition of the house as well as several electrical, roof, foundation, plumbing and HVAC systems. The inspector generates a report with photos detailing his or her findings and makes recommendations for future maintenance.

Depending on the terms of the contract, the buyer may ask the seller to fix some items, negotiate a lower selling price, ask for a seller credit or even terminate the contract. As the party who funds the inspection, the buyer should understand what to expect and actively

engage in the process..

- Attend the inspection. Come prepared to ask questions about the home and maintenance. Take notes to know when to schedule maintenance.
- You can ask your agent for recommendations for a reliable home inspector or interview your own inspectors.
- Do not be shy about asking questions. It is far more informative to have the inspector explain the condition of the property while onsite than simply reading the inspector's notes in a report after the fact.
- Do not wait until after closing to investigate issues that may require major repairs. If the inspection revealed a problem that could potentially be expensive to fix, seek out a few quotes prior to closing.

