

Upcoming Events In Frederick

For more upcoming events see the websites for the Downtown Partnership, Celebrate Frederick, or the Tourism calendar.

- **Summer Concert Series** June 25, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 Sundays, 7:00 PM, Baker Park Bandshell.
- **4th of July Celebration** July 4, opening ceremony, noon. See celebratefrederick.com for schedule. Baker Park.
- **Yoga on the Creek** June 23 – Sept 23, Thursdays, 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM at Carroll Creek Amphitheater. Free
- **Alive @ Five** May 12 thru Sept 22, Thursdays, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Carroll Creek Amphitheater.
- **Corvette Show** July 9, Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Eveready Square/Shab Row at 100 N East Street.
- **Levitt AMP Frederick Music Series** Tuesdays June 21 – Aug 23 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Carroll Creek Amphitheater.
- **Movie Night on the Creek** Fridays, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM Carroll Creek Amphitheater.
- **Summerfest Family Theater** Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM June, July and August at the Baker Park Bandshell.
- **Frederick Farmers Markets:**
 - ① **W. Frederick Farmers Market**, Saturdays, Apr – Nov, 800 Oak St., 10 AM – 1 PM
 - ② **Frederick City Farmers Market**, Sundays, May- Nov, 9 AM – 1 PM, 331 N Market St.
 - ③ **Carroll Creek Farmers Market** Tuesdays, June – Aug, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, Carroll Creek Amphitheater
 - ④ **YMCA Farmers Market**, Tuesdays, May – Oct, 3:30 – 6:30 PM, 1000 N. Market St
 - ⑤ **Shab Row**, Thursdays, June-Oct, 3 – 6 PM, 100 N East St,
 - ⑥ **Grace Farmers Market**, Fridays, May – Nov, 3 - 6:00 PM, 9380 Butterfly Lane
 - ⑦ **Frederick Fairgrounds** Saturdays, all year, 8 AM – 2 PM

Thought of the Day

"It always seems impossible until it's done."
- Nelson Mandela

Watermelon and Charred Tomato Salad

Ingredients

- 4 plum tomatoes, halved lengthwise
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing
- 2 pounds seedless watermelon rind removed, flesh cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 English cucumber halved, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Kosher salt



Directions

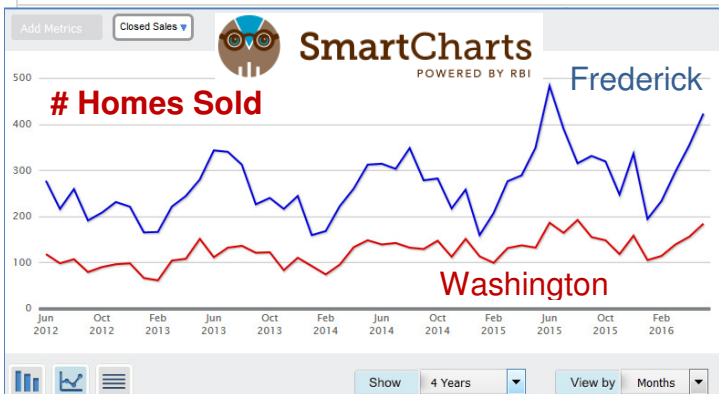
- Light a grill or preheat a grill pan; oil the grill grate.
- Brush the tomatoes with olive oil and grill cut side down over high heat until charred, about 4 minutes.
- Transfer to a plate and let cool completely. Cut the tomatoes into 1/2-inch dice.
- In a large bowl, toss the tomatoes with the watermelon, cucumber, lime juice and crushed red pepper.
- Stir in the cilantro, season with salt and serve at once.

Recipe from foodandwine.com

Frederick & Washington County Home Sales

Total Homes Sold March through May 2014, 2015, 2016

The trend for increasing sales continues for the fourth year in a row for both counties. See chart left. May sales were up 21% in Frederick, 39% in Washington counties. However, the average prices dropped. In May -3% in Fred Co, and -5% in Wash Co.

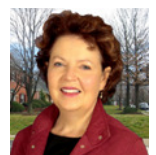


Homes Sold	Frederick County				Washington County			
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013	2014	2015	2016
March	221	222	276	297	104	95	131	139
April	244	260	289	355	108	133	137	156
May	280	312	349	423	151	148	132	184



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Protect Your Home While on Vacation

The arrival of summer marks the beginning of vacation season. Along with the excitement of planning a trip comes the responsibility of ensuring that your home stays safe in your absence. Taking steps to safeguard your property is particularly important if your home is for sale and has therefore been exposed to many more strangers than usual. As you pack your bags, remember these tips for protecting your home from break-ins:

① Keep up the appearance that you are home. Avoid these indicators that no one is home: newspapers on the driveway, a full mailbox, packages on the porch, and the absence of lights on at night. Prior to your departure, arrange for a trusted friend or your neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers, as well as any other fliers or deliveries that may appear on your property.

Set timers for your lights and even TVs so that they are on at the times that you would typically be using them.

② Do not leave ladders or other objects in the yard that could be used to access second-story windows.

③ If you have a home security system, ensure that it is functioning properly and the decals advertising it are clearly displayed in the windows. Sometimes simply giving the appearance that you have a security system is enough to make intruders think twice about breaking into your home.

④ Exercise caution when sharing updates about your trip on social media. While it is tempting to think that only your friends and family have access to information you post on social media, it is possible that information could be shared publically. Wait until you are safely home to share pictures and other details of your vacation Source: WiseAgent.com

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Regional Housing Update

May 2016 sales are strong, while the housing inventory was 30% lower in Wash Co than last year, and 26.5% lower than in Fred Co last year. Home prices fell slightly. See inside.

Home Design Trends Buyer's Love

Buyers' preferences are constantly evolving, and sellers can benefit from minor adjustments that appeal to buyers and help to optimize their sales price and reduce the time on the market. Design trends include:

1. **Sustainable features** such as water-efficient appliances and fixtures, the use of recycled materials, systems for harvesting rainwater, solar panels, and LED lighting. Green features. Sleek kitchen designs with clean lines and neutral colors.
2. **Simple patterns.** Mosaic backsplashes and countertops with busy patterns are not as popular as they were. Today's buyers are drawn to simplicity such as white subway tiles, quartz countertops, and white cabinets.
3. **Permeability between the indoors and outdoors.** Homeowners are increasingly seeking to bring the

outdoors in and the indoors out. Consider full outdoor kitchens and patio heating and cooling systems, including fire pits, heat lamps, and misters.

4. **Copper accents.** Usually found in sinks, faucets, and doorknobs, these features provide a richer alternative to the stainless steel that has been popular in the past.
5. **Calming colors.** Typically, the international color authority Pantone names only one "color of the year." In 2016, however, its experts bestowed that title on both Rose Quartz and Serenity, the latter of which is described as a cool blue.
6. **Incorporation of craftsmanship** into modern design such as aged wood to soften the sterility of otherwise modern rooms and create an appealing contrast of styles.
7. **Spa-like master bathrooms.** Many homeowners are expressing an interest in master baths that serve as at-home retreats.