



# REAL ESTATE CORNER

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## WHAT IS A SENIOR?

The word "senior" is kind of a catch-all term depending on the perspective of the user of the word. To a "teen or twenty something" person, a senior might be anyone over the age of thirty. As we get older our concept of "senior" changes. When we are 60 a senior is someone over 70. And so on. Only the mirror knows for sure.

When applied to housing and real estate the term "senior" actually refers to a process people follow as they get older and shed responsibilities for their children. It used to be that the kids could not wait to get out of the house and now they stay longer or even come back after moving out. That is a subject for another story.

To most of us you almost become a senior when you find yourself an "empty nester" and know it is time to make a change - usually to downsize to a smaller home, bungalow or townhome. Some even choose to live at the cottage, move to Florida/Arizona or buy a boat and live there for half of the year. Downsizing is the usual choice.

In any event you decide to sell and downsize the house which you really do not need any more and find something more appropriate to your new lifestyle. After 20+ years in the same house moving is a daunting prospect and you realize you need some professional help.

Most people do not want to get too far from family and friends so their next step is to choose a bungalow or even a townhouse. At this stage most people don't choose a condo because it makes them feel prematurely old.

We referred to the term "senior" as a process. That is because the first step is usually not the last. Consider the likely possibilities as you get older and accumulate more health issues: Detached Family Home -> Bungalow -> Townhouse -> Condo/Apartment or live with the kids -> Assisted Living Residence -> Nursing Home. You might skip a step or two along the way but this is a natural progression and taking the first step probably indicates that you are a Senior.

Lynn and John have actually begun this process themselves and now reside in an executive townhouse. They have also moved Lynn's Mom from a detached home to the Sands Condos and most recently to the Mountainview Residence.

This is the first of a series of articles on Seniors and downsizing. We encourage you to send us your questions and ideas for future articles to [lynn@lynnandjohn.ca](mailto:lynn@lynnandjohn.ca) or 905 873-0440.

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## UNDER CONSTRUCTION 4 CUSTOM BUILT DETACH HOMES 3900 SQ. FT.

2 Lots - \$969,900 & 989,900. Lot sizes 60' x 250' +, Located on Mill Pond Drive in Stewarttown (Trafalgar Road). Construction has commenced.

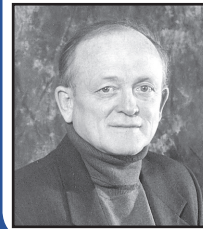
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## THE SANDS

2 - 1 bedroom units feature large living/dining combo, 2 washrooms, nice size kitchen, stainless steel appliances, stackable washer/dryer only \$209,900.

2 - 2 bedroom units feature 5 appliances, indoor underground parking, dark laminate in living/dining, 2 washrooms, full size eat in kitchen from 289,900.

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~134 Ac

Halton Hills: 13215 Hwy 7

Silver Creek runs through 134 ac! 5 min to GO. 15, to 401. Trails through woods! Majestic 5 bdrm home. High ceilings on 3 levels. Recent: geo-thermal furnace, FP, windows & doors, w/o from basement. **Mun water!** Near Bruce Trail. Seller will consider a take back mortgage. \$1.89M

## Milton



~25.2 Ac

\$3.5M

Future growth area (1120.19ft x 989.25ft). Adjacent to 300 acre Piper's Heath Golf Club. 6 min to 401; 2 to 407! Natural gas! 2 wells! 2 driveways! **Magnificent new 5800+ sq ft stone clad home:** 4+1 bdrms, 7 wshrms, 6+ FPs. 10' ceilings. High quality.

## 23 Southwinds Dr, H.H.

New



1.3Ac

Pond

Enchanting, unique country **GEM**. Overlooks its own oasis of perennial gardens, mature trees, custom built gazebo, stocked pond with waterfall, stream & fountain. Open concept. Sun room with FP & air conditioning o/l panoramic views of water features. Walk out lower level. 3 bdrms, 3 wrms, den, rec rm & fam rm. \$839,900



~21.2 Ac \$599,900

Erin: 5660 Third Line

Rare, stunning & private o/l spring fed, stocked **pond** with fountain. 3+ bdrms. Renovated. **Cathedral ceilings!** FP. Pebble stone walkways. **Huge tiered deck with hot tub o/l pond, gardens & hill to S.** ~20 min to GO train!



41 Ac

Erin: 4970 Trafalgar Rd.

**Spectacular 41 acres.** Rolling arable land, huge pond with fish, stream & forest. Less than 10 min to Georgetown. ~25 min to 401. Paved road. Just N of Ballinafad. Private site prepared for your dream home. Underground hydro to the home site. \$849,000



LEASE: ~2,500sf

5395 Wellington Rd 52

Attractive, free standing, commercial brick building. On 1 acre at S end of Main St. Erin. Intersection of Well 124 & Well 52. **Zoned (MU) mixed use.** Paved parking for > 25 vehicles. Reception area & waiting rm. **8 offices with windows & sink.** Kitchenette. Storage rm. 3 washrooms. \$15/sqft. +TMI.



FOR LEASE

East Garafraxa: 311567 16th Line

Very private, large 3 bedrm, 3 washrm, main floor laundry rm. 2 x 2 car garage. On quiet road just West of Orangeville. Huge eat-in kit, separate DR & LR, Fam Rm with FP. Credit check, employment letter & references with rental application. \$2,150/month + utilities.



~46Ac

214128 10th L Amaranth

46 acres suitable for your dream home or hobby farm. North of Grand Valley & Waldemar. West of Orangeville. ~44 ac of arable land. ~2 ac EP. The land can be rented to a local farmer until you are ready to build. Culvert for driveway is on N frontage of property. Condition of well is unknown. \$229,900



SHOP(40'x55')

13377 Fourth Line, HH

\$589,000  
5 bdrm, 5 wshrm, main floor Fam rm & den. Eat-in kitchen with w/o to deck with **hot tub**. 3 offices. Fin bsmt with 3 large rms. **2 STORY SHOP (40'x55')**: heated, hydro, metal inside walls, office upstairs, ~14+ ft ceilings, truck, car & man doors.