



Hello!

Summer just around the corner, you can finally stop daydreaming about fun in the sun — and start preparing to live the dream. Enjoy quiet mornings alone in the garden? Prefer lively nighttime gatherings of friends and family? Either way, a few updates to your outdoor space today can make all the difference once the season's in full swing.

Need a few ideas? I've got you covered. From shade solutions and decorative flourishes to can't-miss party themes, this month's newsletter is your one-stop shop for outdoor inspiration.

And if you're ready to upgrade to an entirely new outdoor space, give me a call. Helping you find a home better suited to your lifestyle? Now that's what I call summer fun!

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SUMMER FUN IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Starry nights and fresh air make summer the perfect time for parties. From a friendly neighbourhood gathering to an afternoon pool party, here are five themed ideas.

- **Movie Night Under the Stars:** All you need for a night with your favorite Hollywood stars is an inflatable screen and projector, a cozy area for seating and, of course, popcorn.
- **Neighbourhood Block Party:** Invite neighbours to bring a chair and a potluck dish for a street party with games for the kids. Don't forget to apply for a permit.
- **Elegant Garden Party:** Serve appetizers and finger foods on crisp white linens with beautiful centrepieces.
- **Old-Fashioned Campout:** Set up a tent, bring sleeping bags and a firepit for late-night marshmallow roasting.
- **Backyard Pool Party:** Design a theme with games, food and decorations. Fun ideas for kids include sponge tag or noodle jousting!



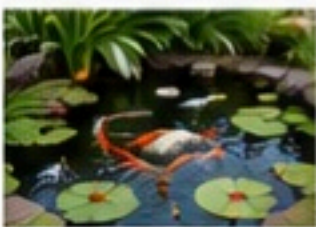
SPRUCE UP YOUR YARD WITH A WATER FEATURE

Water features add beauty and soothing sounds to any outdoor space. Here are some ideas to consider.



Water Wall

A water wall creates a stunning focal point. Use it indoors or outdoors — even in pools or showers.



Pond

Add a pond with koi and aquatic plants like water lilies, cattails and irises for natural beauty.



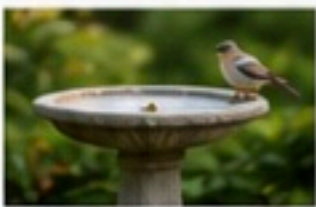
Waterfall

A waterfall adds drama to your landscape and creates a calming soundscape.



Rill

Water rills are shallow channels that flow through gardens and can lead to a pond or fountain.



Birdbath

A low-maintenance option that attracts local wildlife and adds charm to any space.

ENJOY YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE THIS SUMMER

Stay cool and comfortable spending time outside with friends and family by adding shade to your yard or patio with these ideas.



Overhead Patio Coverings

String up outdoor fabric for a retractable awning or canopy, use shade sails or an oversized umbrella to block the sun - all great options!



A Natural Solution

Potted citrus trees move with the sun. Trellises and pergolas support climbing plants like ivy, morning glory, clematis and bougainvillea.



Surrounded by Shade

Canvas curtains, bamboo blinds or solar shades offer adjustable coverage for any time of day.



Whether you're dining alfresco, relaxing with a book or entertaining guests, a covered patio is the perfect spot. Check with your homeowners association or rental agreement before adding any structures.



Notable,
Quotable,
Quotes!

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“In life, all good things come hard, but wisdom is the hardest to come by.”

– Lucille Ball

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“Home is the nicest word there is.”

– Laura Ingalls Wilder

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“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

– C.S. Lewis



Thinking about refreshing your home or making a move in 2026? I'd love to help. *Let's talk!*



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