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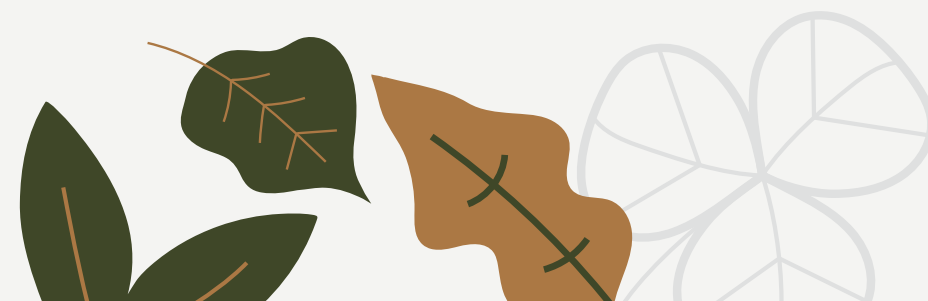
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YOUR OWN PERSONAL RESORT-STYLE BACKYARD

The perfect escape may be closer than you think

BY PAUL TAMBAKIS

The dream backyard. We've all imagined it; some have achieved it. With new builds, homeowners have a blank page which opens up both new possibilities and pitfalls. That's why we've put together a list with some basic ground rules and useful tips for creating the ideal oasis right at home.



Deciding What You Want

Like many things in life, a dream backyard starts with knowing what you want. Do you need play areas for the kids or outdoor spaces for pets? Maybe you want a patio for entertaining friends or relaxing by a fire pit. But most likely, you'll want a combination, which means deciding how to allocate space. In addition to browsing online and décor publications (like this one) for ideas, you can use AI apps like [Ideal House](#) or [YardAI](#) to visualize your backyard and show your family.



Outlining Your Plan

Measuring your space and drawing out a backyard plan will eliminate a lot of uncertainty. Even if it's just a rough sketch, it will help you communicate your needs. Being able to show a landscaper a plan, reference photos, and ideal materials will not only be very much appreciated, but it will help set your expectations for the final product.

Should You Get a Landscape Designer?

Whether you should hire a landscape designer depends on your vision. If you're just going for a flat patio and lawn, most contractors will easily be able to make that happen. However, if you're looking to create a larger patio area with varying grades, installations like outdoor kitchens, gardens, stairs, or water features, then you may want to start thinking about a designer. Services like [BACQYARD](#) let you get in touch with a professional at a reasonable cost.

Patios & Decks

Deciding between a patio and a deck is dependent on your backyard setup. If your backyard entrance is elevated from the ground, you'll want a deck. Decks also open up additional options for a built-in hot tub or swim spa. On the other hand, patios tend to require less upkeep and maintenance than wooden decks, which are susceptible to sun damage and require staining every few years.

Beyond Pools

For many, because of space or budget, pools aren't a realistic option, but there are more ways to get your feet wet. Hot tubs tend to cost around \$10,000 – \$20,000 after electrical upgrades and concrete pad installation, but they're easy to maintain and can be used year-round. If you're looking for something that's compact but still allows you to swim, you may want to consider a swim spa. They feature powerful jets that create a current to swim against, allowing you to combine the relaxation of a hot tub with the exercise benefits of a pool.



The Loggia

Select homes at The Valley feature a loggia, a covered outdoor area that extends from the rear entrance of your home. These are fantastic entertaining areas to plan around, including an outdoor kitchen, a wet bar, or a fireplace. Umbrellas like [The Lean by Midtown](#) can be used to provide additional shade for dining tables and seating areas, and pergolas, while they don't usually provide total shade, add an aesthetic framing element for your seating area.





Outdoor Furniture

When selecting outdoor furniture, you'll want to find something that stands up well to the elements. Look for pieces that fit your backyard layout and how you plan to use it for entertaining or everyday enjoyment. If you're looking for a comfortable outdoor sofa, we suggest the [Terra Loveseat by Neighbour](#). It may seem expensive, but this is an outdoor piece that will last, with durable steel and super soft cushions made with Sunbrella, an ultra-weather-resistant fabric.

For outdoor dining tables, the [Hay Palissade Dining Set](#), seats six and features a long-lasting, powder coated steel that meets most everyday needs, and fits with most backyard setups. For lounge and sun tanning chairs we recommend the [Polywood Nautical Chaise](#). It is Forbes' top-listed lounge chair because it's easy to store, sun-resistant, and has a 20-year warranty.



HOST MORE, STRESS LESS

*With Summer Hosting,
Simple Goes Further Than You Think*

It's tempting to go all-out on hosting, but pacing yourself will help you host better and host more.

BBQs & Pizza Ovens

For your outdoor cooking, you'll also want to find something sturdy, rust resistant, and reasonably-priced. The [Weber Spirit E-425](#) is around \$700 at Home Depot, but is rated as the best gas BBQ for its durability, value, and cooking quality, and comes with a 10-year warranty. For something in the \$400 range, the [Spirit E-210 Two-Burner](#) has slightly less grilling space but performs just as well.

If you're looking for a charcoal grill, it's best to find something easy to use that includes an enclosed ash catcher and holds heat well. For a good all-around use option, [Weber's Original Kettle Premium 22 In. Charcoal Grill](#) is around \$230. However, if you want a very, very high-quality smoker, you could look into the Big Green Egg. Its ceramic shell absorbs heat better and lasts longer than other grills, and it also comes with a limited lifetime warranty. It's recognized as one of the best charcoal BBQs around.

If you're looking to whip up home-made pizzas this summer, pizza stones are a great option but for true, Neopolitan-style pizza, you'll need an oven that can reach temperatures of up to 950°F and cook a pizza in less than two minutes. The [Ooni Koda 16](#) is gas-powered and one of the most reliable brands around. For a budget option, the [Solo Stove Pi Prime](#) work well, and if you really want to splurge, the [Gozney Dome XL \(Gen 2\)](#) is your top-of-the-line option that can accommodate gas, charcoal, and wood. If you're looking to feed high quality pizza to tons of people this summer, then this option offers a smokey flavour and allows you to cook many pizzas, very fast.



Allocate Your Efforts

For your menu, spend most of your time on one or two food items and then fill in the gaps with low-effort or store-bought items. You can also order in the main course and accompany it with home-made salads and appetizers.

Snacks For Dinner?

Cheese, veggies, olives, dips, nuts, and drinks — sometimes that's all you need if the food is good and there's enough to eat.

Keep It All On The Grill

Pre-marinate your meats and veggies and throw them on the grill when your guests arrive. This way, you'll stay outside with the company and won't have to manage the stove or oven.

Serve a Batch Cocktail

Instead of mixing custom drinks all night, you can make a big batch cocktail in a pitcher. For summer crowd pleasers, go for a Sangria, Margarita, Paloma, or Aperol Spritz.

THE VALLEY

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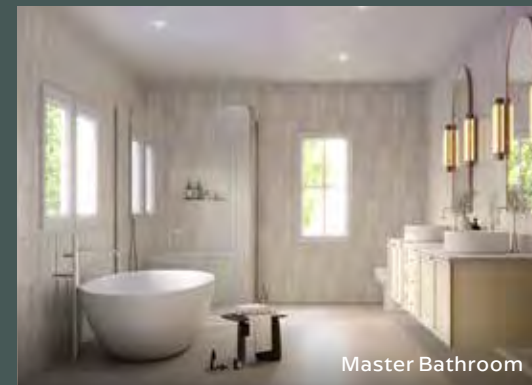
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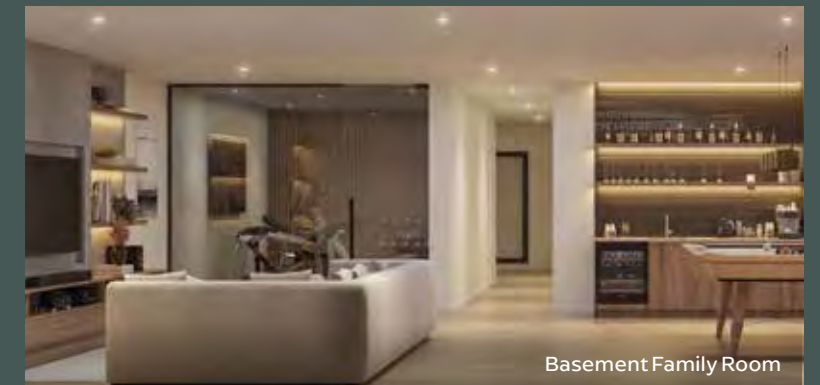
Master Bedroom



Kitchen



Master Bathroom



Basement Family Room



A new parkland community at the former Board of Trade Golf Course, The Valley is your chance to experience a visionary new community in heritage Woodbridge.

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WHERE TO EAT IN

WOODBIDGE

BY MICHELA BLASI

Fine dining to fast casual, this city has some unforgettable meals in store for you

One thing you'll learn quickly if you're considering move to Woodbridge: people here take their food seriously. The city of Vaughan has deep Italian roots, and Woodbridge is its beating cultural heart. That means good espresso, welcoming cafes, and family-run restaurants where dinner is a time to sit down and enjoy great food and even better wines.

Poetry Living's upcoming community, The Valley, is just moments from the shops and cafes of Market Lane in Woodbridge which is why we thought we would take the opportunity to highlight some of the best meals this city has to offer. From quick bites to celebratory dinners, here are a few places to start.

FINE DINING



PERLA OYSTER BAR & GRILL

3580 MAJOR MACKENZIE DR W, WOODBRIDGE
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One of the most talked-about fine dining destinations in Woodbridge, this seafood restaurant and steakhouse earned rave reviews and an impressive 4.8-star rating from over a thousand reviewers for its atmosphere, food, and service. The entire menu is exceptional, but some of the crowd favourites include their selection of fresh oysters, sticky grilled short ribs, and from their selection of pastas, you can't miss the lobster linguine. And if you're looking for a real showstopper, order the seafood tower with oysters, whole lobster, tiger shrimp, king crab, seafood salad, and hot B.C. mussels. Be sure to book ahead because this place fills up fast.

NASCOSTO

688 CHRISLEA RD, VAUGHAN
\$\$\$\$

The perfect spot for a special night out, Nascosto is an elegant Italian restaurant that feels like a little escape from the everyday. The moment you pull up, you are greeted by the valet which sets the tone for the evening's experience. The food here blends classic Italian with creative touches, and the wine pairings are thoughtfully chosen to elevate each dish. The owner often walks around during dinner to greet guests, adding a personal touch to complement the exquisite attention to detail and fantastic service.



FINE DINING



AVENUE CIBI E VINI

10519 ISLINGTON AVE., KLEINBURG
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A longtime staple in the heart of Kleinburg, Avenue Cibi e Vini is the place locals turn to for authentic Italian done right. Classic pastas, wood-fired pizza, and an impressive wine list served in a welcoming setting that reflects the charm of Kleinburg Village. After dinner, step outside for a stroll along the quaint main street, where boutique shops, cafés and softly lit sidewalks make the perfect ending to a night out.

LA BARRACA

10503 ISLINGTON AVE., KLEINBURG
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This restaurant offers a warm, rustic take on Italian dining, with a menu rooted in traditional flavours and high-quality ingredients. Expect house-made pastas, fresh seafood and thoughtfully prepared antipasti that highlight simple but memorable Italian flavours. Don't miss the pork belly appetizer, a favourite among regulars, and always ask about the nightly specials because they are often the most exciting dishes on the menu.



QUICK BITES



MEMPHIS

8074 ISLINGTON AVE., WOODBRIDGE
\$

If you're craving hearty barbecue and big flavours, it's hard to beat Memphis. With slow-smoked ribs, juicy pulled pork, wicked wings and saucy combos that have been long-time community favourites, it captures that classic Southern barbecue vibe right here in Woodbridge. Whatever you choose, be ready to get messy and savour every smoky, saucy bite.

VINCENTINA MEATS

109 EDILCAN DR., CONCORD
\$

A Woodbridge staple for over 50 years, this old-school Italian butcher shop and panini bar is hard to miss — there is, after all, a giant cow on the roof. It's become a go-to for anyone chasing the best porchetta sandwich in the area, slow roasted and sliced fresh right in front of you. With its lively market atmosphere and shelves full of Italian goodies, it's the perfect spot for a sandwich fix.



HONOURABLE MENTIONS: ESPRESSO ESSENTIALS

Aida's Pine Valley Bakery Inc.
830 Rowntree Dairy Rd #8,
Woodbridge
\$

Bartholomew Bakery
467 Edgeley Blvd #14,
Vaughan
\$\$

QUICK BITES

OSTERIA BERTO



6150 YORK REGIONAL RD 7, WOODBRIDGE
\$\$

This may not be the quickest bite on our list, but it's one you definitely don't want to skip. Open only from 10 am to 4 pm, the wraps are served fresh and cut in half so they stand up proud, and yes, there is often a line. It's worth it. Start with the steak wrap, it's the one everyone raves about, and you'll understand why locals keep coming back for more.



REVOLVER PIZZA CO.

200 MARYCROFT AVE UNIT 27, VAUGHAN
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Looking for a slice of authentic wood-oven pizza? Revolver is where you want to be. This award-winning spot is known for high-quality wood-fired and New York-style pizza that hits every time. Grab a quick slice for lunch or a whole pie for the family, and don't skip the garlic aioli dip. For a sweet finish, try the pistacchio tiramisu.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS: ESPRESSO ESSENTIALS

Vici Bakery
9750 Weston Rd, Woodbridge
\$\$

Aria Cafe
205 Marycroft Ave, Vaughan
\$

CASUAL

YOKAI IZAKAYA

3175 RUTHERFORD RD #28, WOODBRIDGE
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Trendy yet laid-back, this Izakaya — a Japanese bar that specializes in small bites — is one of those spots that makes you want to order the menu just to make sure you don't miss anything. The interior is cool and inviting with a relaxed energy that is perfect for a night out with friends. Be sure to try the Godzilla Tails, jumbo black tiger shrimp tempura served with spicy black tobiko mayo. Yokai is also open for brunch with a unique lineup that includes honey butter home fries that we personally recommend.



PENELOPE SOCIAL

125 HAWKVIEW BLVD, WOODBRIDGE
\$\$

One of Woodbridge's coolest spots for creative drinks, tasty food, and a lively, relaxed atmosphere. Their artisanal sourdough focaccia sandwiches and inventive pizzas have been getting a lot of positive press lately among the lunch crowd, and in the evening, the place turns into a bar with unique cocktails and shareable plates served on colourful dishware. Effortlessly cool and unique, you don't want to miss this one.

TORO TORO SUSHI AND POKE

3175 RUTHERFORD RD UNIT 40, CONCORD
\$\$

Known for its fresh, expertly crafted rolls, the inventive selection ranges from creative classics to premium platters perfect for sharing or celebrating a special meal. Service at Toro Toro is quick and friendly, making it easy to enjoy everything from lunch to dinner without a long wait. Take out or dine in, it's some of the best sushi you'll find in the area.





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Caledon's most sought after location with more space to explore and enjoy

Spread over 700 square kilometres, the beautiful Town of Caledon is host to a number of heritage sites, relaxing spas, specialty boutiques, restaurants and cafes. An environmentally conscious community, Caledon sits in the southernmost reaches of the Headwaters region of Ontario and is home to many trails and conservation areas that provide more room to breathe. Hike, jog, cycle, stroll, and explore more at Ellis Lane.

THE PLUM YOU'RE GOING TO EAT NEXT SUMMER

The plum you're going to eat next summer doesn't exist yet; its potential lives inside a tree you'll never see in an orchard you'll never see, will be touched by a certain number of water droplets before it reaches you, by certain angles of light, by a finite amount of bugs and dust motes and hands you'll never know. The plum you are going to eat next summer will gather sugar, gather mass, will harden at its center so it can soften toward your mouth. The plum you're going to eat next summer doesn't know you exist. The plum you are going to eat next summer is growing just for you.

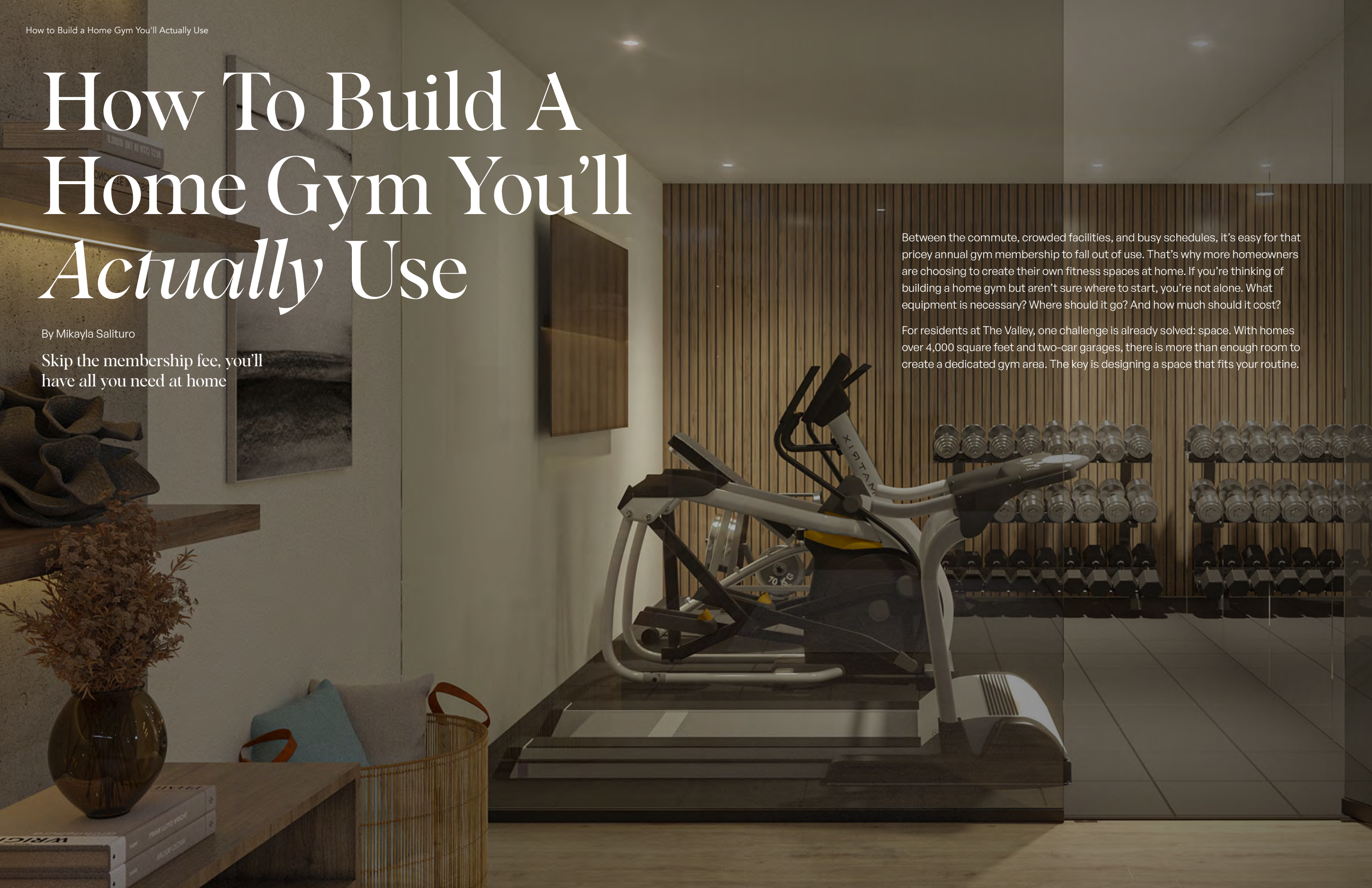
How To Build A Home Gym You'll *Actually* Use

By Mikayla Salituro

Skip the membership fee, you'll have all you need at home

Between the commute, crowded facilities, and busy schedules, it's easy for that pricey annual gym membership to fall out of use. That's why more homeowners are choosing to create their own fitness spaces at home. If you're thinking of building a home gym but aren't sure where to start, you're not alone. What equipment is necessary? Where should it go? And how much should it cost?

For residents at The Valley, one challenge is already solved: space. With homes over 4,000 square feet and two-car garages, there is more than enough room to create a dedicated gym area. The key is designing a space that fits your routine.



Why Build A Home Gym?

The biggest advantage is convenience. When your gym is just steps from your kitchen, excuses disappear. Early morning, late night, or a quick lunch break workout session — your schedule, your rules. No waiting for machines, no commute, no parking hassles.

A gym membership for single users averages between \$60-\$120 per month which adds up to thousands of dollars in just a few years. With a home gym, you invest in equipment you own that anyone in your home can use, which can last for years and often retains its value if you upgrade and/or sell later.

There's also comfort, control, and peace of mind. You set the music, the temperature, and the pace of your workout, and you decide how clean your space stays. Unlike public gyms, you don't need to worry about shared machines, sweaty towels, or other people.



Choosing The Right Space

Where you set up your gym shapes everything from flooring to equipment choices to climate control. Upper floor rooms work well for low-impact exercises such as yoga, pilates, stretching routines, or cardio machines like an elliptical or treadmill. But heavy lifting is less ideal on upper floors due to noise and repeated impact on floor joists.

Garages can be a good option because they are spacious with higher ceilings and durable concrete floors that can support heavy lifting. But temperatures can be extreme in Canadian summers and winters, which may mean you need simple (a fan or space heater) or sophisticated (a wall-mounted mini-split) solution to make year-round training practical. Garage retrofitting can also hurt property values if the space becomes too specialized to function as a garage so keep that in mind as well.

That leaves the basement. They stay cooler in summer, are separated from living areas, and offer sturdy concrete floors which is ideal for strength training and heavy equipment. If you are planning to lift weights regularly or need more space, this may be your best option.

Build Around Your Routine

One of the most common mistakes homeowners can make is buying equipment you think you should have rather than what you'll actually use. If your focus is calisthenics — bodyweight exercises — for example, your setup may only require floor space, a mat, and for those doing more advanced movements, [parallettes](#).

IF YOUR FOCUS IS CARDIO...

When it comes to home gyms, cardio equipment is often the first thing that comes to mind: a treadmill, a stationary bike, or rowing machine don't require a ton of space. If you'd like a low-cost alternative, all you need is a [good quality skipping rope](#) and 10-15 minutes.

IF YOUR FOCUS IS STRENGTH TRAINING...

For a compact but complete strength setup you'll likely want a power rack (squats, chinups, rows, etc.), barbell, plates, and an adjustable bench. These staples give you the foundation for almost any strength routine.



- **Power Rack:** [Rogue Fitness](#) is a great brand, durable and built to last. Can also be fit with a [parallel bar attachment](#) for dips.
- **Olympic Bumper Plates:** [REP Fitness](#) excellent value, and with a rubber coating they're easier on the floors.
- **Adjustable Bench:** Go for something sturdy, they're usually available for less than \$200.

IF YOU HAVE A HYBRID ROUTINE...

Many homeowners prefer a mix of strength and cardio for maximum versatility. A hybrid setup saves space while letting you do a wide variety of exercises.

- **Adjustable Dumbbells:** [Bowflex SelectTech 552](#) helps save you space.
- **Adjustable Bench:** Easy to store but stable for presses and rows.
- **Cable Pulley System:** Adds functional and accessory exercises.
- **Quality Mats:** Protect your floor and provide safe footing.

Common Mistakes To Avoid

SKIPPING PROPER FLOORING

Foam puzzle mats compress under heavy loads and can shift during active movements. [Durable 3/4-inch rubber stall mats](#) provide better stability and protection.

OVERBUYING EQUIPMENT

It's tempting to fill the space immediately. Try the 30-Day Rule: start with the essentials and expand as your routine develops.

POOR LIGHTING AND VENTILATION

A bright, airy room feels inviting. Add LED lights and a fan to create a comfortable workout environment.

IGNORING STORAGE

Weights and accessories quickly create clutter. Use an [A-frame plate tree](#), wall hooks, or pegboards to keep your space organized and safe.

Start Simple, Build Over Time

The best home gyms aren't necessarily the biggest or most expensive. They are the ones that get used. Start with essentials, choose the right spot, and let your setup grow as your routine evolves.

For homeowners at The Valley, you have an opportunity to design a gym that fits your lifestyle, in a space that's ready to use on your schedule, every day. With thoughtful planning, a home gym can quickly become one of the most valuable and frequently used spaces in your home.



Spend or Save?

Where does it make sense to spend on equipment and where would a more economical option make more sense? There are a few variables in making that decision, which is why we put together some solid budget cardio equipment, and some higher-end brands that, in our view, give you good value.

Treadmills

NordicTrack Commercial 1750:

A high-performance, gym-quality machine featuring a 16-inch tilting touchscreen and incline/decline settings that automatically adjust with your trainer-led workouts when you have a premium membership.

\$2,699

Horizon T101:

This reliable, space-saving treadmill is ideal for walkers and joggers. It features a quick-fold design and simple manual controls.

\$799



Bikes

Peloton Bike+:

A premium model with a 23.8-inch rotating HD touchscreen and Auto-Follow resistance that adjusts to the instructor's cues. It also supports Apple GymKit for Apple Watch integration. A Peloton All-Access Membership is required for classes and performance tracking.

\$3,495

Yosuda Magnetic Indoor Cycling Bike:

A quiet, belt-driven bike with a 35-pound flywheel and a compact footprint. The simple LCD monitor tracks basic metrics like time, distance, and calories.

\$300



Rowing Machine

Concept2 RowErg:

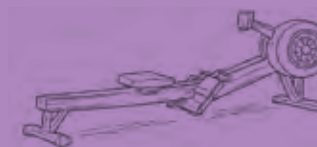
A top-tier indoor rower that features a durable air-resistance flywheel and precise PM5 monitor. Popular in CrossFit gyms worldwide, it delivers full workout tracking in the ErgData app without any subscription.

\$1,750

Sunny Health & Fitness SF-RW5515 Magnetic Rowing Machine:

An entry-level magnetic rower with a quiet workout, simple LCD, and foldable design for easy storage, perfect for affordable low-impact cardio.

\$330



How To Build A Home, *Virtually*

The art and science of creating a virtual preview of a home before it has been built

By Tristan Bronca

Creating a rendering — a virtual preview of your future home — is a task that is both technical and creative. On the one hand, the creators must ensure everything from the shingles to the siding to the placement of each window, door, and step reflects the architectural plans so you get an accurate depiction. On the other hand, the team must make creative decisions about landscaping, interior design, lighting, camera angles, and more, as they fill in details to help the scene come alive.

We caught up with Maduxx, the digital design studio that created the renderings for The Valley.

The Valley's new home previews begin with blacklines from the architect which are rendered in greyscale before finally being rendered in full colour.

The final streetscapes give you a preview of the homes architectural features and carefully curated material packages. The Valley offers a wide selection of elevations to appeal to every taste and sensibility.



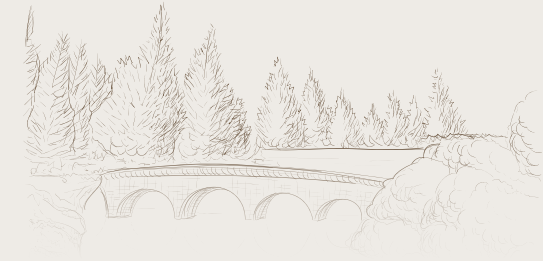


Inside the homes, the rendering team works closely with the interior design team to ensure all the details — the millwork, the baseboards, and other features of the home — are true-to-life. The designers at The Valley furnish the home preview from a custom library of fixtures, furniture, and accents.

Home purchasers at The Valley will have an opportunity to take advantage of our design team's expertise to personalize their home with Poetry Living's wide selection of features and finishes.



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5 Walks To Take This Summer In Woodbridge

It's time to explore your new neighbourhood

By Paul Tambakis

Summertime in Vaughan, and there's no better way to enjoy the warmer weather than a brisk walk along Vaughan's most beautiful trails. And at The Valley — Poetry Living's new community in the heart of Woodbridge — you'll be just a few minutes away from five nearby paths, ranging from light neighbourhood strolls to long forested hikes.

Bartley Smith Greenway at Boyd Conservation Park

Difficulty: Medium | Distance: 6 km

The entrance to Boyd Conservation Park is just north of Islington and Langstaff, a few minutes from The Valley. It's free if you enter by foot. There is also limited free parking near the entrance, and it's \$8.30 per person to drive-in (less for children and seniors).

The Bartley Smith Greenway trail starts at Boyd Conservation Park and weaves past the Kortright Conservation Centre, ending at the McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinberg. The full hike is six kilometres and takes around an hour and a half to complete.



After the trek, stop for bacon and eggs at Kleinberg Kafé or for a coffee and scone at Balzac's before beginning the journey back. If you want a shorter hike, there's a trail entrance just east of Islington and Rutherford (one kilometre shorter), and another one near Islington and Major Mackenzie (four kilometres shorter).



FIG. 01
Magnolia



FIG. 02
Oak



FIG. 03
Swan



FIG. 04
Maple

The Trails of The Valley

Difficulty: Easy - Medium | Distance: 40 km Total

The Valley will feature 200 acres of preserved natural space including trails that weave through the park, bluffs, and wooded areas along the Humber River. Those moving to The Valley will have seamless access to these paths and trails.



FIG. 05
Weeping Willow

Riverwalk

Difficulty: Easy | Distance: 1.7 km

The Riverwalk trail is about a 15-minute stroll from The Valley. It loops around a stretch of the Humber River that spans from Woodbridge Avenue to Highway 7. The path offers beautiful tree coverage and weaves through open fields. Since it's right beside Market Lane, cap off the walk with a visit to L'angolo Lane, where you'll enjoy a cup of coffee and a selection of authentic Italian desserts.



Rainbow Creek Neighbourhood Walk

Difficulty: Easy | Distance: 2.2 km

The Rainbow Creek path begins just west of Market Lane at the end of Villagewood Court. The path weaves along Rainbow Creek Park and gives you access to playgrounds, fields, picnic areas, and Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre.



Sonoma Heights Walk

Difficulty: Easy | Distance: 2.6 km

The Sonoma Heights walking path is just under two kilometres and stretches from Napa Valley Park to the Sonoma Heights Community Park. The path cuts through the neighbourhood, following the nearby power line and takes about 25 minutes to complete. At the finish line, you'll find a tennis court, basketball court, and bocce ball court. It's a great way to turn a moderate-sized walk into a Saturday morning fitness ritual.



FIG. 06
Hummingbird



FIG. 07
Dogwood



FIG. 08
Blue Jay



FIG. 09
Juniper



THE KEYS TO KEEPING THE KIDS *Entertained* ALL SUMMER LONG

So you can enjoy your summer too

By Alex Beigu

Seasons come and go, but one thing never changes: the kids need something to do. During the school year, a lot of that work is taken care of for you but when the warm weather comes the questions begin: what should my kids do? What kind of camps should we be enrolling them in? What are their friends doing? Are we ready for an overnight camp? What kinds of things can we do together?

Fortunately, families in Woodbridge have plenty of options. Whether kids spend their summer mostly at home, attending day programs, or doing something more adventurous, there are many ways to create a summer filled with activity, exploration, and fun.





DAYTIME SUMMER CAMPS

Day camps are a popular option for families who want more structured activities during the summer months. In addition to keeping kids active and engaged throughout the day, day camps provide opportunities to build valuable life skills. Children develop confidence, improve communication skills, form friendships, and learn the importance of teamwork and routine.

Several organizations offer summer day camps in and around Woodbridge. [The Kortright Centre for Conservation](#) hosts nature-based camps for a wide range of age groups, while the [City of Vaughan](#) offers various community-based recreation programs throughout the summer.

For animal lovers, there are camps at [Reptilia Zoo](#), which focus on hands-on, science-based learning about reptiles and wildlife. Nearby, there's [Sky Zone Vaughan](#) that runs day camps that will have the kids exhausted by the end of the day (trampoline dodgeball, anyone?). And if the kids are learning to swim, consider a camp at [Felix's Swim School](#).

For the budding history buff, [Black Creek Pioneer Village](#) offers themed camps that immerse kids in 19th-century life, and for the young artist, the famous [McMichael Art Gallery](#) also runs a variety of camps and kids classes. For young athletes, there are sports-specific camps for [soccer](#), [baseball](#), [volleyball](#), [hockey](#), and more.

Overnight Camps

Overnight camps offer a unique summer experience that allows kids to build independence and lasting friendships. These camps often include activities like canoeing, campfires, team sports, and leadership activities. While Woodbridge itself doesn't host overnight camps, a couple of well-known Ontario camps are within driving distance, including [YMCA Camp Pine Crest](#) and Camp [Mini-Yo-We](#) in Muskoka.



SPEND TIME OUTSIDE TOGETHER

Summer is the perfect time to take advantage of the outdoors together. Local parks and playgrounds offer plenty of space for kids to run, play, and stay active, and packing a picnic and games can turn it into a full-day outing. If you have room in your backyard, obstacle courses, mini sports competitions, gardening projects, or a good old-fashioned sprinkler can keep kids entertained for hours.

Woodbridge is also surrounded by beautiful conservation areas and trails. Families can enjoy walking, biking, hiking, or bird watching at locations such as Boyd Conservation Park, Kortright Centre for Conservation, Pierre and Janet Berton Trail, Vellore Village Woodlot 6 Trail and Elder's Mills Nature Reserve. For some fun in the sun, plan a beach day. Visit beautiful and popular beaches like Centre Island Beach, Ashbridge's Bay, South Shell Park, and Sugar Beach.

You also have Canada's Wonderland, the country's largest amusement park, just a few minutes from home. For evening outings, there's bowling at Splitsville Woodbridge, or glow-in-the-dark mini golf at Putting Edge to add an extra dose of excitement to the summer schedule.

Staying Home

Spending the summer at home doesn't mean the kids have to miss out. With a little creativity, parents can create their own flexible summer program filled with activities that keep kids engaged and active. Simple arts and crafts such as painting rocks, making clay sculptures, beginner crochet projects, or family paint nights can help them develop creative skills. Craft projects can also reveal hidden talents and provide a sense of accomplishment.

Home projects and experiments can also turn an ordinary afternoon into an opportunity for learning. Kids might try building and working their way through simple engineering challenges, learning a musical instrument, or conducting science experiments like designing a structure to protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from a height. Other classic experiments such as baking soda and vinegar volcanoes remain popular for a reason.

Cooking and baking are another enjoyable way for kids to stay busy while learning practical skills. Preparing simple snacks, desserts, or themed meals helps kids build confidence in the kitchen while encouraging creativity.



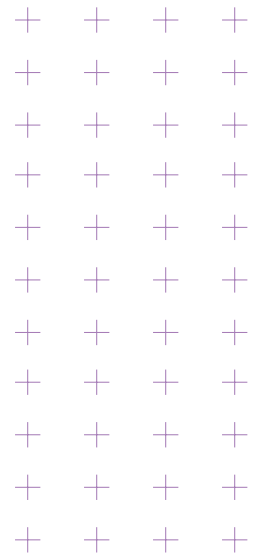
A SUMMER FULL OF POSSIBILITIES




The possibilities for keeping kids entertained during the summer are nearly endless. Some families prefer structured schedules filled with camps and activities, while others enjoy a more relaxed approach built around spontaneous outings and time at home.

No matter the approach, summer offers countless opportunities for kids to stay active, explore new interests, and create lasting memories.





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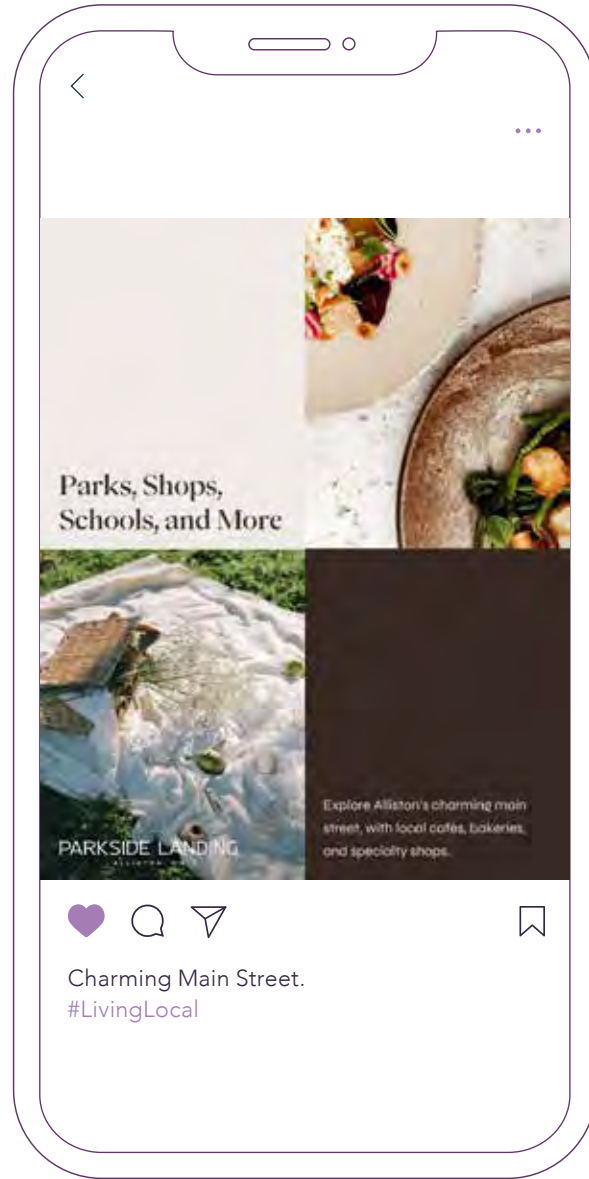
  
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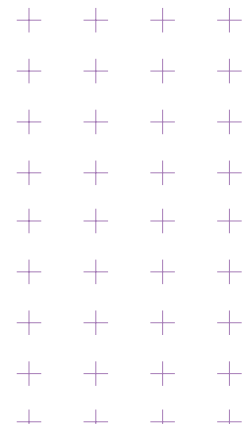
  
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