

# HOMES + NEIGHBORS + COMMUNITY

December 2019



## Santa Clause is coming to town!

**DATE:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

**LOCATION:** Neighbors Real Estate Group 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Open House. 13026 Frontage Road, Bentonville. (Across the highway from Lowe's and beside Kozy Heat. There is parking in front and behind the building.)

**PHOTOS FREE:** During his visit, Santa will be available for photos with your children and/or pets. He will not have a camera with him so you will need to bring yours and shoot away! If you are bringing a pet, Santa has asked that it be on a leash or otherwise secured in a pet carrier for it and everyone's safety.

**REFRESHMENTS:** There will be hot cider and hot chocolate as well as holiday treats.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Sign up to win a door prize of a \$50 gift card to one lucky visitor good at either Lowe's, Allen's Foods or Highlands Pet Company. Your choice.

**GIFTS FOR CHARITY:** Feel free to bring an unwrapped gift for a child, which will be donated to a local charity in time for Christmas.



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## The Twelve Days of Christmas Douglas Grant, Real Estate Agent

I am fairly certain that most of you are familiar with the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” But do you know the meaning of those items, such as the partridge in a pear tree, the five golden rings, the eight maids a milking, or the eleven pipers piping?

As for the partridge in a pear tree, it is Jesus Christ;

Two turtle doves refer to the Old and New Testaments;

Three French hens are faith, hope and love;

The four calling birds are the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;

Five golden rings are the first five books of the Old Testament;

The six geese a laying refers to the six days of creation;

As for seven swans a swimming, they are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Corinthians 12:8-10);

The eight maids a milking are the eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10);

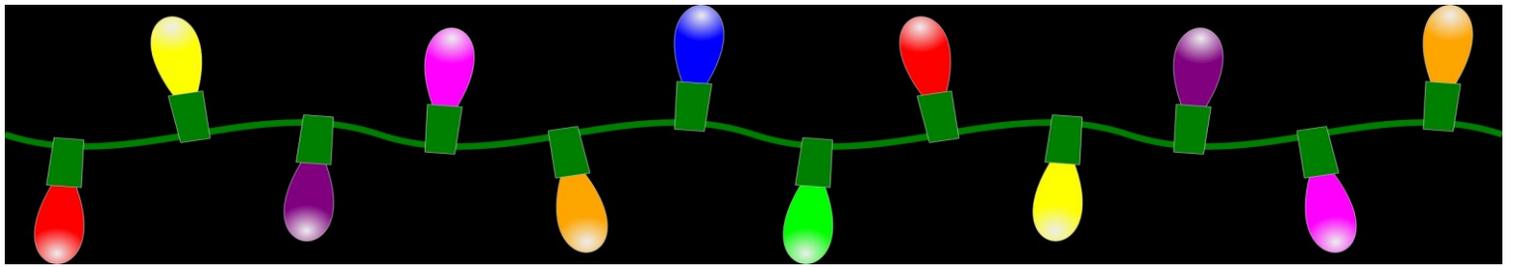
Nine ladies dancing refers to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23);

Ten lords a leaping – the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20);

The eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful disciples. Does not include Judas;

And finally, the twelve drummers drumming refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

So, there you are. Now this Christmas season as you sing this song you will do so with a new appreciation for the words.



# Decorating Safely for the Holidays

## Julie Hull, Principal Broker

Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season. When decorating follow these tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

Keep potentially poisonous plants – mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis – away from children.

If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled “fire resistant.” If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it and remove it from your home when it is dry. Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways.

Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them.

Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors and choose the right ladder for the task when hanging lights. Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket. Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights and keep plugs off the ground away from puddles and snow. Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

Watch Out for Fire-Starters!

### Candles and Fireplaces

Use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations in many homes during the holidays, means more risk for fire. The National Fire Protection Association reports that one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles and that two of every five decoration fires happen because the decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over and out of reach of children. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach for children in a locked cabinet. Use flameless, rather than lighted, candles near flammable objects.

Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace. Use a screen on the fireplace at all times when a fire is burning. Never leave candles or fireplaces burning unattended or when you are asleep. Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year.

Turkey Fryers; Be alert to the dangers if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been 154 turkey-fryer related fires, burns or other injuries since 2004, with \$5.2 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents.

# HOME ANNIVERSARY

## Real Estate Marketing Activity Table

Bella Vista Residential - Resale & New Construction  
NOVEMBER 2019 (May 16, 2019 - November 15, 2019)

Price Range	Current Listings	Pending Listings	6 Month Sold	Sold / Month	Mos Supply	DOMC Average	SP / LP Average	\$ / SqFt Average
0-99	5	2	34	6.00	0	57	92%	\$65.66
100-149	16	20	150	28.33	0	54	98%	\$98.27
150-199	40	25	236	43.50	0	70	98%	\$105.28
200-249	48	12	140	25.33	1	81	98%	\$108.86
250-299	22	3	66	11.50	1	97	99%	\$113.75
300-349	9	6	34	6.67	1	102	98%	\$112.68
350-399	14	1	21	3.67	3	105	98%	\$121.90
400-449	5	2	4	1.00	5	86	97%	\$122.19
450-499	7	0	6	1.00	7	64	98%	\$156.10
500-599	8	1	7	1.33	6	120	98%	\$169.02
600-699	3	0	1	0.17	18	68	100%	\$145.01
700-799	2	1	2	0.50	~	131	93%	\$178.94
800-899	2	0	1	0.17	12	1134	94%	\$170.00
900-999	0	0	0	0.00	~	~	~	~
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Whole Market	182	73	702	129.17	1	167	97%	128

### Nov-18

Whole Market	263	112	600	118.67	2	98	97%	142
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### Nov-17

Whole Market	250	~	611	101.83	2.45	66	97%	99
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Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Source: NABOR MLS

Key:  
DOMC - Days on Market to Contract  
SP / LP - Sales Price / List Price

## Socks and Cookies

### Douglas Grant, Real Estate Agent

On a more personal note, as you might know, earlier this fall, we here at the real estate office, in conjunction with American Legion Post 341, collected items for our men and women serving in uniform, primarily in Afghanistan. Since that collection overall did not develop as well as we had hoped, those items were taken to Socks and Cookies, a non-profit in Rogers, where they were combined with their donations, boxed up and are now ready for shipment.

I heard from Shannon Modisette, the director of Socks and Cookies, recently and found out it will cost them about \$1,200 to pay for all that shipping. I told her I would do what I could to help out.

So, here I am, alerting you to the issue so you might be moved this Christmas season to donate toward that shipping cost. Any amount will help and will be appreciated. Remember, the recipients of these boxes are our young men and women serving tens of thousands of miles from home, many of them in harms' way.

The old saying is "it is better to give than to receive." Won't you help out this Christmas season and "give" to Socks and Cookies? Reach out to them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/socksandcookies](http://www.facebook.com/socksandcookies), or mail your donation to 1200 W. Walnut St., Ste 3403, Rogers, AR 72756. The phone number is (479) 366-2970. Thank you and a very Merry Christmas to you and yours!

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