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Hello Valued Client,

With 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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## Enjoy Your Outdoor Space This Summer

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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**

One popular way to create shade is to string up outdoor fabric and make a retractable awning or canopy. Shade sails are another versatile and inexpensive way to diffuse the sun's rays. If your outdoor space lacks the columns or posts to attach fabric, a large area umbrella is always an option.

### **A Natural Solution**

Potted citrus trees can be moved around as the sun shifts to naturally block it. Wood structures such as a trellis or pergola also make a beautiful statement while creating shady areas. Both are designed to support climbing plants like ivy, morning glory, clematis and bougainvillea.

### **Surrounded by Shade**

For a more closed-in arrangement, try canvas curtains, bamboo blinds or solar shades. Each is adjustable, making it a breeze to raise them up or down (or to the side), depending on the sun's position and your desired level of coverage.

Whether you're looking to dine alfresco, relax outside with a good book or visit with friends and family, a covered patio is an ideal spot. Just remember: Before you put up any structures, review your homeowners association or rental agreement, as some options may require permission.

## Summer Fun in Your Neighbourhood

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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 to get you started.



**Movie Night Under the Stars:** All you need for a night with your favorite Hollywood stars in your backyard is an inflatable screen and projector, a cozy area for seating and, of course, popcorn.

**Neighbourhood Block Party:** Invite the neighbours to bring a chair and a potluck dish to share for a summertime gathering on the street. Plan games for the kids and invite your local fire or police department — just don't forget to apply for a permit to set up roadblocks.

**Elegant Garden Party:** A traditional garden party will give your backyard an air of sophistication. Serve your guests an assortment of appetizers and finger foods on crisp white linens with extravagant centrepieces.

**Old-Fashioned Campout:** Set up a tent, bring out sleeping bags, lawn chairs and a firepit, and you're well on your way to late-night marshmallow roasting in your own backyard.

**Backyard Pool Party:** Make a splash with your next pool party by designing your games, food and decorations around a theme. Ask guests to come in costume and be ready with swimming pool games for kids, like sponge tag or noodle jousting.

## Spruce Up Your Yard With a Water Feature

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Water features create movement and generate calming sounds. If you're unsure about what kind of water feature fits your style (and your home's landscaping needs), here are some options to consider.



### **Water Wall**

A water wall can be an alluring focal point either indoors and outdoors. These structures can be almost any size — and you could even integrate one into a shower, pool or spa area.

### **Pond**

You can add a pond deep in a lush garden or build one to serve as the main visual interest at the entrance of your home. Ponds can be home to koi fish and plants like water lilies, cattails and irises.

### **Waterfall**

A waterfall set over carefully placed rocks or near an outdoor entertaining area can be a great way to add drama to your landscaping. And, in addition to their beauty, waterfalls create calming soundscapes.

### **Rill**

Water rills are shallow channels that flow throughout gardens and green areas. You could choose to have them meet at a pond or fountain, too.

### **Birdbath**

Birdbaths can be a smart and low-maintenance choice. Placing one near a bay window or porch may provide great entertainment as the birdbath draws in a wide array of local wildlife.

## **Notable, Quotable, Quotes!**



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

Lucille Ball

“Home is the nicest word there is.”

Laura Ingalls Wilder

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

C.S. Lewis

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