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Drive into Paradise

After spending most of their lives working in Ontario and Northern British Columbia, the Martins feel that at last they have found the perfect place.

For a number of years the Martins would go for a drive up the highway from Nanaimo, along the ocean and instinctively turn onto the quiet, scenic road that leads to Fairwinds. Aside from the many beautiful homes, they would also spot a variety of wildlife such as deer, eagles and otters. Two main features kept bringing the Martins back down this road - Fairwinds Golf Club, which lay beckoning along the way, and one particular home which caught their interest. Over a two year span they watched this house as it was built. Once it was finished, they toured the home, fell in love with the surrounding property and purchased it.

“We always gravitated towards Fairwinds”

Hugo and Georgina have now lived in Fairwinds since February 2010. “We always gravitated towards Fairwinds; it was meant to be,” says Hugo. This is now their permanent residence and with their daughter and granddaughter close by, they have no intention of ever leaving.



Golfing is a new hobby for the Martins, especially Georgina. They didn't spend a lot of time on the fairways until they moved here. Now, you can always catch Hugo on the golf course practicing his swing or playing that wonderful game that lures you back again and again. Both Hugo and

Georgina participate in the men's and ladies' golf nights and that is one way they have met the wonderful people in this community and neighbourhood.

Embraced by their new neighbours, Hugo and Georgina had an invitation to a house party before they even moved in! They cannot get over how close and friendly the people are. Both expressed their excitement in living within a community where the social aspect and feeling of belonging are ever present. The couple agrees that there is never a shortage of playing time or fellow golfers to play with at Fairwinds.

Still trying to grasp the perfect swing, Hugo and Georgina are taking golf lessons with Brett Standerwick, a CPGA golf professional at Fairwinds. “It is a game you can practice and play but it all depends on your attitude that day,” says Hugo, “Win or lose, it is never a hardship to play in the picturesque and serene surroundings at our club.” The Martins feel that Fairwinds is one of the nicest golf courses they have ever played. While Hugo is enjoying the retired lifestyle, Georgina is still very much an active business person. She commutes each day to and from downtown Nanaimo, but when she turns off the highway and enters Fairwinds, it is like entering another world and her best word to describe it is... “paradise”.



This 3,895 square foot home earned the builder, TS Williams Construction, multiple awards including three CARE awards, a national Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) award and the People's Choice award for Vancouver Island, from the Victoria chapter of the CHBA.



Summer Cookin'

by Dan Vogt and Charles Stephen

Chicken Fajita Salad

- Ingredients:
- 1 Chicken Breast
 - Assorted Lettuce (16 oz per person)
 - 1 Yellow or Red Bell Pepper sliced into fine strips
 - 2 oz Goat Feta Cheese, crumbled
 - Avocado Cucumber Dressing (recipe below)

Sprinkle your favourite Cajun or creole spice on the chicken breast and barbeque until it is fully cooked (165 degrees F).

Toss lettuce, bell pepper and crumbled goat feta cheese in avocado cucumber dressing and place on a large plate or serving bowl. Once the chicken breast is fully cooked, slice into thin slices and place on salad. Drizzle a little more dressing and scatter a few nacho chips or a crispy fried tortilla on top.

A nice chilled glass of Pinot Grigio with fruity notes will compliment this fantastic summer dish.

Recipe for Avocado Cucumber Dressing:

Yield: 1 Litre

- Ingredients
- ¾ cup Fresh Cilantro
 - 1 tsp Garlic
 - 3 Avocados
 - 1 Cucumber, peeled, seeded & cut into chunks
 - ¼ cup Lemon Juice
 - ½ tsp Salt and Pepper
 - 1 tbsp Sugar
 - ¼ cup Lime Juice
 - 1 cup Water
 - 1 tbsp Sambal Oelek

Combine everything in a food processor until nicely puréed.



5 Gardening Tips to keep your garden spectacular

During this time of the year our baskets, planters, pots and flower beds should be brimming with vibrant colors and interesting textures, shapes and sizes. Here are five tips to make sure yours are at their fullest.

1 Plants

Did you start with healthy, vigorous young plants? This makes a huge difference. Some department store plants have been sitting around for a long time and may not have had the best care. Sometimes the best deal doesn't really turn out that great in the end.

2 Potting Mix

Add some slow release fertilizer to your mix. A good one to try is 14-14-14 which has a climate controlled release; this ensures that the plants are fed consistently over a longer period of time.

3 Fertilization

In addition to the above slow release, supplement feeding with a soluble fertilizer such as 20-20-20 once a week. You don't want to over fertilize (symptoms include excessive vegetative growth like huge leaves or long stems) but a lot of annuals can take a reasonable amount of food, such as Supertunias.

4 Deadheading

Taking the time to pinch off spent flowers can make a big difference to your pots and baskets giving them a cleaner, healthier look.

5 Watering

Allow planters and baskets to dry out a little in between waterings but avoid letting them get wilted, especially when they are young; it can really set them back. If you can set up a drip irrigation system on a timer it can be a time saver and peace of mind for when temperatures soar and you may want to get away for a few days.

Follow these tips this summer and hopefully you will be basking in a sea of summer colour.

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From the Island Highway, turn at the Petro-Canada Gas Station onto Northwest Bay Road. Turn right onto Powder Point Road which turns into Fairwinds Drive. Fairwinds Centre is on the left. Keep driving along Fairwinds Drive to reach the Golf Club and Schooner Cove Marina.

Nanoose Bay, Vancouver Island

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