

Winter 2011



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Calling All Art Lovers

Looking for something to do with the family this winter? Take advantage of some of the culture epicenters located here in Rhode Island.



RI Philharmonic Music School

The music school has a number of concerts planned in January featuring student recitals. Additionally, on January 21st, the RI Philharmonic Orchestra will hold an Open Rehearsal, which the public is welcomed to attend. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Music school students are free. For a schedule of events or more information, visit www.ri-philharmonic.org.

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

There are a number of winter events scheduled for the whole family, even the youngest members! Children up to the age of 5 can visit the Museum for one of their Tours for Tots. Older children can take part in an Art & Design Lab, Family See & Sketch, or the Family Film Series, where they'll showcase live-action and animated short films. Visit RISD's website at www.risdmuseum.org/default.aspx.



MARKET TRENDS

Multiple Listing Service (MLS) reports as of 1/10/2011:

- 4,666 single family homes for sale in RI.
- 1,169 single family homes under contract.

In the past 90 days:

- 1,474 homes sold.
- 98 days is the average time spent on market.
- \$307,878 is the average list price.
- \$285,964 is the average sales price.

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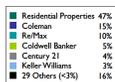
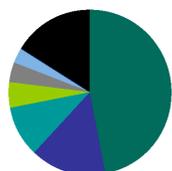
Did you know?

Even in a challenging market, Residential Properties remains out in front, guiding our clients through their real estate transactions.

The chart below shows that for the past year, our office has continued as the leader in market share at 47%.

Local Market Share

Burrington | Single Family - Entire Market | 2010



Source: Statewide MLS

Time to Hit the Slopes

Living in Rhode Island doesn't mean skiing has to be an entire weekend event. There are great opportunities to hit the slopes for a one-day outing. **Wachusett Mountain** in Princeton, MA (www.wachusett.com) is just over an hour away from Providence and is the perfect spot for beginners or to quell a ski yearning that can't be ignored.

Mount Sunapee (www.mountsunapee.com/mtsunapeewinter/index.asp) is the best kept secret for a great "playing hooky" ski day. Their daily specials ranging from "Ladies Day" Tuesdays, where ladies enjoy a full complimentary lunch with the purchase of a lift ticket and their incredible "Twofer" Wednesdays make this 2.5 hour trip to Newbury, NH, just the ticket for the winter doldrums. Check out their other specials on line.

Of course, if you'd rather let someone else do the driving, the **Ski House** (www.theskihouse.com) in Somerset, MA operates one day charter bus trips that leave at 5:30 a.m. most winter Sundays and will take skiers farther north to mountains including Waterville Valley, Bretton Woods, and Okemo. The Ski House also provides excellent rental equipment with reasonable rates and times. Skiing in Rhode Island can be a splendid, spontaneous sport. So grab your skis and a friend and enjoy a terrific day on a nearby mountain this winter.

