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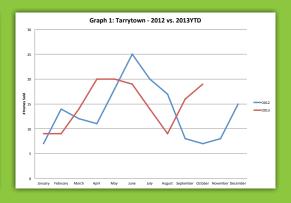
Tarrytown Real Estate Market Report: Q3 Summary

By Trey McWhorter

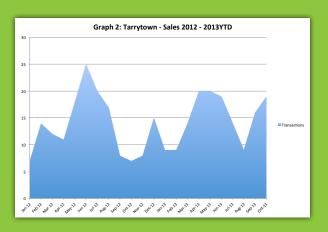
2013 has been an outstanding year for Central Texas real estate and Tarrytown has fared particularly well. So far 2013 is on track to exceed 2012 in every key metric. Highlights include:

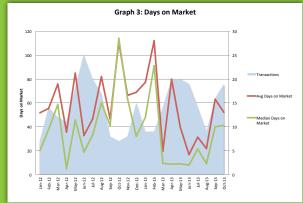
- 2013 list and sold prices have increased significantly over 2012, with average and median sold prices up 26% and 20% respectively
- Sold price per sq/ft has increased from 2012 average and median values are both up 14%
- Graph 1 2013 summer months were slower than 2012 but sales have rebounded this fall

Single Family Homes	Year to Date - Tarrytown	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	157	143	10%
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,048,764.32	\$ 833,644.05	26%
	Median List Price	\$ 839,900.00	\$ 700,000.00	20%
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,006,578.28	\$ 803,638.36	25%
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 821,525.00	\$ 700,000.00	17%
List Price	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 340.82		13%
\$ / Sq Ft	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 332.45		14%
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$330.84	\$291.08	14%
\$ / Sq Ft	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$322.76	\$284.25	14%
Net Sold Price Net Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Net Sold Price Range Net Sold Price Range / Sq Ft	345,000 - 5,860,000 163.54 - 1,311.57	244,000 - 3,150,000 143.66 - 725.16	
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	49	59	-18%
	Median Days on Market	15	35	-57%



- Tarrytown sales (# of homes sold) continue to trend upward (see Graph 2). Activity has been in different times of the year from 2012 to 2013, but in total is about 10% above 2012
- Houses have also spent less time on the market. The average days on market for houses sold dropped 18% from 2012 to 2013 to -49 days, and the median is just 15 days! (Graph 3)





No crystal ball, but good signs abound...

Key market forces that impact real estate prices are showing favorable trends in Austin and Texas overall. Employment in particular is strong:

- Austin's unemployment rate is the 4th lowest rate among the 50 largest metro areas in the US at 5.2% in August, vs. Texas rate of 6.4% (August '13), and US rate of 7.2% (September 2013)
 - Austin has added 67,800 private-sector jobs during the past five years, an increase of 11%
 - Austin's employment is expected to grow 4% annually (per research firm Moody's Analytics)

Note: 2013 numbers are estimated / projections based on data through September





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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco













How to execute The Two Handed Backhand Lob

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, and the forehand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Two Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for "air time" to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and "slam" the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Marimel Ansdell, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Marimel is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the

racket is low and her left hand is on the handle of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Marimel is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Marimel's left wrist is still "laid back" and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand is holding the racket slightly, but still in control of the racket.

Step 4: The Finish: In order to create a natural top spin on the lob, Marimel is now finishing her stroke with the racket behind her right ear. This will make the ball bounce higher and/or force the opponent to hit a tennis ball that is still rotating on the air.

Step 5: The Shuffle Back: Once Marimel finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent's shot to come back.

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute "The One-Handed Backhand Lob"

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- 2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.
- 3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.
- 4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid

giving him any food or treats in the car.

- 5. Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.
- 6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.
- 7. Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!
- 8. Take lots of breaks to let your pet stretch his legs and relieve himself. It's a great excuse to do some sight-seeing or pick up a fun treat for yourself!

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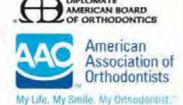
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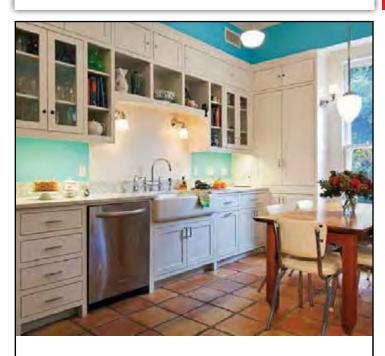
School started in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
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The Sweetest Reward of All: Yoga for Children

by Meredith Blanks Paterson

When people learn that I am a children's yoga teacher, I get a lot of curious head tilts. They're trying to imagine exactly what a kids' yoga class would look like. Let me pull back the curtain a little. Walk into a children's yoga class and you will see moments of triumph as a child finds balance in crow pose, moments of chaos as everyone works out which way to face for Warrior 2, moments of silliness as they stick out their tongues and roar in lion's pose, and moments of remarkable stillness and peace as a whole class lies down to rest in savasana.

We've had it drilled into our heads that kids need more physical activity, and I wholeheartedly agree. But why yoga? Kids are already flexible, right? Why do they need more stretching? I love these questions because I relish (probably too much) the opportunity to explain that stretching is only a teeny-tiny part of what we do in a children's yoga class. For me, children's yoga is about helping each child create a deep and lasting connection to the source of power and creativity that each of us has inside ourselves.

Back to stretching. Yes, we do lots of physical poses, or asanas, in every yoga class. We'll test our balance in tree pose, practice focus in warrior poses, and strengthen our arms and wrists in handstands.



But for me, each of these postures extends beyond the physical shape. The process of practicing each pose is an opportunity to help children integrate their physical, emotional, and social selves.

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Children's yoga is by its nature interdisciplinary. As we act out stories, characters, and animals together, we strengthen not only our leg muscles but also the verbal and problem-solving centers in our brains. As a result, yoga can help children with attention, focus, self-expression, and confidence, skills that are critical for developing readers. And asking a child to create a yoga pose that looks like a squid, a three-toed sloth, or a the shape of a water molecule sparks



an interest in science and creates a connection to the artist in every child. Breathing exercises that emphasize the exhale, either as a lion's roar, a snake's hiss, or just a sweet sigh, help children shift their nervous systems away from fight-or-flight mode into a calmer rest-and-digest state, and in this state, children (and adults!) are more receptive to learning new concepts and reaching out to make connections to other people. In other words, yoga primes our brains and bodies to learn, to stretch and grow in a way that has very little to do with our hamstrings.

The sweetest reward of all? Last week, one of my students said, "Miss Meredith, I would rather act out a yoga story than watch TV."

We are tremendously lucky to have a yoga studio here in Tarrytown that offers yoga classes for children and families through all ages and stages. Pre- and postnatal classes support moms and their growing babies. Toddler yoga classes teach body and breath awareness and help with verbal, social, and emotional development. In children's classes, kids learn yoga poses, breathing exercises, and relaxation tools through stories, music, dance, games, and more. Classes for teenagers provide a safe space for teens to move, breathe, and connect with one another during a time of great physical and emotional change. And Family and Parent/Child classes are unique opportunities for parents and caretakers to bond with their children

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and learn yoga tools together so that they can continue to practice them at home.

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Eleven-year-old Cait was trying to fall asleep when her 8-year-old brother, Doug, came into her room. He looked around a bit, but seemed really out of it.

Then Doug went back into the hallway and stood there staring up at the hall light.

Little brothers can be weird, but this was really strange. Cait didn't know what to do. Just then, Cait's father appeared and explained that Doug was sleepwalking.

WHAT IS SLEEPWALKING?

Not all sleep is the same every night. We experience some deep, quiet sleep and some active sleep, which is when dreams happen. You might think sleepwalking would happen during active sleep, but a person isn't physically active during active sleep. Sleepwalking usually happens in the first few hours of sleep in the stage called slow-wave or deep sleep.

Not all sleepwalkers actually walk. Some simply sit up or stand in bed or act like they're awake (but dazed) when, in fact, they're asleep! Most, however, do get up and move around for a few seconds or for as long as half an hour.

Sleepwalkers' eyes are open, but they don't see the same way they do when they're awake and often think they're in different rooms of the house or different places altogether. Sleepwalkers tend to go back to bed on their own and they won't remember it in the morning.

Researchers estimate that up to 15% of kids sleepwalk regularly. Sleepwalking may run in families and sometimes occurs when a person is sick, has a fever, is not getting enough sleep, or is stressed.

IS SLEEPWALKING A SERIOUS PROBLEM?

If sleepwalking occurs frequently, every night or so, it's a good idea for your mom or dad to take you to see your doctor. But occasional sleepwalking generally isn't something to worry about, although it may look funny or even scary for the people who see a sleepwalker in action.

Although occasional sleepwalking isn't a big deal, it's important, of course, that the person is kept safe. Precautions

should be taken so the person is less likely to fall down, run into something, or walk out the front door while sleepwalking.

WHAT WILL THE DOCTOR DO?

There's no cure for sleepwalking, but the doctor can talk to you about what's happening and try to find ways to help you sleep more soundly. Most kids just grow out of sleepwalking.

For kids who sleepwalk often, doctors may recommend a treatment called scheduled awakening. This disrupts the sleep cycle enough to help stop sleepwalking. In rare cases, a doctor may prescribe medication to help someone sleep.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP PREVENT SLEEPWALKING:

- Relax at bedtime by listening to soft music or relaxation tapes
- Have a regular sleep schedule and stick to it.
- Keep noise and lights to a minimum while you're trying to sleep.
- Avoid drinking a lot in the evening and be sure to go to the bathroom before going to bed. (A full bladder can contribute to sleepwalking.)

HOW DO ITAKE CARE OF A SLEEPWALKER?

One thing you can do to help is to clear rooms and hallways of furniture or obstacles a sleepwalker might encounter during the night. If there are stairs or dangerous areas, a grown-up should close doors and windows or install safety gates.

You also might have heard that sleepwalkers can get confused and scared if you startle them into being awake. That's true, so what do you do if you see someone sleepwalking? You should call for a grown-up who can gently steer the person back to bed. And once the sleepwalker is tucked back in bed, it's time for you to get some shut-eye, too!

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