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Lousted Lice Treatment hosted a Pug Rescue Austin Social on Saturday, November 15.

Guests and their dogs came together to raise money to rescue and find homes for abandoned pugs. Everyone enjoyed snacks and drinks, and the afternoon included a silent auction with a beautiful pug painting by local artist Anne Evans, a free professional pet photography session from Stephanie Lifton of Belly Rubs Photography, and jewelry by Emma Stang.

Lousted owner Jessica Mester said, "My business partner Michelle Sunshine and I both have pugs. We love the breed and want to support all of PRA's great work."

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact PRA at www.austinpugrescue.com.

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(in)visible

Hidden meaning discovered. Risk and faith intertwined. The power of fresh light. The courage of a declaration. The safety of anonymity when breaking new ground.

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Our 2015 experience will celebrate what it means to make the invisible visible (... or not) as we strive to design a unique environment where brave ideas transform from timid whispers in the back of one mind to inspiring roars in the minds of many. Where important issues are exposed and preconceived notions thrown to the wayside. And exciting new connections become inevitable as we delve into the unknown of ourselves and the potential lying in wait all around us.

This is what (in)visible means to us in this moment, but what will it mean when our hard work has illuminated so much more? What will you discover? We can't wait to dive in together on Feb 14th. Nika Torabi, CPHS Ambassador

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

GERMAN COCKROACHES

by Wizzie Brown

German cockroaches are most commonly found within homes and commercial food establishments, usually in the kitchen. The adults are about ½ inch long, tan and have two dark stripes above the head. The females will carry the egg case protruding from the abdomen until the day before hatching. The nymphs, or baby cockroaches, look similar to the adults, but are smaller and without fully developed wings.

German cockroaches may enter buildings through infested boxes, grocery bags, furniture and dried pet food. They may also enter around loose-fitting doors and windows as well as through sewer lines, attics, and where pipes penetrate the structure. Cockroaches are associated with filth, but even well-maintained structures can become infested.

German cockroaches are active at night, and are usually only visible during the day if they are disturbed or there is a severe infestation. They like to rest in tight, dark spaces such as under or inside cupboards, behind loose baseboards or in bathrooms. They are omnivores, feeding plant and animal products such as meats, starchy foods, baked goods, leather, book bindings and wallpaper paste.

Inspection is important to any cockroach control program. Identify the type of cockroach and their location. Eliminate indoor hiding places such as paper or cardboard. Sticky traps can help to reduce cockroach populations without the use of chemical. Place traps against walls near cockroach feeding and hiding areas.

Some type of chemical control will be needed to eliminate cockroach infestations. Baits are a combination of toxicants and food attractant. Baits should be placed in areas where cockroaches are known to feed. Residual sprays are available in ready-to-use containers or concentrates that are mixed with water. Sprays are fast and easy to apply. Dust treatments should be used in cracks and crevices, wall voids, under refrigerators or around pipes. Dusts should be applied in a light, even coat that is barely visible. Do not apply dust or residual sprays to areas that have bait.

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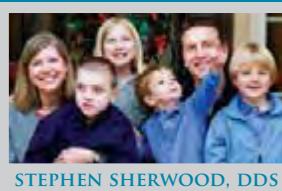
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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT UPDATE

By Trey McWhorter

Last month, I highlighted the fact that in Q3 2014 Tarrytown median sold prices hit \$1M for the first time ever. At the time that this article was due (November 15th), that trend was continuing in Q4 and median sold prices had so far surpassed \$1.1M. In Graph 1 nearby, you can see how median sold price has performed by quarter vs. the prior two years.

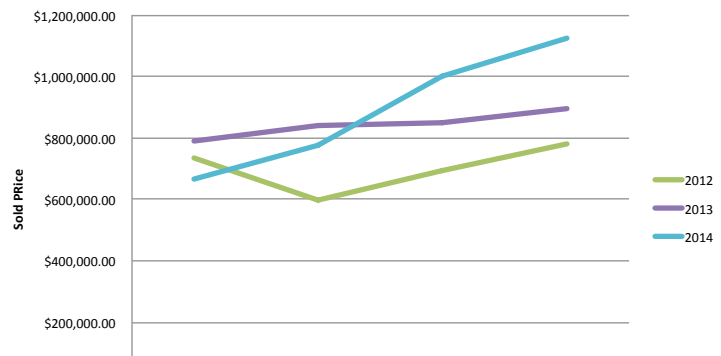
Single Family Homes	Year to Date - Tarrytown	2014 (YTD)	2013
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	122	162
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,106,664	\$ 1,042,395
	Median List Price	\$ 856,500	\$ 839,950
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,067,149	\$ 1,000,064
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 833,500	\$ 823,263
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 380.87	\$ 340.87
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 367.85	\$ 332.70
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 370.65	\$ 330.79

At the same time, active listings continue to follow the same seasonal trends of the last couple of years, although with slightly lower numbers. Graph 2 shows active listings by month for 2012-2014 (through October). Based on the trend in 2014 so far, it is likely that we will exit 2014 with 35-40 active listings.

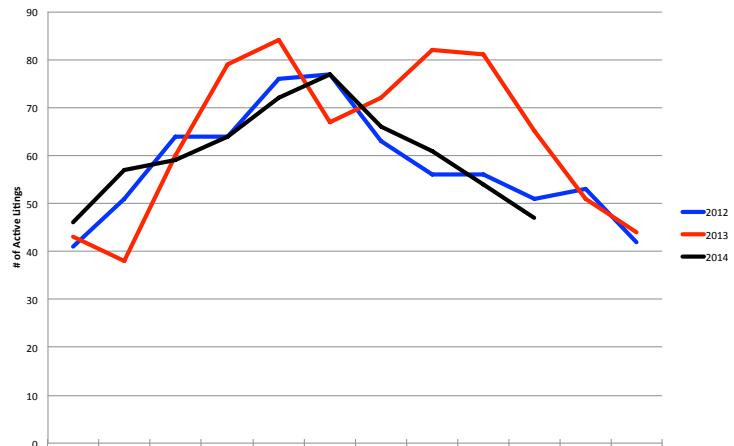
Year to date, all metrics tracked (except for transactions), now exceed the numbers for 2013 through the same time period. The rate of appreciation from 2013 to 2014 is much lower on sold prices, but \$ / sq ft is tracking to be about the same rate of appreciation as was seen from 2012 to 2013.

It seems reasonable to believe that Tarrytown will continue to experience good appreciation in the coming months and years. Local economic data continues to show Austin's strong performance vs. the rest of the country. Since 2000, Austin's rank among US metros is #1 in job growth, #2 in population growth, and #3 in GDP growth.

Graph 1: Median Sold Prices

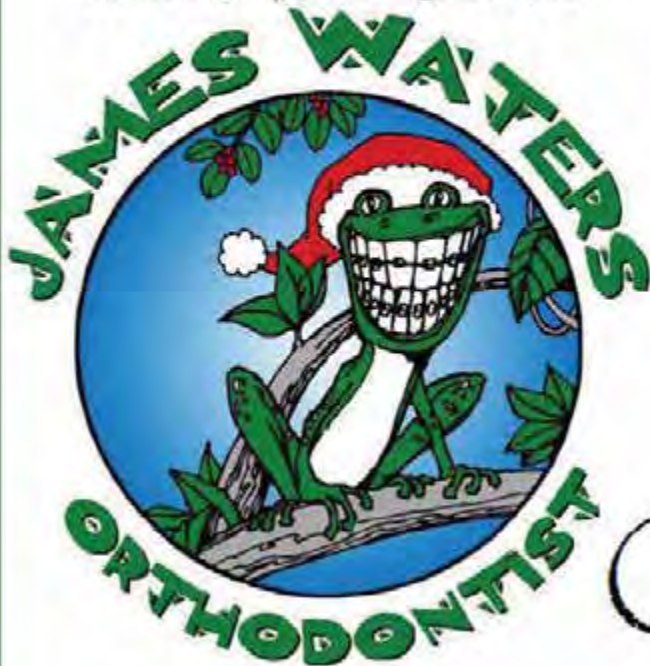


Graph 2: Active Listings_2014 vs. Prior Years



Note: All data comes from the Austin Board of Realtors' MLS report, reflecting activity through November 15, 2014.

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