



NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TARRYTOWN

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## *Trowel and Error*

Mayfield Park Gardening Symposium  
Saturday, April 11, 2015 Rain or shine!!  
9:30 A.M. – 1 PM

Mayfield Park 3505 W. 35th Street Austin, Texas (next  
to Laguna Gloria Art Museum)

On April 11, historic Mayfield Park combines topics dear to the heart of Central Texas gardeners in a series of “must hear” lectures.

10 AM Jay White, avid gardener, contributing writer to Texas Gardener, Masters in Horticulture Fabulous Flora for Your Fauna

11 AM Trisha Shirey, Director of flora and fauna, Lake Austin Spa Trisha's Ten Terrific Tips for Spring Garden Success

12 noon Molly Ogorzoly, botanist, educator Botany: Sagas, Secrets, and Surprises from the Grocery Shelves!

### **BRING YOUR GARDENING QUESTIONS!!**

What's a garden event without a plant sale? Mayfield has the best deals in town for hard-to-find heirlooms and other perennials perfect for the April garden. A “garden goodie” raffle for the discerning gardener will round out the day.

As always, Trowel & Error benefits one of Austin's favorite and

enchanting parks, historic Mayfield. Guests tour the restored Mayfield-Gutsch home, surrounded by stone-walled gardens patterned in the 1920's after the cottage gardens of England. Towering palms, flowering trees and perennials line meandering paths set among ponds filled with water lilies and fish. Gregarious peacocks supervise overflowing flower beds planted and maintained by community volunteers.

Sponsored by Friends of the Parks of Austin, a non-profit organization, TROWEL AND ERROR is the solitary fund-raiser for historic Mayfield Park. Although admission is free, a \$5.00 donation is requested.

For more information: 1-512-453-7074 , [neenok@aol.com](mailto:neenok@aol.com) or [mayfieldpark.org](http://mayfieldpark.org)



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*Madison Lauderback, Molly Smith, Beth Harris, Missy Loeffel and Kathleen Cooke*



*Casey and Diana Dobson with Zoe and Jack*



*Katherine Wendlandt looking over the beautiful Austin Skyline.*



*Claire, Janis, Molly, Leonard and Win Smith*



*Kathleen Cooke, Abby Thompson and Missy Loeffel*



*Hook Em Horns pic: Max Jones, Robert Sjoberg and Ben Winter*



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*Callie Fowler, Hallie Smith and Madison Bunner*



*Ford Campbell and John Elliott  
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## SOMETHING THERE IS THAT LOVES A WALL!

*By Richard Craig*



***Beth Harris and Molly Smith***



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***Madison Lauderback and Ben Winter***



***Curtis Westmoland and Holly Hubenak***



***Jack Hawkins, Kyle Mauro, Ben Mauro and Tanner Mauro***



***Hallie Smith, Callie Fowler and Avery Ferguson Hook em' Horns!***



***Randy Chupik family with deb Campbell Chupik***

The poet Robert Frost wrote a poem with famous line: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall..." The opposite might be said today. There is an incredible, often overlooked stone wall along the Shoal Creek Hike & Bike Trail north of the Gaston Trailhead. It is a little worse for the wear, having been pretty well battered by almost sixty years of floods and neglect. But, it remains a symbol of the remarkable legacy of our great neighbor and my personal hero, Janet Fish.

Everyone knows the story of the creation of our much loved Hike & Bike Trail by the singular efforts of Pemberton residents Janet and Russell Fish in the early 1960's. Mrs. Fish hounded the City for years to build a trail along an old bridle path along Shoal Creek to no avail. Finally, Mrs. Fish took a check her husband had given her for a new station wagon and signed it over to the Parks Department with the demand that their bulldozer meet her on the creek the next day to get started. The rest is history as they say.

But, what is less well known is that much of the infrastructure and plant material along the Shoal Creek Trail is the product of Mrs. Fish's labors. The stone wall north of Gaston is part of this handiwork, quite literally. Mrs. Fish's son Andy remembers his mother helping a stone mason named DeLeon build it one hot summer. Mrs. Fish would personally carry heavy cement bags down the trail and hand select limestone boulders from the creek to be incorporated into the wall. Andy says she and Mr. DeLeon would often have spirited discussions over which stones should "make the cut."

Unfortunately, this masonry heirloom of this remarkable lady is close to disappearing forever today. The wall's stacked stones were held in place by cement alone. It never had steel rebar incorporated into it. Yet, it managed to survive the 1981 Memorial Day Flood and many more since. But, the cumulative result of all these decades of high water events is evident. The wall is undercut in many places with the base swept away, leaving only the footings. Last September's severe flood was almost the last straw. Quick action is needed to save it.

The Pease Park Conservancy is taking on the challenge in honor of Mrs. Fish. They have received a \$21,000 bid for the wall's repair. (The reconstructed wall will incorporate rebar to better assure its longevity this time). The Charlton Family Foundation has stepped forward with a generous \$5,000 grant to get the work started. The Conservancy will be seeking funds from other neighbors and trail patrons for the rest of the funding needed.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy effort, please make your check payable to the "Pease Park Conservancy" and add the notation "Janet Fish wall." Then mail it to the Conservancy at P.O. Box 50065, Austin, Texas 78763.

Let's all prove that Robert Frost was wrong. "Something there is that loves a wall on the Shoal Creek Hike and Bike Trail!"



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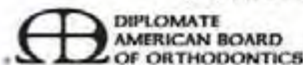
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We had a wonderful night with over 600 people in attendance. Gymnasts of all ages performed after a 15 min slideshow walking through the years and many faces of Champions. We love being a part of the community and seeing the smiles on faces of our families that ARE TRULY CHAMPIONS!





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# Portable Fire Extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

- **PULL** the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **AIM** low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **SQUEEZE** the lever slowly and evenly.
- **SWEEP** the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.



Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



## JOIN US FOR GOLF AND A GREAT CAUSE!

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 29th

**TIME:** 11:00 am Registration, 1:00 pm Start

**LOCATION:** Flintrock Falls Golf Course

**FORMAT:** 4-person scramble

**COST:** \$165 per golfer\*

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## TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT

*April 2015*

by **Trey McWhorter**

I don't usually cover regulatory updates in my article, but there is one coming up that you should be aware of for its impact on the closing process and potential impact on timing of sales. **On August 1, 2015, new regulations will go into effect that will change the closing process.**

### TWO MAJOR CHANGES:

**1** The Good Faith Estimate (GFE) and Truth in Lending disclosures will be replaced by a Loan Estimate (LE), which lenders will have to provide within 3 days after receiving 6 pieces of information (basic applicant info and property info). While referred to as an "estimate", in practice lenders will be held accountable to the exact charges listed. Therefore it is likely that lenders will collect less information up front rather than issue a Loan Estimate early in the process.

**2** The HUD-1 Settlement Statement will be replaced by the "Closing Disclosure" (CD), which will largely be a re-statement of the LE so that consumers can compare. The biggest change here is that the CD must be provided three days prior to closing. Any changes during that time could result in a delay to closing.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Most importantly, such a major change creates uncertainty for lenders, real estate professionals and consumers alike. As a result, it is likely that there will be an effort to pull transactions into the first part of the summer to beat this deadline and avoid the uncertainty of adapting to the new process and requirements and potential delays it could bring.

For transactions after August 1, you should expect that a 30-day close is unlikely to be realistic. 45-60 days may be more realistic in the short term as everyone figures out how to navigate the new process and satisfy the requirements.



If you have questions or would like to know more, feel free to contact me for more information (my contact information is in the ad on the back cover of this newsletter).

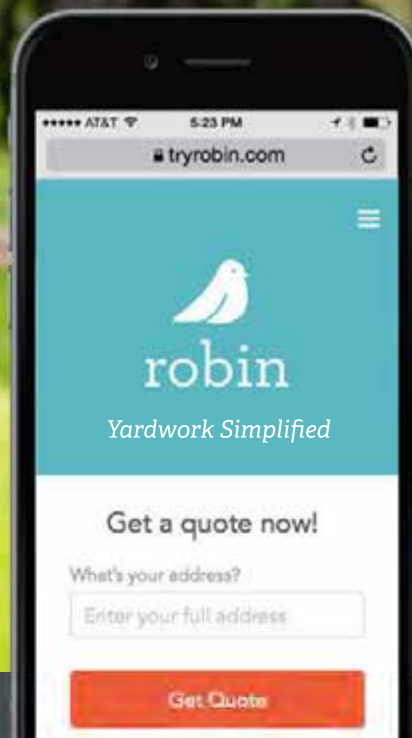


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