

ARENTS, FORMER STUDENTS, SCHOOL AND LOCAL LEADERS TAKE A SWING “FORE” LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Seventy-two golfers -- parents, local educators, and community leaders -- enjoyed a round of golf on March 4 as part of the O. Henry Open, an annual golf classic at Lions Municipal in Central Austin that benefits the O. Henry Middle School Save Our Teachers fund.

The event raised \$10,000, which will help the school reach their \$50,000 goal for the 2015-2016 school year, which ends in June. The event is a classic golf competition with a shotgun start and prizes for longest drive and shots closets to the pin.

OHMS principal Pete Price launched the Save Our Teachers fund five years ago, as O. Henry was operating at a \$500/student deficit due to decreases in state funding that began in 2011. With enrollment often topping 900-plus students, O. Henry has lost more than \$1.5 million since Texas lawmakers passed these significant budget cuts to education.

OHMS leaders and parents responded to the considerable loss of revenue and the Save Our Teachers campaign was born. In the last five years, Save Our Teachers has raised more than \$700,000 for O. Henry.

“The generosity of this parent community, and the overwhelming support for this school and our teachers, is an inspiration to me and to the entire O. Henry staff,” said Pete Price, OHMS principal and founder of the golf tournament. “The annual golf tournament is a great opportunity to put the ‘fun’ in our ongoing fundraising for this effort, and we greatly appreciate the parents and leaders who put this together and who play ‘fore’ this great central Austin school.”

Several local businesses sponsored this year’s tournament including Plains Capital Bank, Engel and Volkers, Willow Bend Mortgage, Cipollina’s, Arbor Car Wash, Teo’s, Maudie’s, PTerry’s, Luke’s Locker, 3 Threads and Brown Distributing Co.

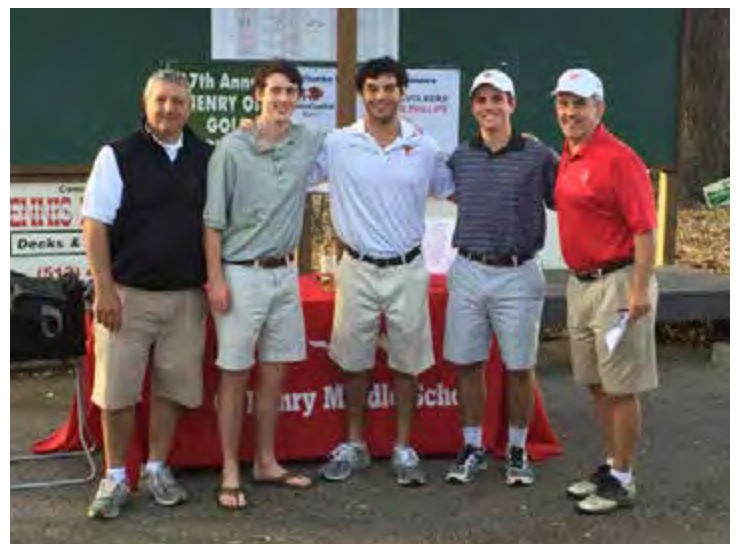
Parent organizers for the event included Catherine Parks, Leigh Richards, Bryan Teeple, and Heather Bishop. Tournament volunteers included John Ramzy, Robin Levatino, Jahnna Peeler,

Tina McCutchin, Delaine Teeple, Leah Petri, and Gila McMahan.

In the 2015-2016 school year, Save Our Teachers funds were used to:

- Add classes to keep class sizes low
- Hire a technology specialist
- Support the school’s exemplary ACES (Advisory, Curriculum, Enrichment, Support) program, which supports the school’s Social/Emotional Learning initiative, as well as Enrichment and Intervention classes.

O. Henry Middle School is in the heart of Austin on Exposition Blvd and 10th Street. It serves approximately 930 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who come from six elementary schools in Central Austin including Barton Hills, Bryker Woods, Casis, Matthews, Oak Hill, Pease and Zilker. For more information about O. Henry Middle School visit www.ohenrypta.org



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How We Can Help Our Neighbors This May

May brings both Mother's Day on May 8th and Older Americans month. Many of our neighbors across Central Texas can use an extra hand.. These simple acts of kindness can make the world of difference for a mom, senior or child. Find an organization that you can do good for today, such as these four local non-profits:

SafePlace- This shelter for women and children who are escaping abuse can use many things you likely have hiding unused in a closet or cabinet. For example, clean out your shoes, clothing, purses, wallets, twin sheets/blankets and even dishes and flatware. You can deliver these items to 1515-A Grove Blvd. Check their website for hours: www.safeaustin.org.

Any Baby Can- With a variety of programs, classes and support groups for children and families, Any Baby Can can use help with supplies, including copy paper (white and color), preschool art supplies, gently new or used nursery equipment, high chairs, educational toys and even safety gates. More information can be found at <https://anybabycan.org/contact-us/>.

Austin Diaper Bank- This organization accepts diapers of all kinds and sizes, even opened packages, and provides them to over 45 different social service agencies across Central Texas. They also accept new packages of wipes and diaper creams. Children and seniors benefit with this gift of good health. There are several drop-off locations around the metro area: <http://www.austindiapers.org/p/drop-off-locations.html>

AGE of Central Texas' Health Equipment Lending Program (HELP)- Unneeded medical equipment can be transformative when it is passed on. The HELP program loans a variety of health and mobility equipment for free to seniors and those in need. Some of the most in demand items are wheelchairs, shower chairs and adult incontinence products. More information, including their hours, check their website: <http://www.ageofcentraltx.org/help.php>.

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To submit an article for The Tarrytown News please email it to tarrytown@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.



Giving Back this Mother's Day: How Austin's Largest Baby Shower is Saving Moms and Little Ones from Abuse

What if Mother's Day was a month long? That's the goal of the Austin's Largest Baby Shower is to help vulnerable moms by holding a month long fundraiser through of May. The fundraiser benefits expectant moms and children escaping abuse through the Austin's Children Shelter, Hope Alliance Crisis Center and Dell Children Hospital's Care Team.

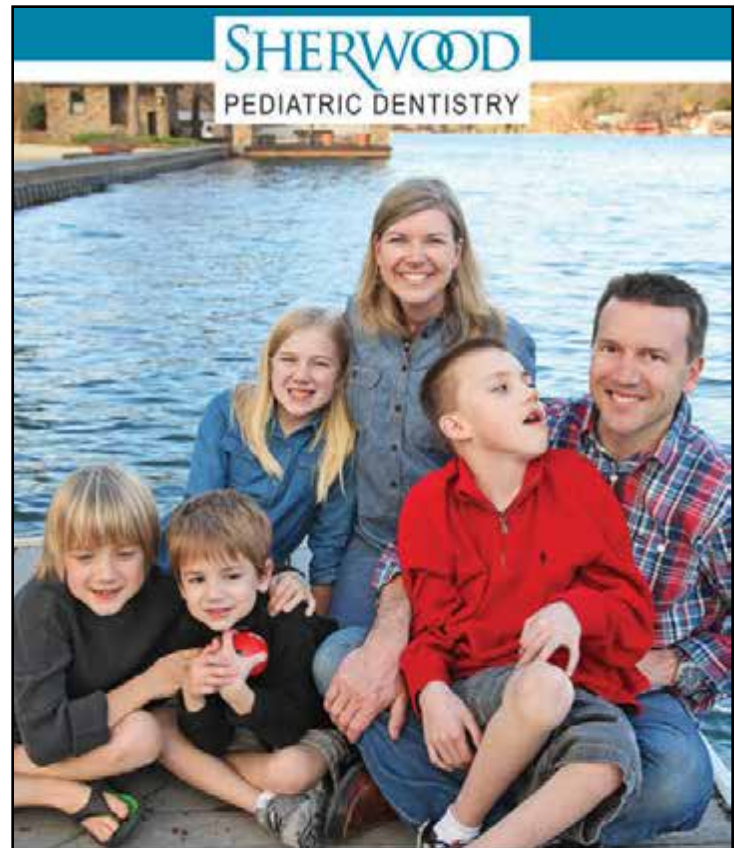
In 2014, there were 7,509 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Central Texas. Many of these victims are infants, toddlers and expectant moms who leave with very little clothing diapers, food and supplies. Starting May 4th through May 31st, Austin's Largest Baby Shower will hold a city-wide baby clothes and diaper drive benefiting these three great organizations.

Several local business are providing space for the baby clothes and diaper drive donation box: Hat Creek Burger Company, BookPeople, BerryAustin, Dragonfly Wellness Center, Canyon Resort, and Eileen's Colossal Cookies. "Community involvement is key for the success of the Austin's Largest Baby Shower," remarks founder, Doreen Hunter. "Austin is such an inclusive city. Without the generosity of companies donating floor space for the donation boxes, we wouldn't be able to make the event so convenient for everyone." For directions and more drop off locations, visit atxbabyshower.com

HOW CANYOU HELP?

There are several ways to give. On the evening of May 4th the 2016 Lifeline Awards Banquet and Fundraiser will raise money for the Lifeline Award winner. The Banquet celebrates the programs and community impact that the Austin's Children Shelter, Hope Alliance Crises Center and Dell's Children Hospital of Central Texas provide. In addition, through out the month there are free community drive events that are festive and family friendly. You can also make a monetary donation online after May 4th. The money goes directly to the nonprofits. There is no middle man. A plus, all online donations are tax deductible.

To learn more about the Austin's Largest Baby Shower and the three organizations they are honoring, visit atxbabyshower.com. If your organization or group would like to form a donation team, please contact us at hi@atxbabyshower.com or by phone at (512) 537-8948.



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6 Health Benefits of Eating Dark Chocolate

If your sweet tooth craves chocolate, there are plenty of reasons to surrender to your cravings and indulge. Dark chocolate is loaded with nutrients that can positively affect your health. Made from the seed of the cocoa tree, it is one of the best sources of antioxidants on the planet. Cacao offers a number of health benefits from helping to control blood sugar to lowering the risk of cardiovascular disease because it contains flavonols, which are a type of antioxidant that has been shown to improve blood flow and can protect against sun-induced damage, improve blood flow to the skin and increase skin density and hydration.

Bottom Line: Quality dark chocolate has various nutritional perks so enjoying a delicious treat that has at least 65% cacao can be guilt-free if you don't overdo it.

NUTRITIONAL PERKS HEART-HEALTHY

Dark chocolate has been shown to improve blood flow and possibly prevent blood clots. It also helps lower blood pressure and may help keep arteries from hardening.

BRAIN FOOD

Because chocolate increases blood flow to the brain, it can be a boost to your cognitive health.

MOOD CHANGER

Chocolate also contains phenylethylamine (PEA), which encourages your brain to release endorphins that make you feel good.

CANCER FIGHTER

Antioxidants in chocolate help rid your system of free radicals, which have been linked to multiple age-related health risks and diseases.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Theobromine, found in dark chocolate, helps harden tooth enamel, which helps prevent cavities.

SUN BLOCKER

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Whiteflies are small, soft bodied insects with piercing-sucking mouthparts. They are creamy white and adults have a mealy wax coating their body and wings. Immatures, also called nymphs, are small, oval, flattened and wingless.

Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies that may normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable.

As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT

May 2016

by **Trey McWhorter**

Here is an overview of Q1 2016 performance in Tarrytown compared to Q1 of the prior two years, with comments for a few noteworthy metrics:

- Pricing (both listing and selling prices) dropped from Q1 2015 numbers, with median sold price down more than 13%. However, median sold price per square foot continued to rise, increasing more than 10% from ~\$360 / sq ft in Q1 2015 to more than \$396 / sq ft in Q1 2016.

- The drop in sold prices and increase in price / sq ft makes more sense when one takes into account the big drop in the median home size during this period, down over 23% from 3323 sq ft in Q1 2015 to 2554 sq ft in Q1 2016.

Single Family Homes		Year to Date - Tarrytown	2016	2015	2014
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold		25	23	28
List Price	Avg List Price		\$ 1,202,653.60	\$ 1,237,463	\$ 889,839
	Median List Price		\$ 995,000.00	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 677,000
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price		\$ 1,164,874.00	\$ 1,170,343	\$ 869,200
	Median Net Sold Price		\$ 968,000.00	\$ 1,116,500	\$ 663,820
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft		\$ 425.06	\$ 380.10	\$ 394.42
	Median List Price / Sq Ft		\$ 396.37	\$ 386.65	\$ 389.52
Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft		\$ 411.05	\$ 362.10	\$ 389.90
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft		\$ 396.37	\$ 360.05	\$ 373.27
Days on Market	Average Days on Market		73	58	28
	Median Days on Market		67	37	7

Size of House	Sq/Ft (Total)	2,554	3323	1860
Age of House	Year of Construction	1978	1980	1948

- Another interesting data point is the days on market, which have increased from a median 37 days in Q1 2015 (compare that to 7 in 2014!) up to 67 days in Q1 2016, so houses are taking longer to sell now than in previous years.

For some additional context, I looked at the Austin luxury market overall for Q1 compared to past years' first quarter, broken out between homes priced between \$750K – \$1.499M, and homes priced above \$1.5M.



The market for homes priced under \$1.5M continues to grow (up 7% vs. Q1 2015, and up more than 30% over Q1 2014). At the same time, the number of transactions for homes sold above \$1.5M has dropped 33%. And if I look specifically at transactions priced \$2.5M – \$4M, then the drop is even more dramatic... down more than 55%.

Note: All data comes from the Austin Board of Realtors' MLS report, reflecting activity through April 15, 2016.

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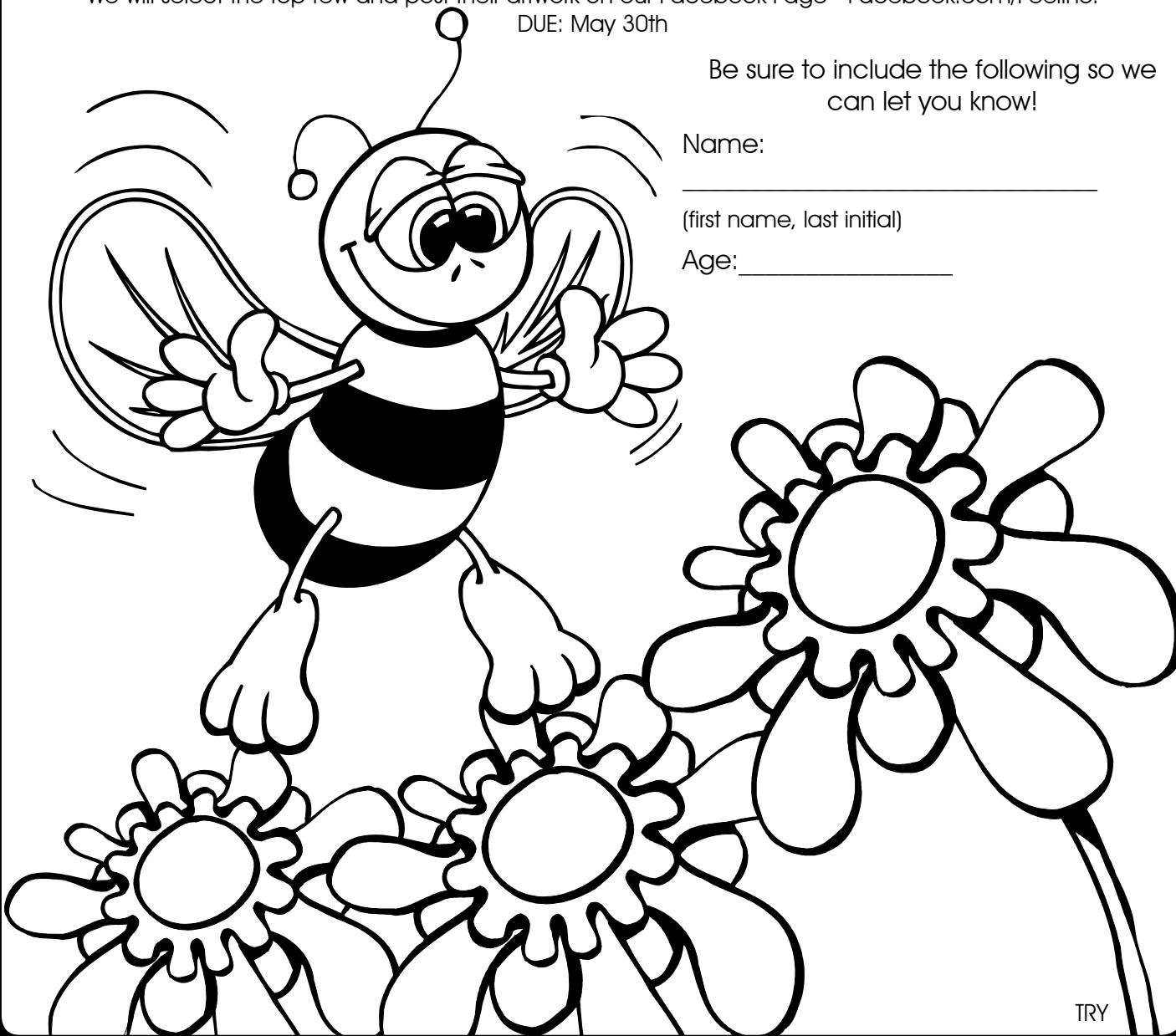
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