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27th Annual 4th of July Parades



WE'RE BACK!! Sarah Cain and Charisse Sayers are co-chairing the Tarrytown 4th of July parade again this year, which is going to be bigger and better in every way! Think Macy's Holiday Parade big!

The parade participants will line up at the intersection of Windsor and Exposition (Tarrytown Texaco) at 9 AM and drive/march all the way to Reed Park (2600 Pecos) where there will be an after party with food, beverages, sno- cones, dance parties, contests, etc.

We would love for all neighbors to participate in the parade- the more the merrier! Groups, clubs, troupes, bands, vintage cars and floats help spread the patriotic spirit. There is going to be a costume and float contest this year with really great prizes! Just make sure you let Charisse and Sarah know that you want to be in the parade so they can plan the line-up accordingly.

Lastly, there are still PLENTY of sponsorships available, but you don't have to limit yourself to a monetary donation. We can pair you with a food, drink or swag vendor to help promote your family or business. There ain't no party like a 4th of July Reed Park Party!

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We are all very fortunate to call Tarrytown home. But, Tarrytown is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

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The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board hosted the 26th annual EASB LIVE! Gala on Saturday, April 29 at Camp Mabry. This year's gala benefitted building and equipment needs for the Marialice Shivers Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and mother/baby services at Seton Medical Center Austin. A record setting \$1.31 million was raised with the support of amazing sponsors, table buyers and auction bidders at the event.



2016 Board President Shaun Dickerson along with Event Chairs Jamie Chandlee and Brittany Bailey hosted over 1,100 guests who came to support Seton's NICU and Mother Baby Services. As guests enjoyed an authentic Texas spread by Don Strange, the event's emcee, Ed Clements introduced a video featuring personal stories from families who had been cared for at the Seton NICU.

"The entire Elizabeth Ann Seton Board was beyond thrilled with this years gala!" announced EASB president Shaun Dickerson. "From the record setting live auction to the cool weather, to the live music by Anderson East, we couldn't have asked for a better event in support of Seton's tiniest patients."

The incredible live auction brought out the philanthropic spirit of the evening and raised over \$350,000. Highlights included an Ultimate Golf Experience: featuring tickets to the 2018 Masters tournament and a round of golf with this year's winner Sergio Garcia, a customized rare Hunting Rig, and trip for two to Singapore and Thailand including business airfare from Delta Airlines, 3 nights at

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Six Senses Yao Noi resort, 3 nights at Marina Bay Sands and 2 VIP passes to the Women's Tennis Association matches.

The party continued as singer-songwriter Anderson East took the stage followed by an after-party sponsored by Horizon Bank. Neon party hats and glow sticks were handed out as guests danced the night away and enjoyed late night fare.

"We couldn't have done it without our amazing sponsors and guests!" stated Jamie Chandlee, Event Co-Chair. "We had a record breaking year and are beyond thrilled with the amount of funds we raised at EASB LIVE!"

"It was so exciting to see first-hand how the lives of Seton's most vulnerable patients will benefit from our community's generosity. We couldn't be more proud of our board and its mission- it was truly a monumental evening!" added Brittany Bailey, Event Co-Chair.

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board is dedicated to improving the lives of Central Texas communities by supporting the work and vision of the Daughters of Charity healthcare ministries through fundraising, education and community advocacy with The Seton Fund to serve the most vulnerable in our community. Find out more information by visiting www.setonsfund.org/easb-live-2017

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HOUSE FLIES

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Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable...house flies. While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house

flies frequent- garbage, manure, and carrion- they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-shaped, and legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location

for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.

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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KEEP YOUR PET ANXIETY FREE THIS JULY 4TH

By Dr. Stacy Mozisek, Firehouse Animal Health Center

The 4th of July is a day to celebrate with barbecues, baseball games and, of course, fireworks. It's also one of the busiest days of the year for veterinarians and animal shelters because of fireworks.

Loud noises can trigger dogs' nervous systems causing a flight response, which is why lots of dogs run away on the 4th of July. Also, because dogs have sensitive hearing, loud bangs and pops can cause stress and anxiety attacks, which can lead to destructive actions in otherwise well-behaved dogs.

To help alleviate the stress of fireworks on dogs, here are eight tips to keep your pets safe while celebrating Independence Day.

- Prepare ahead of time. If you think your pet will have an issue, don't wait until the last minute to call your vet to discuss anxiety medications or sedatives. Starting a new medication on the same day as an event is never a safe idea because occasionally, some medications can cause the reverse effect or have no effect at all for some animals. In addition, stocks of these specialized medications can run low or be on backorder around holidays.

- Do not keep your dog outside, and if possible, keep your dog in a kennel. It creates a safe space for them as dogs have been known to jump through windows and glass doors as a response to fireworks.

- Consider boarding your pet if you will be out at a party. Sometimes being at home alone with the loud noises can turn a well-behaved dog into a destructive one or cause long-

term behavioral issues.

- Turn on a white noise machine or the television to drown out the sound of fireworks and noisemakers.
- Purchase a ThunderShirt, which are designed to "swaddle" your dog, making them feel more secure.
- If you're having a party, make sure your pet is well-secured, not afraid of the fireworks, and comfortable with the sounds of crowds. If your pet suffers from anxiety due to loud noises, consider boarding or ask a friend to pet sit.
- If pets are present while you're setting off fireworks, make sure they stay a safe distance away. Dogs' and cats' hearing is extremely sensitive and can be damaged by the loud bangs. Also, dogs have been known to "fetch" lit fireworks which can cause serious burns and even death.
- Make sure your pet's microchip or collar tags are up-to-date so it's easy to track you down if he or she runs away scared during a fireworks display.



Fireworks don't have to be a source of anxiety for pet owners. By following these simple tips, you can ensure that both you and your fur-babies will experience a fun and relaxing 4th of July celebration.

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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT UPDATE

The Mo-Pac Corridor

*June
2017*

by **Trey McWhorter**

The trends observed for the first few months of 2017 in Tarrytown continued into mid-May when this article was due: # of transactions in Tarrytown are down from 2016 (-29%) and median sold price is up (15%). Days on market is continuing to increase (up 20%) and price per square foot is up vs. 2016 (+6%), though the home sizes are also up (over 20%) vs. 2016. In my next update I will give a review of the first half of the year.

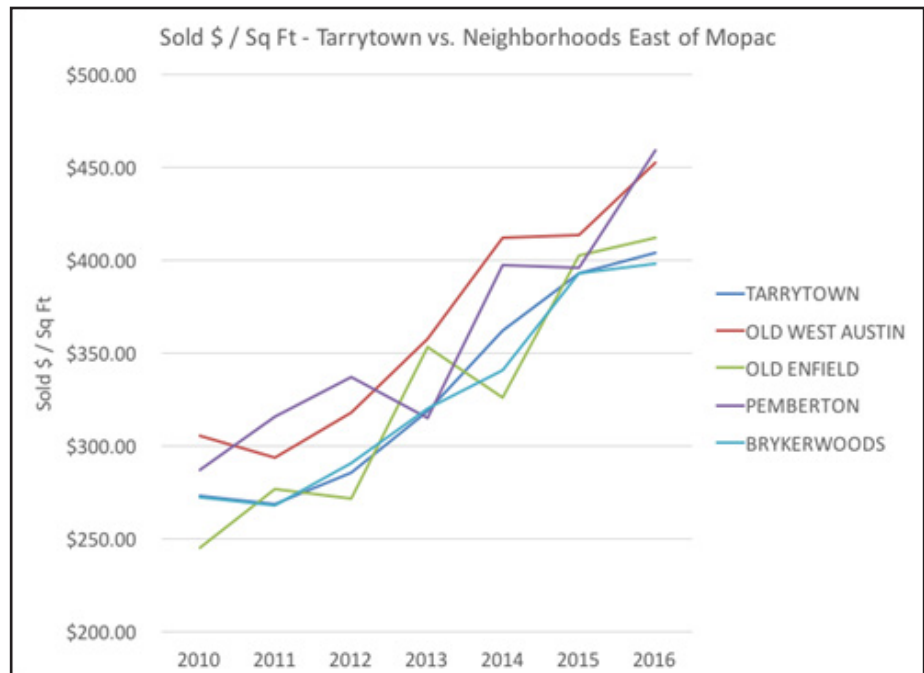
In the meantime, I decided to refresh some analysis I did a few years ago regarding Tarrytown pricing compared to a few other areas along

the Mo-Pac Corridor on the east side of the highway. I looked at the area from Lake Austin Blvd up to 35th, east of Mo-Pac and west of Lamar. So the following areas were included:

- Tarrytown – Lake Austin Blvd to 35th St, Lake Austin to Mo-Pac
- Old West Austin – Ladybird Lake to Enfield Rd, Lamar to Mo-Pac
- Old Enfield – Enfield to 24th, Lamar to Mo-Pac
- Pemberton – 24th to Northwood / 29th, Lamar to Mo-Pac
- Brykerwoods – Northwood / 29th to 35th, Lamar to Mo-Pac

Some observations:

1. Since 2010, Tarrytown median sold \$/sq ft has had the same appreciation as Old West Austin and Brykerwoods (46-48%)
2. Since 2010, Old Enfield has seen the highest appreciation in median sold \$/sq ft, at over 68%. There is more volatility in the Old Enfield appreciation due to the smaller number of transactions (on average ~17/yr)
3. While Tarrytown median sold \$/sq ft appreciated roughly 3% from 2015 to 2016, Pemberton Heights saw the highest year-on-year appreciation at nearly 16%



Note: All data comes from the Austin Board of Realtors' MLS report, reflecting activity through May 15, 2017.

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Water Conservation Tips of the Month:

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NATURE WATCH

VINE TIME

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Native vines for landscaping are not only drought-resistant and ornamental, but they can also provide food and shelter for wildlife. In our area, these vines include certain species of passionvine, clematis, and honeysuckle.



Yellow Passionvine

surrounded by thorn-like bracts. A more delicate species is Yellow Passionvine (*Passiflora lutea*), a trailing vine with more modest three-lobed leaves and small but elaborate yellow-green flowers that turn into dark blue berries. All of these passionvines are host plants for the caterpillars of Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Julia Heliconian, and Zebra Heliconian butterflies.



Scarlet Clematis

One of the most common native passionvines is Maypop or Purple Passion Flower (*Passiflora incarnata*), a herbaceous vine up to 25 feet long that climbs via tendrils, has three-lobed dark green leaves, and intricate, showy purple flowers that turn into hollow yellow fruits. Corona de Cristo (*Passiflora foetida*) is a fast-growing, climbing or creeping vine with three to five lobed leaves that give off a pungent odor when crushed, and complex white to pale pink or purple-tinged flowers that give way to reddish fruits

While there are many cultivated varieties of clematis available, the native ones include Scarlet Clematis (*Clematis texensis*) and Purple Leatherflower (*Clematis pitcheri*). A slightly woody vine growing to about 9 feet, Scarlet Clematis has thick, leather-like, red, bell-shaped flowers followed by a feathery ball of plumed seeds. It is very drought tolerant and is native only to the southeastern Edwards Plateau region. Purple Leatherflower

is a climbing vine growing to 10 feet, with opposite leaves divided into 3 to 5 pairs of leaflets, and nodding, urn-shaped, long-lasting purple flowers. Both of these native clematis species offer cover and



White Bush Honeysuckle

food for seed-eating birds and small mammals.

Honeysuckle is another widely cultivated plant with numerous garden varieties, but two native species that thrive in our area include Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) and White Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera albiflora*). With its trumpet-like red-orange blooms, twining habit, and paired green leaves, Coral Honeysuckle is a high-climbing vine, and is the host plant for caterpillars of the Spring Azure butterfly and Snowberry Clearwing moth. White Bush Honeysuckle is a trailing vine, with rounded to oval olive-green leaves and white to yellowish-white flowers, that prefers hot, rocky places like our limestone outcrops and cliffs. Both of these honeysuckle species provide nectar for hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

With such wonderful choices, isn't it time you add these native vines to your wildscape? They provide exceptional beauty for humans, act as adornments for your garden structures, and provide important sources of food and shelter for many different types of native wildlife!

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