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MOSQUITO REPELLENTS

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As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by

mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-dimethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one

that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person. Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.
- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage

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- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

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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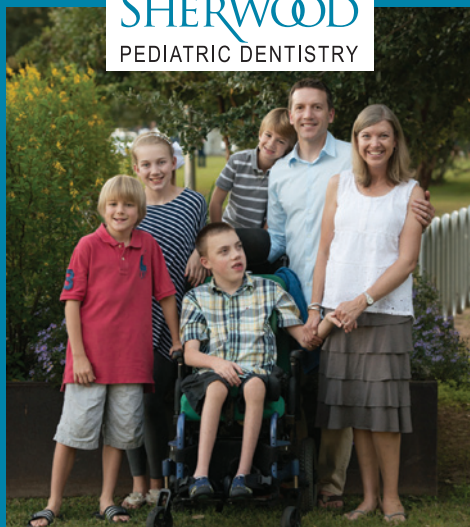
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by **Trey McWhorter**

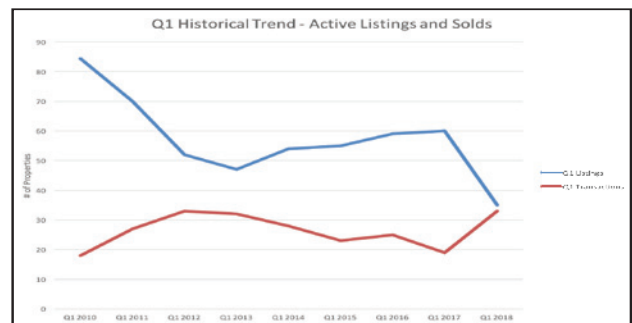
For this month I am updating the year-to-date summary to show performance through April 15, 2018. A few highlights:

- The number of transactions continues to be substantially higher than past years, topping even 2013 (not pictured here) in which there were 41 transactions through the same date.
- All metrics continue to point to a very hot market, with average and median list and sold prices and price / sq ft all either roughly flat or above 2017
- Days on market has dropped substantially, from 58 days in 2017 to only 22 in 2018.

Single Family Homes	Year to Date - Tarrytown	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	43	21	29	29	33
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,278,726	\$ 1,228,424	\$ 1,140,701	\$ 1,237,153	\$ 848,133
	Median List Price	\$ 1,190,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 949,000	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 649,900
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,231,052	\$ 1,192,976	\$ 1,109,547	\$ 1,172,093	\$ 825,889
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 946,500	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 650,000
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 455	\$ 407	\$ 426	\$ 385	\$ 379
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 440	\$ 422	\$ 392	\$ 391	\$ 361
Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 440	\$ 396	\$ 414	\$ 367	\$ 373
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 424	\$ 420	\$ 392	\$ 379	\$ 362
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	72	79	69	71	35
	Median Days on Market	22	58	65	37	7
Size of House	Sq/Ft (Total)	2778	2824	2,315	3146	1882
Age of House	Year of Construction	1964	1965	1958	1982	1948

The market is hot and there is limited inventory. The average number of listings in Q1 2018 (taking an average of the number of listings in the three months, January – March) was just 35. It has been a very long time since we have seen so few active listings. Despite that fact, buyers are out in force and snapping up properties, with the number of transactions in Q1 2018 the most in a first quarter since 2012. You can also find additional analysis and updates to this article on treymcwhorter.com.

Note: All data comes from the Austin Board of Realtors' MLS report, reflecting activity through April 15, 2018.



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This year marks the 27th Annual Alzheimer's Walk for support, care, and research hosted by Alzheimer's Texas. The walk will be held on the morning of October 6 at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. Alzheimer's Texas, a local nonprofit organization serving Central Texas for 36 years, separated from the National Alzheimer's Association in January 2016. As a result, 100% of the funds raised will remain local to be used here in Central Texas.

"We are, and always have been, deeply committed to providing families in Central Texas with compassionate services that are relevant to their needs, like our caregiver support groups and great educational programs," says Christian Wells, President of Alzheimer's Texas. "When people walk with us on October 6th, they know that they are supporting the services they value and will directly touch the people living with Alzheimer's in Central Texas."

The Alzheimer's Texas Walk is an opportunity for Central Texans' to get together and celebrate the difference we're making on a local level, for those affected by Alzheimer's and to bring the community together. One of the many supporters of Alzheimer's Texas, Valerie Vogt Sills, Gold Star Walker for Alzheimer's Texas, walks for her mother who was diagnosed with this terrible disease in her late sixties. Valerie has walked with Alzheimer's Texas for the past 14 years raising more than \$23,000 to help support programs for the families and caregivers dealing with this disease and to ultimately help find a cure for Alzheimer's.

"When the Alzheimer's groups split, I chose to support Alzheimer's Texas rather than the national organization because I know that the money will go to help out local and state programs," says Valerie Vogt Sills, Gold Star Walker for Alzheimer's Texas. "I lost my mom to Alzheimer's in 2009 and have been walking in her memory since then to help others dealing with this disease."

The Alzheimer's Texas Walk will be held Saturday, October 6 at the Camp Mabry, with check-in beginning at 8:15 am. There are two scenic routes for Walkers to enjoy, a 1-mile course and a 2.5-mile course. In addition to the Walk, the event will feature food, live music, activities for kids, prizes, and more. All participants who raise \$50 or more will receive a free event T-shirt.

In addition to joining the cause as an individual walker or starting a team, you can also support through corporate sponsorships at various levels. Corporate Regional support is provided by Westminster, ABC Home and Commercial services, Silverado Memory Care, Arden Courts, Querencia, and many more.

To learn more and register for the 2017 Alzheimer's Texas Walk and to keep your fundraising dollars for Alzheimer's local, visit www.txalz.org/walk or call (512) 241-0420.

About Alzheimer's Texas

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