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Northwest Little League

Success Breeds Success

Tommy Lasorda once said that there are three types of baseball players: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happens. The Northwest Little League all-star teams are once again making it happen this summer!

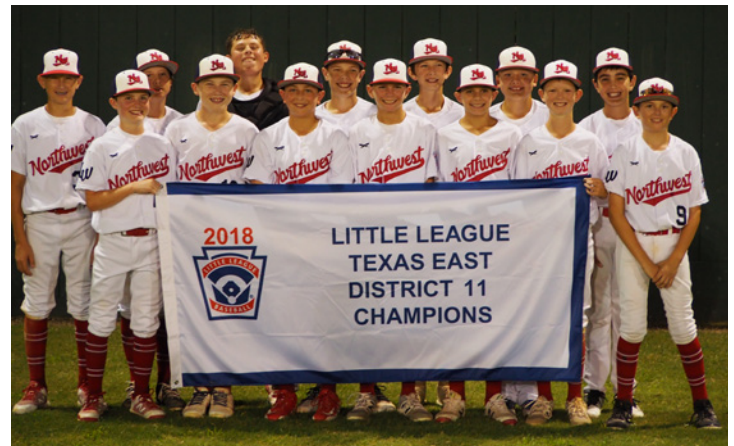
The Northwest 12U All-Stars beat Western Hills to take home the District Championship for the third consecutive year. The team battled hard in the sectional tournament, falling just short in the championship game with a 1-0 loss to Pinewoods Little League, ending their bid for a third straight state tournament run. Or so they thought. Because, a week later, and the night before the state tournament was set to begin, Northwest received a call that the team they lost to in the sectional championship had been disqualified due to a violation of International Little League rules. As part of this determination, NW's 12U team was advanced to the state tournament. It was a crazy turn of events, and ultimately the boys came home from Tyler without a state championship, but with more memories to add to their incredible little league experience.

"This group of young men is one of the best to have ever worn the Northwest uniform," said Coach Shaun Mierl. "They have played 30 games and practiced more than 300 hours over the course of this three year run, winning three District Championships, two Sectional Championships, and were five outs away from winning the State Championship last season," added Mierl. "I couldn't be more proud or honored to be their coach and know this is not the end, but rather the first part of a very successful journey for all of them."

The Northwest 10U All-Stars also won the District Championship this year with a hard fought win over Western Hills. They cruised through the Sectional tournament, falling just short of a state tournament bid with a loss to Washington County in the Championship game. "We are excited to continue Northwest's successful run," said Head Coach Royce Rippy. Our boys have seen what our 12U team has done over the past few years and have worked extremely hard to try and achieve this same level of success."

Added Mierl, "while we are disappointed we didn't advance further this year, the success of our 10U team and the tremendous community support is what continues to make Northwest Little League such a special organization. Success breeds success and will inspire more kids in our community to play baseball."

Registration for the fall season of Northwest Little League launches August 1. Learn more at www.nwll-austin.org.



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Shoal Creek Conservancy Launches #Stewards4Shoal

CAMPAIGN FOR THE SHOAL CREEK WATERSHED

Austin, Texas - July 13, 2018 - Today, Shoal Creek Conservancy, in partnership with The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, launched a new #Steward4Shoal community engagement campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of watershed health and encourage local action to conserve the Shoal Creek Watershed.

The #Steward4Shoal campaign is part of a multi-year project to develop a Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan, which is funded in part by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) through a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act grant and the Still Water Foundation. The Action Plan is a partnership project of the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department and community stakeholders.

“We all have a responsibility to keep Shoal Creek beautiful and healthy,” said Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director of Shoal Creek Conservancy. “Creating this campaign is a fun and engaging way to bring the community together as we work to develop a plan to create a resilient, healthy and safe waterway.”

Shoal Creek spans 11 miles from downtown Austin to the Domain, north of Highway 183. The Shoal Creek watershed, the geographic area where all water eventually drains to Shoal Creek, covers an area of 13 square miles. It is one of the most developed and densely populated watersheds in the Austin area. Twenty-seven percent of the watershed is located in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, which allows water to flow into the Aquifer and feed local springs.

“It is important for us to keep Shoal Creek healthy because these recharge zones can significantly impact the quality of our groundwater,” Wolaver said. “We all benefit from clean water – and we all have a role to play to keep our creeks, rivers, lakes and groundwater clean.”

The Campaign encourages Austin residents to become a #Steward4Shoal. “You can get involved by taking a video or picture of yourself at Shoal Creek, along with a description about why the watershed is important to you and use the hashtag #Stewards4Shoal to document your post on any social media outlet,” added Wolaver.

Through #Stewards4Shoal, the Shoal Creek Conservancy will engage the public in a variety of settings, including community events, social media and by developing a series of video public service announcements. Visit www.shoalcreekconservancy.org/watershedplan to learn more.

Shoal Creek Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that champions the 13-square-mile Shoal Creek watershed and the creek

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and trail running through it. The Conservancy engages in thoughtful public-private partnerships, leads fun and meaningful educational programming, and spearheads on-the-ground improvements that make Shoal Creek and the Shoal Creek Trail

Shoal Creek Conservancy Releases Draft

SHOAL CREEK TRAIL: VISION TO ACTION

Plan lays the groundwork for a continuous 13-mile pathway along Shoal Creek

Austin, Texas - June 29, 2018 - Shoal Creek Conservancy released the draft Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan (“Trail Plan”), which lays the foundation for implementing major improvements to the existing 3.9 mile Shoal Creek Trail, extending the Trail by nearly 9 miles, and connecting it to the Walnut Creek Trail north of Highway 183. Ultimately, the extended Shoal Creek Trail will become part of a 30-mile continuous “Big Loop” of urban trails traversing the city from Lady Bird Lake to Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park (see map on next page).

“As our city continues to grow, Austinites increasingly want practical alternative transportation options and green places of respite,” said Joanna Wolaver, Shoal Creek Conservancy Executive Director. “The Shoal Creek Trail will serve both as a cycling and pedestrian thoroughfare and as a revitalizing setting where families can enjoy the Creek and enjoy nature.”

The City of Austin Public Works Department (PWD), the Conservancy’s chief partner in crafting the Trail Plan, has adopted the Plan as a framework to guide future Trail improvements. “It is with great pleasure that the Public Works Department accepts the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan as a guiding document for trail projects along the Shoal Creek corridor,” said Janae Spence, Urban Trails Program Manager with PWD.

The Conservancy, in partnership with PWD and McCann Adams Studio, led a yearlong public process to guide development of the Plan. The Conservancy hosted three public workshops for over 230 community members during 2017 to share information and collect input on the proposed Plan.

In addition to general public input, two advisory entities provided guidance on Plan development: a Community Advisory Group (CAG) comprised of representatives from over 70 stakeholder organizations and businesses, and a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) including representatives from over 10 City departments and other public entities with an interest in Shoal Creek. In addition to PWD, key TAG entities included the City of Austin Watershed Protection, Transportation, and Parks & Recreation Departments. “We are excited to work towards implementing the transformative vision of this plan brought forward with broad community support,” said



Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation Program Manager with the Transportation Department.

Michael L. Personett, Watershed Protection Department Interim Manager, also expressed support on behalf of his department: “The Watershed Protection Department is excited to continue working with Shoal Creek Conservancy and other City departments to implement the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan. Our department strives to improve the urban environment by promoting public use and enjoyment of Austin’s creeks. Through thoughtful, environmentally-sensitive design, trails can be successfully integrated along waterways and will help foster a deeper appreciation of these unique resources by connecting people with nature.”

The CAG, TAG, and members of the public identified and ranked five projects for priority implementation. In order of importance, these projects include:

1. Shoal Creek Blvd.: Re-stripping of Shoal Creek Boulevard, from

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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT UPDATE *The Mo-Pac Corridor*

*August
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by **Trey McWhorter**

From time to time I compare home prices along the west side of Mopac, from the lake up to 183, divided up into four areas:

- Tarrytown – Lake Austin Blvd to 35th St, Lake Austin to Mo-Pac
- Highland Park West / Balcones Area - 35th to 2222, Mt. Bonnell Dr. to Mo-Pac
- 1A South – 2222 to Spicewood Springs, 360 to Mo-Pac
- 1A North – Spicewood Springs to 183, 360 to Mo-Pac

Here is an update on that analysis, with full year data for prior years and year-to-date (through August 15) data for 2018.

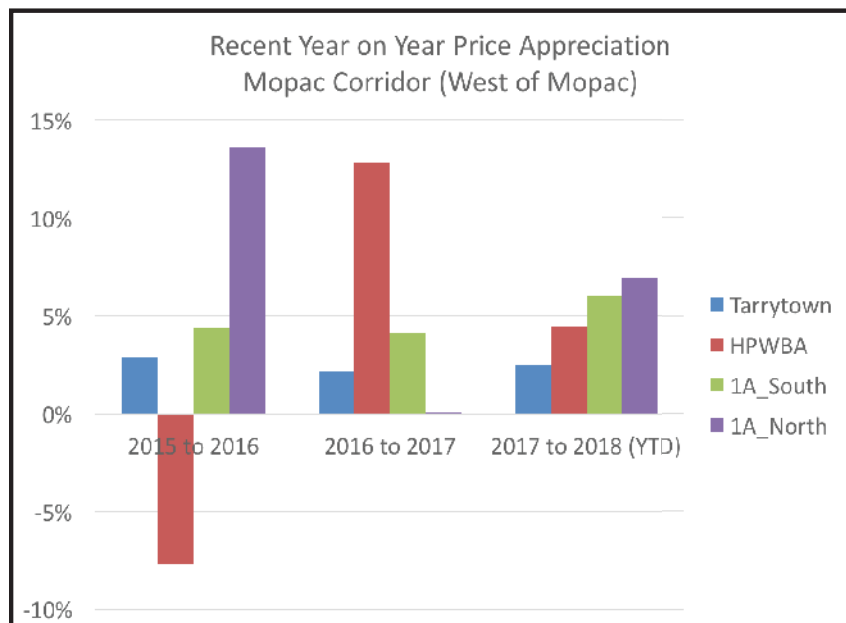
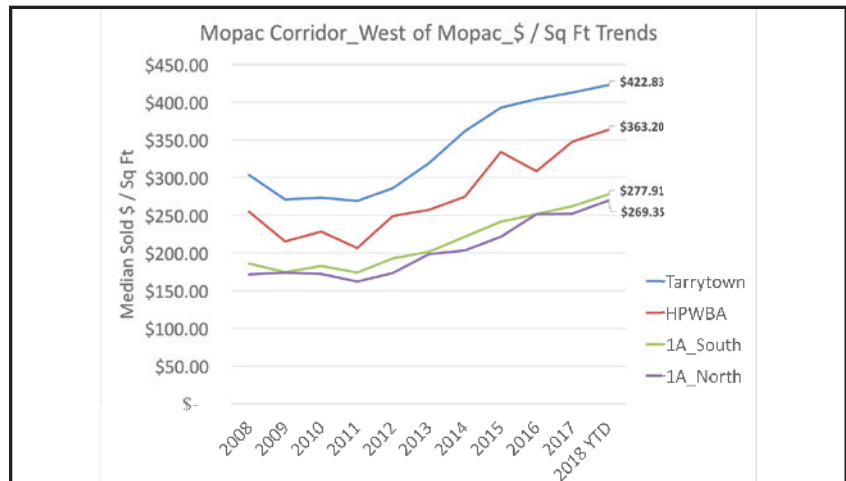
1. The strongest 10-year price appreciation (since 2008, using \$ / sq ft) has been in 1A “North” at ~57% (Tarrytown comes in around 39%)

2. The relationship between 1A North and 1A South had been fairly consistent over the years, but in the last 3 has compressed to be only 2-3% since 2016.

3. Tarrytown sold price / sq ft has generally commanded, on average, ~27% premium over Highland Park West / Balcones Area, since 2010. However, that premium is ~21% in 2018.

If you want to make sense of what’s going on in the market, or would like a better understanding of what your own home is worth, please contact me and I’d be happy to help you. 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 August 15, 2018.



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West 38th Street to Foster Lane, to create a two-way protected bicycle lane and a wider sidewalk, where space is available, on the western edge of the street.

2. Wayfinding & Interpretation: Creation and implementation of an Interpretive and Wayfinding Master Plan for the entire Shoal Creek Trail Corridor.
3. Safety Gaps: Addressing key connectivity and safety gaps along the route, including the bicycle/pedestrian crossings at West 34th and West 38th streets, and the intersection of West 45th Street and Shoal Creek Boulevard.
4. Cypress & Shoal: Creation of a public plaza at the intersection of Shoal Creek and 3rd Street, which will involve construction of a bicycle/pedestrian underpass at 3rd Street, and repurposing the nearly century-old railroad trestle bridge as a scenic overlook.
5. 5th to 6th Streets Trail: Implementing Trail improvements between West 5th Street and West 6th Street, including installation of a formal Trail access point adjacent to the West 6th Street Bridge.

Over the next several months, Shoal Creek Conservancy and the

Public Works Department will give informational presentations on the Plan to City Council and to City boards and commissions. A schedule of upcoming presentations can be found at www.shoalcreekconservancy.org/trailplan. Ultimately, the Public Works Department will work to incorporate the Plan as an amendment to the City's Urban Trails Plan (UTP) during the UTP's next revision process.

Members of the public are encouraged to view the draft Plan and provide input at www.shoalcreekconservancy.org/trailplan. Public feedback will be collected through July 31, 2018.



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Beyond the Diagnosis: An Art Exhibit

The Department of Physical Therapy at Texas State University in collaboration with U.R. Our Hope is excited to present Beyond the Diagnosis. This unique art exhibit seeks to put a face to rare disease. The works will be on display at Willow Hall on the Round Rock Campus of Texas State University from October 1st-November 9th with an Opening Reception preceding and a Gala event closing the Exhibit.

Guests are welcome to the University Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and private showings are available in the evenings and on weekends with prior notice. Please contact Dr. Mary Elizabeth Parker at mary@urourhope.org for more information.

U.R. Our Hope is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves those with undiagnosed and rare disorders. This is the first time Beyond the Diagnosis has come to Texas. Past venues include The Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, the FDA, and the NIH. The Department of Physical Therapy at Texas State University and U.R. Our Hope are honored to share this experience with our community.

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There are many things you can do to help stem the tide of invasive species. One of the most effective ways to manage invasive species is for recreationalists such as boaters, fishermen, pet owners, and gardeners to Take Action. Here are some easy everyday things you can do to meet the Invasive Species Challenge:

BOATERS AND ANGLERS

You can “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” by following these tips for preventing the transportation of aquatic invasive species:

- **CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT, TRAILER AND GEAR EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE A BODY OF WATER!**
- Inspect your boat, trailer and gear and remove all plants, animals and foreign objects from hulls, propellers, intakes, trailers, and gear before leaving a launch area.
- Drain all water from your boat, including the motor, bilge, livewells and bait buckets before leaving a lake.
- Wash your boat, trailer and other equipment before traveling to a new waterway.
- If you are leaving a water body that is known to have zebra mussels, leave your boat and trailer out of the water for at least a week or wash it at a commercial car wash using high-pressure, hot (140 degrees F) soapy water to kill microscopic zebra mussel larvae that may be hitching a ride.
- Never transport water, animals, or plants from one waterbody to another -- either intentionally or accidentally! Do not release live fish, including bait, into a new body of water.
- Anglers should be sure to remove material from and wash all fishing tackle, downriggers and lines to prevent spreading small, larval forms of aquatic invaders.

- Before leaving any body of water, examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc and remove any visible plants, fish or animals. Remove mud and dirt and even the smallest plant fragments.
- Whether you have obtained bait at a store or from another body of water, do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource. Also, be aware of any bait regulations, because in some waters, it is illegal to use live bait

PET, AQUARIUM AND WATER GARDEN OWNERS

If you have acquired an undesirable pet or fish species for your aquarium or water garden, it is important not to release these plants or animals into the environment. Follow these tips for aquarium hobbyists and backyard pond owners.

- Buy from reputable dealers, whose non-native pets are properly labeled, legally imported, and not harboring foreign pests and diseases.
- Don't release aquarium fish, other animals, or plants of any kind into a natural body of water. Some ornamental fish can and have established themselves in the wild and have a negative impact on native species. Lionfish and the algae eater, Plecostomus, are examples.
- Don't release pets into the wild. Cats prey on small mammals and birds, and some pet amphibians and reptiles can impact native species and carry diseases.
- When you and your pet are in an area with known invasive plants, be sure to remove all seeds from your clothing and your pets fur before traveling to a new place.

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- Don't transport items such as fire wood, hay, soil, or sod from one area to another. They may contain seeds, diseases, insects, or other potentially invasive organisms that are not yet found in Texas.
- Prevent carrying invasive species on your cars, bicycles and motorcycles. Check vehicles for seeds and pieces of plants.
- Wash your boots and socks before you hike in a new area. Invasive weed seeds are common hitchhikers.
- Abide by local laws to prevent the spread of serious insect pests (like the Emerald Ash Borer), weeds (like Cogongrass), and diseases (like Oak Wilt).

GARDENERS

Not all non-native species are bad, but some plants that look lovely in your garden might be harmful invaders that will make their way into natural areas. Learn to be plantwise for some easy tips on how to manage your garden to preserve the unique qualities of neighboring wildlands.

- If you don't know it, don't grow it!
- Avoid exotic plants that self seed and show up outside of your garden.
- If you see your local nursery selling invasive plants or seeds, let them know about your concerns.
- Landscape and garden with plants native to your area. Visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Information Network for resources to help with creating low-maintenance and colorful native plant gardens.

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Head Lice



Head lice can become a problem brought home from summer camp or during the school year. These insects are small, tan to gray, and wingless. Eggs, also called nits, are glued to the hair shaft near the scalp. Nits are dark in color until they have hatched and turn white. It takes 7-11 days for eggs to hatch. Females lay 3-5 eggs each day and live from 7-10 days.

Head lice reside on the hairy part of the head. If they drop off, they only live for about 2 days. They are incapable of surviving on pets and are not known to transmit any diseases from person to person.

Several states, including Texas, now have what are being called "super lice". Essentially these lice are resistant to pesticides commonly found in over the counter lice treatments. If you are using an over the counter treatment for lice and they are not dying, then you need to see a physician. Doctors are able to prescribe other treatments that can kill the lice.

To manage lice:

1. Use an effective treatment. Head louse shampoos contain insecticides so they must be used properly and with care. Wash the infested person's hair in a sink or basin so insecticide does not come into contact with other parts of the body. The person shampooing should wear rubber gloves. Do NOT use off label products such as flea & tick shampoo, other insecticides, or gasoline. Only treat the infested person(s), but check everyone in the household.

2. Hair combing is an extremely important step in controlling head lice. Shampoos may not kill all eggs, so thorough combing can help remove eggs from the hair shaft. Wet hair and use a special metal louse comb to comb through small sections of hair. Remove debris from the comb with a tissue and place it in a plastic bag that can be sealed and disposed of when you are finished combing through all hair. Hair should be combed daily until no more lice or nits are found.
3. Clothing and bedding of the infested person should be washed in hot, soapy water at the same time as the treatment. If items cannot be washed, try dry cleaning. For items that cannot be laundered, place them in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for at least 24 hours.
4. It's important to contact anyone your child has had close contact with to let them know of the head louse infestation. This can help everyone manage the problem at the same time so there is less chance of reinfestation occurring.

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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