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Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan Officially Released to Public

“Envision a beautiful thirteen mile walking, running and cycling trail running through the heart of Austin, from Lady Bird Lake to north of the Domain,” said Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director of Shoal Creek Conservancy. This is exactly what the Shoal Creek Trail Vision to Action Plan foresees for the future of Austin’s oldest trail. After a more than year-long community process, the final

published Shoal Creek Trail Plan is available to the public at <https://shoalcreekconservancy.org/trailplan/>

“A heartfelt thank you to the community members and technical advisors that partnered with Shoal Creek Conservancy to create this Plan,” said Ms. Wolaver. “Together, we’ve created a roadmap for the future of the Shoal Creek Trail, which is a critical recreation and alternative transportation corridor in Austin. As our city continues to grow, Austinites increasingly want practical alternative transportation options and green places of respite. The Shoal Creek Trail will serve as a cycling and pedestrian thoroughfare as well as a revitalizing setting where families can enjoy nature and learn about our city’s history,” added Ms. Wolaver.

The final Plan is the result of a robust stakeholder process informed by a Community Advisory Group, Technical Advisory Group and public input. The Conservancy partnered closely with the City of Austin Public Works Department, with assistance from almost a dozen additional public entities, including the City’s Watershed Protection, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation Departments. The Plan was funded with private donations.

“The Shoal Creek Conservancy has performed a great service to the Austin community,” said Laura Dierenfield, Division Manager with the Austin Transportation and Street Design Division at the City of Austin. “We applaud the Conservancy’s leadership in articulating a vision for one of our City’s most treasured natural corridors, one that makes Austin a great place to live, now and into the future.” The Plan lays the foundation for major improvements to the existing 3.9 mile Shoal Creek Trail, as well as extending it by nearly 9 miles to the north while enhancing the natural environment and user experience along the way. Additionally, the Plan calls for connecting the Shoal Creek Trail to the Walnut Creek Trail, north of Highway 183.

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Once complete, the 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).

“The Public Works Department is pleased to accept The Shoal Creek Trail Plan as a guiding document, and we thank the Shoal Creek Conservancy for this contribution. The completion of this Plan is an important step towards implementing the vision of a 400-mile network of urban trails for all Austinites, as included in the Urban Trail Plan,” said Janae Spence, Urban Trail Program Manager at City of Austin’s Public Work Department.

“The Vision to Action Plan, led by the Shoal Creek Conservancy, is an example of a true collaborative process. The Parks Department believes collaboration between the Department and Shoal Creek Conservancy gives us a more inclusive strategy that will help guide us in planning for the future,” said D’Anne Williams, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.”

“The Shoal Creek trail plan provides the vision that can bring together the stakeholders and resources necessary to make Shoal Creek both more accessible and more environmentally sound,” stated Mateo Scoggins, Stream Ecologist at the City of Austin’s Watershed Department.

The full version of the finalized Shoal Creek Trail plan can be accessed on the website. “Shoal Creek Conservancy is excited to begin the next step of implementing the community-identified priority projects in the Plan within the next year - and invites the community to get involved and enjoy spending an afternoon or two along Shoal Creek,” added Ms. Wolaver.

Shoal Creek Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and proud steward of the 13-square-mile Shoal Creek watershed in Austin, TX. We champion the Shoal Creek watershed in order to create a healthy and vibrant community. The Shoal Creek watershed provides an oasis in a rapidly growing urban area, and we believe that with thoughtful investment, this natural treasure can better benefit our ecology, economy, and enjoyment of the outdoors. Learn more at www.shoalcreekconservancy.org or come out on the Trail with us at www.shoalcreekconservancy.org/events.

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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE market report update

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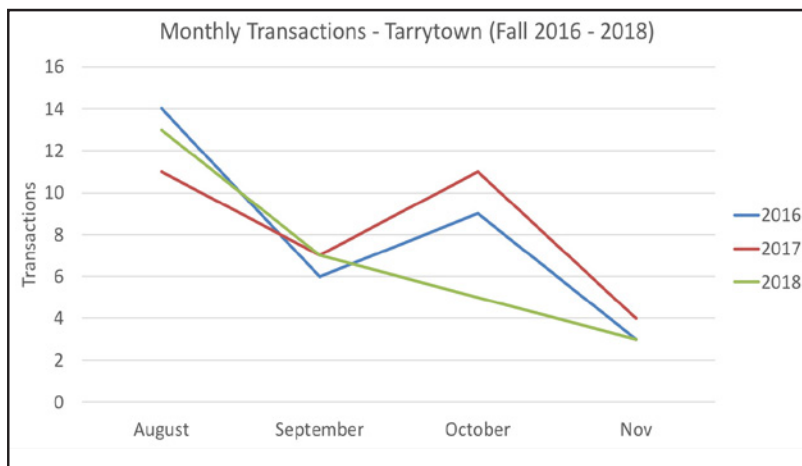
by **Trey McWhorter**

Here is an update on YTD performance for the Tarrytown market (through November 15).

Some highlights / notables:

- Number of transactions is still the highest since 2014, so overall the year of 2018 is a very active year
- Both median list and sold prices are at all-time highs in 2018
- Median list and sold price / sq ft has been flat, or shown very limited appreciation from 2017 to 2018 (compared to previous years when we have seen double-digit, or high single-digit, appreciation)
- Days on market continue to reflect strong demand, with median days on market in 2018 at roughly a month!

Single Family Homes	Year to Date - Tarrytown	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	121	102	102	113	121	162
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,345,643	\$ 1,310,606	\$ 1,190,042	\$ 1,181,654	\$ 1,109,043	\$ 1,042,395
	Median List Price	\$ 1,189,000	\$ 1,172,444	\$ 982,000	\$ 1,090,000	\$ 858,000	\$ 839,950
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,301,373	\$ 1,247,379	\$ 1,148,734	\$ 1,129,993	\$ 1,069,687	\$ 1,000,064
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 932,750	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 837,000	\$ 823,263
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 445	\$ 420	\$ 431	\$ 410	\$ 382	\$ 341
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 432	\$ 430	\$ 409	\$ 404	\$ 368	\$ 333
Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 433	\$ 404	\$ 417	\$ 393	\$ 372	\$ 331
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 422	\$ 414	\$ 398	\$ 392	\$ 362	\$ 321
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	65	75	65	64	50	50
	Median Days on Market	28	57	40	30	20	16
Size of House	Sq/Ft (Total)	2892	2918	2,458	2717	2590	2843
Age of House	Year of Construction	1981	1960	1954	1960	1954	1956



How are things going this fall? August and September were pretty typical, following the same pattern as recent years. But as you can see in the graph nearby, October was significantly slower than previous years at roughly half the number of transactions recorded in 2016 or 2017. At the time this article was due, November looked similar to previous years, but this is a seasonally quieter time anyway as people shift attention to the holidays.

You can find an updated version of this article, and other analysis, on treymcwhorter.com.

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

Community Comes Togethert for the 27th Annual Alzheimer's Texas Walk

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, members of the Travis County community gathered at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas to support Alzheimer's Texas in its mission to raise funds for Alzheimer's disease education and research by participating in the 27th Annual Walk.

The Alzheimer's Texas Walk creates a community around this issue, a place for people to come together to celebrate loved ones affected by dementia, and to commemorate the many ways lives can be changed by this illness. This year's Walk was a huge success thanks to the help of the Travis County community members and sponsors.

Our gracious sponsors for the 2018 Walk were Westminster, ABC Home and Commercial Services, Silverado, Kindred, New Lifestyles, Senior Resource Guide, KLBJ Radio, Arden Courts, Querencia at Barton Creek, St. David's Health's Angels, Austin Regional Clinic, Austin Senior Resource Alliance, Autumn Leaves, Belmont Village Senior Living, Elan Southpark, Intrua Financial, LedgeStone, Legacy Oaks Austin and Lakeway, Live Oak Photo Booth, Peel Inc, Schlotzsky's, Tech Ridge AL & MC, Texas Mobile Dentist, The Village at the Triangle, Valerian Home Health, University Village MC, We Work for Health Texas, Austin American Statesman, JEC Legislative and Regulatory Consulting, United Heritage

Credit Union, H-E-B, Slip Fixers, and the Rotary Club of Austin Centennial.

Westminster has helped us not only by being a sponsor, but they have had a dedicated Walk team that has raised the most money for the past three years and were also awarded largest team for this year's Walk. Westminster is Austin's premier Life Plan community and they are passionate about treating their residents with respect, love, and care. Their leader, Charles Borst has walked with us the past three years and has been awarded Top Individual Fundraiser for the past two years.

"I walk for my friends and family with Alzheimer's disease or affected by it, and all of the residents we serve here at Westminster, who have suffered through it, or have watched loved ones suffer through it," says Charles Borst, Executive Director of Westminster.

Charles has chosen to Walk with Alzheimer's Texas because he believes Alzheimer's Texas wants to end Alzheimer's Disease as much as he does and will do everything they can to provide support and caring for those with Alzheimer's disease and help find a cure to end this disease.

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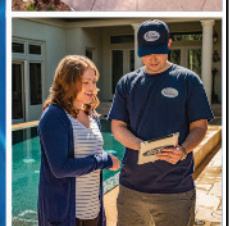
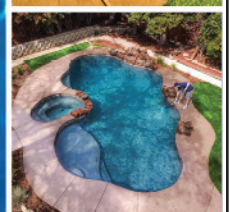
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his own abilities each and every day. We are fortunate for the chance to continue to help the undiagnosed community by sharing Braden and his story with the world. The more we share, educate and inform others that seeing past Braden's multiple disabilities is what is important. Focusing on the many things Braden can do opens your heart to understand why God sent us Braden. We were told to never expect Braden to live to see his first birthday. This year we celebrate Braden turning 12!" ~Braden's mom, Crystal

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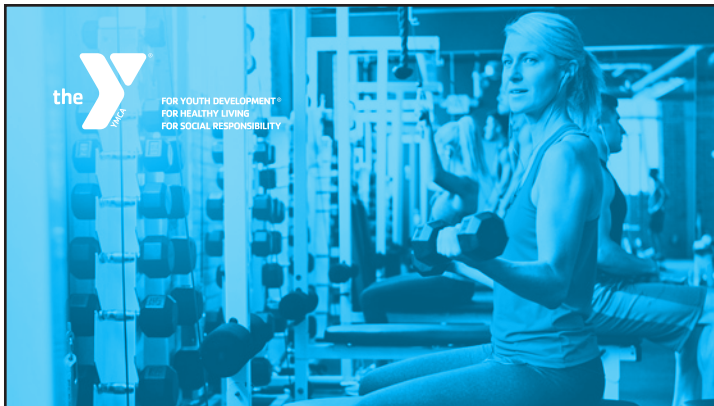
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"I hope that everyone that is stricken with Alzheimer's and every family member that must endure the long goodbye, has all of the support and resources they need to live the best life possible, and to know that they are not alone in this. We are all here for each of them and we will continue to fight the fight, and provide all the support and resources we can until we find a cure."

All Alzheimer's Texas services and programs are offered to community members free of charge, therefore we would not be possible without the generous donations from individuals and groups such as Westminster and we greatly appreciate their dedication to our cause. If you would like to support Alzheimer's Texas with an end of year donation keeping all of the funds local you can do so at <http://www.txalz.org/donate/>.

About Alzheimer's Texas

Alzheimer's Texas is a leading voluntary health organization that provides information, referrals, and a variety of support programs for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and their family members, caregivers, and professionals. Alzheimer's Texas* has proudly served Central Texas since 1982.



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Smart Shopping Tips for a Safe Holiday Season

By: Vivian Marinelli, FEI Behavioral Health

You've made your lists and you've checked them twice. Now it's off to shop for the naughty (maybe) and nice.

With holiday shopping upon us, here are tips for keeping yourself, your identity and your carefully picked gifts safe and the holiday season enjoyable, whether shopping online or at the mall.

Online Shopping

Before you log on and make your first purchase, keep these ideas in mind to protect your credit card and keep your bank account information safe:

- Only visit secure shopping websites—look for the “lock.” Check the address bar for a padlock symbol indicating it's a secure website. Also, addresses beginning with “https” (and not just “http”) indicate additional web security.
- Shop online only with a secure network. Although you might be enjoying a nice cup of hot cocoa at a coffee shop, avoid using the public Wi-Fi in order to keep your payment information safe.
- Protect your personal information. Never click the box to “remember” or save your password or credit card information. It only takes a few seconds to enter this information when you revisit a site. (This is not only a good idea for shopping, but should be a general rule for keeping your passwords safe.)
- Watch out for imposters. With online shopping, you typically receive a confirmation for the order and another when shipping occurs. One current phishing scam sends a fake email indicating a problem with your order and includes a link or attachment to click. Another phishing scam is targeting Amazon shoppers. Amazon will never send you an unsolicited email asking for sensitive personal information like your social security number, tax ID, bank account number, credit card information, ID questions like “mother's maiden name” or account password. If you receive a suspicious email, please report it immediately by sending it as an attachment to stop-spoofing@amazon.com. (Likewise, if you are reporting a suspicious URL, put it in the body of the email and send it to stop-spoofing@amazon.com.)
- Monitor your purchases. This is another list to “check twice.” Hopefully, you are reviewing your credit card and bank statements throughout the year. During the holidays, it is even more important to be vigilant so you can catch any suspicious activity on your accounts.
- Ship to a secure location. Package theft is becoming a growing trend. Avoid having your boxes stolen from your front porch by shipping to your work address or a

neighbor who is home during the day. Take advantage of delivery lockers in your area and have your order shipped there instead.

Brick and Mortar Shopping

For those of us who prefer feeling the “spirit of the holidays” by enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the shopping experience, keep in mind that there may be people other than Santa and his helpers watching.

Some tips to keep in mind before heading out to the mall:

Prepare. Before you head out to shop, gear up for the trek. The stores can be warm and you may want to leave your coat in the car; that way, you are not trying to keep track of your coat, packages, your purse and/or your wallet.

Distractions. The most common distraction is to be on the phone or texting as you are walking to the next store, or to your car. You may be checking on information for your next purchase, but someone else might be checking for people they can catch off-guard. It's critical to be aware of your surroundings at these susceptible times. Wait until you are in a place where you can focus and not be a target.

Parking. Pay attention to detail when choosing a parking spot. It may be daylight when you park, but it may be dark when you return to your car. Try parking in a well-lit area. Make note of the location of your car, or tie a holiday bow to your car where you will be able to spot it easily. Prior to leaving the store or mall, gather all your packages and have your keys ready in your hand. Walk with purpose to your car and scan your surroundings for anyone (or anything) that seems suspicious. Many shops or malls have additional security on-site, even in the parking lots. Some also have escorts available who will accompany you to your car.

Super-shopping. If you plan on a shopping marathon, following the first three tips will have you ready for the race. However, if you need to make multiple trips to your car to drop off purchases, you'll need to make sure they are secure until you return. Put packages in the trunk where they are out of sight. If packages need to be in the back or front seat, try to place them on the floor of the car and cover them with a blanket so they're not visible to anyone walking past the car.

By taking the extra time to ensure personal and financial safety and security during your holiday shopping excursions, you can enjoy finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list and see their faces light up when they unwrap their treasure that you picked just for them.



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