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Austin High Dance Team Celebrates Seniors

The Austin High Red Jackets dance team celebrated their graduating seniors as part of their annual Spring Show performance, a 3-performance event that included 18 dances and guest appearances by the Austin High cheerleaders, O.Henry Middle School Dance Department and the Clint Small Cougar Dancers.

Eight seniors danced their final performance as a Red Jacket on April 27, which included a video tribute to the seniors and a college reveal.

"This annual event gives all of our dancers a chance to shine and perform contemporary, high kick, hip hop and other dances for the Austin High community," said Stephanie Braden, Red Jacket Director. "It's a special time for our seniors as they share the stage for a final time with their team. It's definitely a celebration of their tenure as a Red Jacket but, with a college reveal, also an opportunity for them to look forward to their next challenge."

Graduating Red Jackets include:

Allison Durrett attending the University of Texas at Austin; Emily Engel attending Texas Tech University; Lauren Forbes attending Louisiana State University; Soraya Haghighatian attending Texas Tech University; Morgan Howden attending the University of Texas at Austin; Landry Jenkins attending Iowa State University; Ava Lindsey attending Texas Tech University; and Katie Smillie attending

the University of Alabama.

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compete in regional and national dance competitions; teach children's dance clinics; and produce an annual Spring Show. Founded in 1881, Stephen F. Austin High School is one of the oldest public high schools west of the Mississippi River and was the first public high school in the state of Texas. The campus is located near Downtown Austin, on the edge of Lady Bird Lake.



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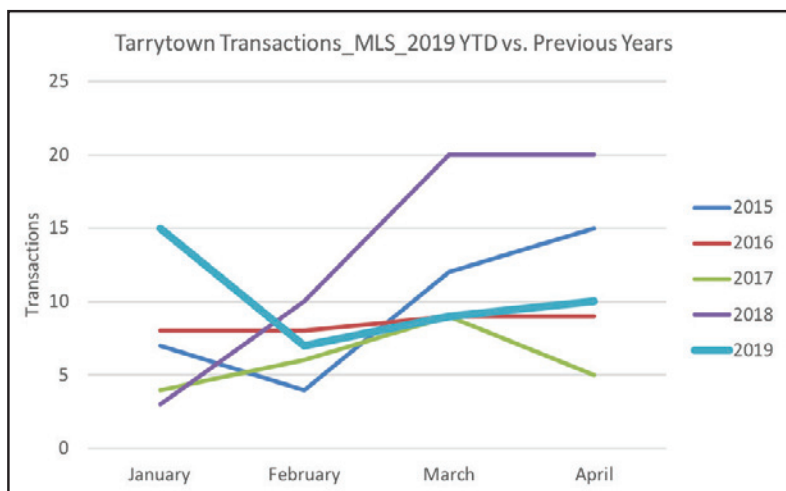
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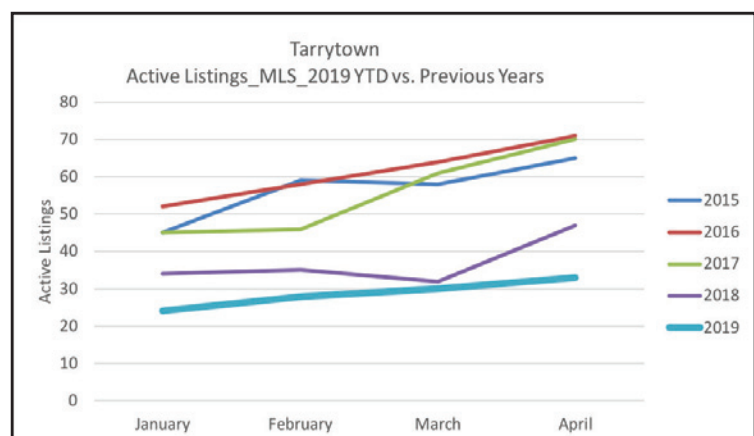
by **Trey McWhorter**

Last month I wrote about the fact that the year had started off quite well, but that in March things had started to slow down some, though I did not yet have full-month data yet. In fact, it turned out to be rather slow, and April did as well. In 2019 year to date the number of transactions are down 23% vs. 2018 January to April. Even more striking, the number of transactions for March/April combined is down over 50% compared to the same time period in 2018.



It should come as no surprise, but the number of active listings is well below what has been typical for this time of year, and the low inventory is having an effect. In 2018 what was impressive was the number of transactions that we saw in spite of the low number of active listings. This year so far is behaving more like what one would expect, where a low number of listings restricts the transaction activity.

At the time this article was due, the number of transactions for May was trailing prior years and so the start to the spring buying season is much slower than prior years. The good news is that there are ~20 pending transactions and about a dozen of those should close in May, which will boost the May numbers significantly. 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.



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Austin Red Jackets

With hip hop routines, jazzy dance mixes, high kick counts and some arts and crafts fun, the Austin High Red Jackets are already planning a week of fun, dance and crafts for their 2019 August summer camp, open to students entering grades K-8th.

“Our August camp is a great opportunity for the Red Jackets to connect with the local community in a fun and creative way and, hopefully, inspire more young students to study movement, arts and dance,” said Stephanie Braden, Red Jacket Director. “We have girls on the team that were campers themselves and we have students who come for many years in a row to see their favorite dancers and friends. It’s a great week for everyone involved and we appreciate our community for sharing their young students with us and supporting our dancers.”

The camp, which runs from Aug. 12 -15, offers dance time with current team members plus arts and crafts projects. While serving as a key fundraiser to support the team’s activities for the year, the main focus is on connecting with young dancers and campers from the Austin community. The M-TH, half-day camp culminates with a special performance from campers and the Red Jacket members on Thursday, August 15, at noon in the Austin High School gym.

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For more information about the Red Jackets and to sign up for the 2019 summer camp, please visit their website at <http://redjackets.snappages.com/>.

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Austin High Red Jacket dance camp welcomes students in kindergarten through 8th grade. From left to right, campers Lola Gonin and MacKenzie Sink.



Austin High Red Jacket dancers engage students in dance and arts and crafts during their annual summer camp. From left to right, dancers Rebecca Ramirez, Kate Yonge, Chandler Cohn, Mollie Richards and camper Parker Johl.




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SHOAL CREEK CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ANNUAL SHOAL CREEK SOCIAL

After more than five years at the helm of the organization, Joanna Wolaver is now passing torch to Ivey Kaiser, the next Executive Director of Shoal Creek Conservancy

Announced during programming of the Shoal Creek Conservancy's annual fundraising party, the Shoal Creek Social, which took place Tuesday evening at the Austin Central Library, the organization will be led by a new Executive Director beginning May 23.

After successfully leading Shoal Creek Conservancy for more than five years, Joanna Wolaver, the Conservancy's current Executive Director, is now passing the torch as well as her legacy to Ivey Kaiser, who will lead the organization as it enters its next chapter.

"Over these past five years, we have transformed Shoal Creek Conservancy from a dream into a thriving reality, and our accomplishments are many," said Wolaver. "We've created a voice and champion for Shoal Creek watershed and trail; we've built strong partnerships and grown our donor base; we've laid the groundwork for major improvements on the creek while making on-the-ground changes through our partnership with the City and our work with volunteers; we've built a skilled and strategic Board of Directors. This strong foundation will enable Shoal Creek Conservancy to meet its mission, not just today but for years to come. I couldn't be more pleased that Ivey will be guiding the organization into this next phase of positive growth and development."

The organization is at an inflection point and this transition – as well as its announcement – couldn't be better timed. Over the past five years, Shoal Creek Conservancy's advocacy and partnership with the City has resulted in nearly \$15 million in public improvements along the trail, including rebuilding the trail between 5th and West streets and the Shoal Creek Restoration Project between 15th and 28th streets.

The Conservancy has also partnered with the City and community members to create a bold vision for the future of the Trail and Watershed through planning efforts. Now, with plans including the Shoal Creek Trail Plan, the Trestle Conceptual Master Plan, the Duncan Park Plan, and the Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan, complete or near completion, the organization has a real opportunity to partner with the

City and make the recommended improvements.

In terms of transition, the organization has structured the change to be implemented as a smooth as possible.

"A smooth transition to new staff leadership gives us great momentum to begin our next chapter," said Ted Siff, Shoal Creek Conservancy Board President. "With Ivey at its helm, I'm excited about the Conservancy's capacity to bring more and new programming to the Trail, Creek and parks within the Watershed, and with strong partnerships, much more."

Long-time environmental steward, Ivey Kaiser is no stranger to the work and mission of Shoal Creek Conservancy. With more than seven years of professional experience working with Austin's environmental non-profits, and strong leadership capabilities developed across community outreach roles at REI, Ivey has been involved with Shoal Creek Conservancy since its conception. In her new role as Executive Director, she will work to improve outdoor places, connect the work of the organization to the larger community, and make meaningful impact for Austin's local trails, waterways and neighborhoods through stable growth and empowerment.

"Over the past decade, both my personal and professional lives have been focused on getting people outdoors and improving public spaces. I couldn't think of a better opportunity to expand on these passions than leading Shoal Creek

Conservancy into its next chapter of work championing the both Shoal Creek Trail and the larger Shoal Creek Watershed," said Ivey Kaiser. "I'm honored and excited to begin this role, and hope to invite everyone in Austin to visit the Shoal Creek Trail and enjoy this shared resource that provides us all with natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and Texas history and culture."

Ivey will take over as Executive Director of Shoal Creek Conservancy on May 23, and Joanna's last day with the organization will be May 31.



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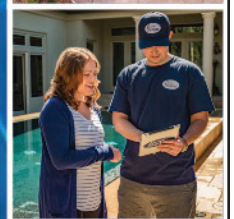
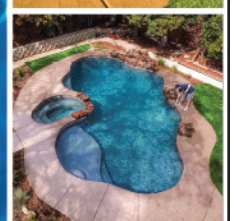
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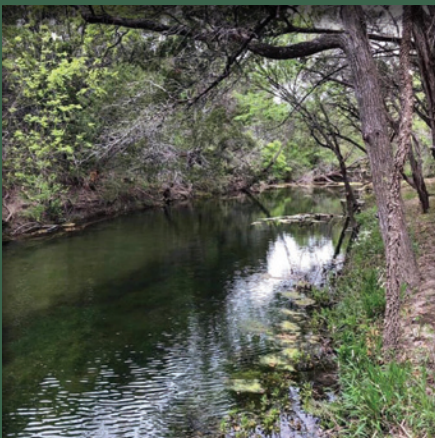


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