

PACK 20 CUB SCOUTS – PINEWOOD DERBY RACE

Kate Kyle, Matthews Drive

At the end of February, the Cub Scouts of Pack 20 held their annual Pinewood Derby Race! Pack 20 is our neighborhood Scout pack made up of boys and girls from Casis Elementary and/or our community neighborhoods and meets monthly at Tarrytown United Methodist Church. The Pinewood Derby is a Cub Scout racing event originated in 1953 and in this long-standing tradition for many Packs nationwide. During the event, Cub Scouts race their individual cars down a sloped track. Each Pinewood Derby car is built and decorated by a Cub Scout

from a kit including a single block of wood, wheels and axles. For Pack20, awards are given to kids for the fastest car, most creative and judges favorite. This year, over 80 Cub Scouts from Pack 20 showed up ready to show off their cars and compete. Congratulations to our fastest car winners Luke Reneau, Carter Reed and Finn Pardee, and all of those that competed. We are proud of our Pack 20 scouts!! For information on upcoming Pack 20 events or questions about participating, please check out www.pack20austin.com.



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For the last three weeks, ChampionTx Show Team gymnasts have been going to the area retirement homes to spread the love of their gymnastics, hugs, puzzles and cookies!

Hot Shots Team went to the Brookdale, Prep Team went to Westminster Manor, and Lake Travis Team Champions went to Querencia.

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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE market report update

April
2020

by **Trey McWhorter**

At the time of writing the US is in the midst of a number of preventive measures to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This has created a great deal of uncertainty about the economic effects. Prior to the outbreak, I had attended several different economic forecast events where various economists shared fairly optimistic expectations for 2020, all forecasting growth, though perhaps a little slower than 2019.

I don't know that anyone is making forecasts right now because there is so much uncertainty about how disruptive this pandemic will ultimately be. How will it impact the consumer? Jobs? Trade? How long will this last? What does a recovery look like?

As far as the impact to the real estate market, that, too is difficult to know at this point. Interest rates are at record lows, which should help increase activity, but as noted before there is limited inventory and if people are concerned about their jobs, or uncertain about the impact to school schedules, this could discourage or delay both buyers and sellers from participating. For now, as mentioned last month, 2020 was off to a slow start in Tarrytown, but there were quite a few homes under contract.

Single Family Homes	Year to Date - Tarrytown	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	13	25	16	14	20	16
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,403,715	\$ 1,434,579	\$ 1,517,181	\$ 1,344,929	\$ 1,292,972	\$ 1,062,500
	Median List Price	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 1,199,987	\$ 1,372,000	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,044,475	\$ 1,140,000
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,336,754	\$ 1,338,413	\$ 1,448,708	\$ 1,298,428	\$ 1,253,400	\$ 1,018,294
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 1,065,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,351,250	\$ 1,218,500	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 1,087,500
List Price \$/ Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 475	\$ 528	\$ 465	\$ 403	\$ 427	\$ 377
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 492	\$ 453	\$ 471	\$ 422	\$ 410	\$ 397
Sold Price \$/ Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 456	\$ 485	\$ 448	\$ 390	\$ 414	\$ 361
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 456	\$ 434	\$ 444	\$ 410	\$ 405	\$ 376
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	72	91	123	78	82	55
	Median Days on Market	86	61	103	58	78	37

With 23 homes under contract at the time of writing and roughly 7 likely to close in March, the Q1 sales look on track to be about 30% slower than the last couple of first quarters. List and sold prices are down, but this is driven at least in part by smaller homes (median sq ft was 2,369 in 2020 vs. 2,729 in 2019 and over 3,000 in both 2017 & 2018). Price / sq ft is still increasing, with a median sold \$ / sq ft of \$456.

If you are thinking about selling your home and you want to make sense of what's going on in the market, get a better understanding of what your own home is worth, or would like to put together a plan to sell your home, 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 March 15, 2020.

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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



RECYCLING AT AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – PART 1

There are many recycling challenges in our great city, one of which is recycling at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). I was very privileged to meet B. J. Carpenter, the Sustainability Program Coordinator at the airport. He shared with me some of the wonderful initiatives in the field of recycling and reuse that are happening at ABIA.

• **POUR IT OUT** – Bottles and cans with liquid in them are not recyclable. The liquid in them contaminates the recycling stream and ruins the other recyclable materials. To make it convenient to recycle bottles at the airport, there are four “pour it out” receptacles currently provided at the front of the three security checkpoints. Two receptacles are at the largest - Check Point One – and one at each of the other two. These receptacles provide a place for passengers to empty liquids from a bottle

or can and then either place it in a nearby recycling bin or carry it through security to refill in the secured area.

• **FOOD RESCUE** – So much food goes to waste in our great land. ABIA has taken some wonderful steps to rescue unused food from the concessionaires. The “food rescue” program began on March 1, 2017. Currently, Bradford Airport Logistics picks up the food from the terminal and transports it to their warehouse at the airport. The food is then picked up three days a week by Keep Austin Fed volunteers and taken to several Austin organizations that provide meals to the hungry. In 2019, 12,000 pounds of food was collected at ABIA. This food provided 10,000 meals.

QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS:

What do I do with old trophies? Austin Creative Reuse Center will take these. Please call ahead to be sure they have room on their shelves. Here is their website: <https://www.austincreativereuse.org/>

HOW DO I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FROM SOIL AND COMPOST? Plastic bags designed to hold weight (soil, compost, litter and fertilizer) are treated with special polymers and this

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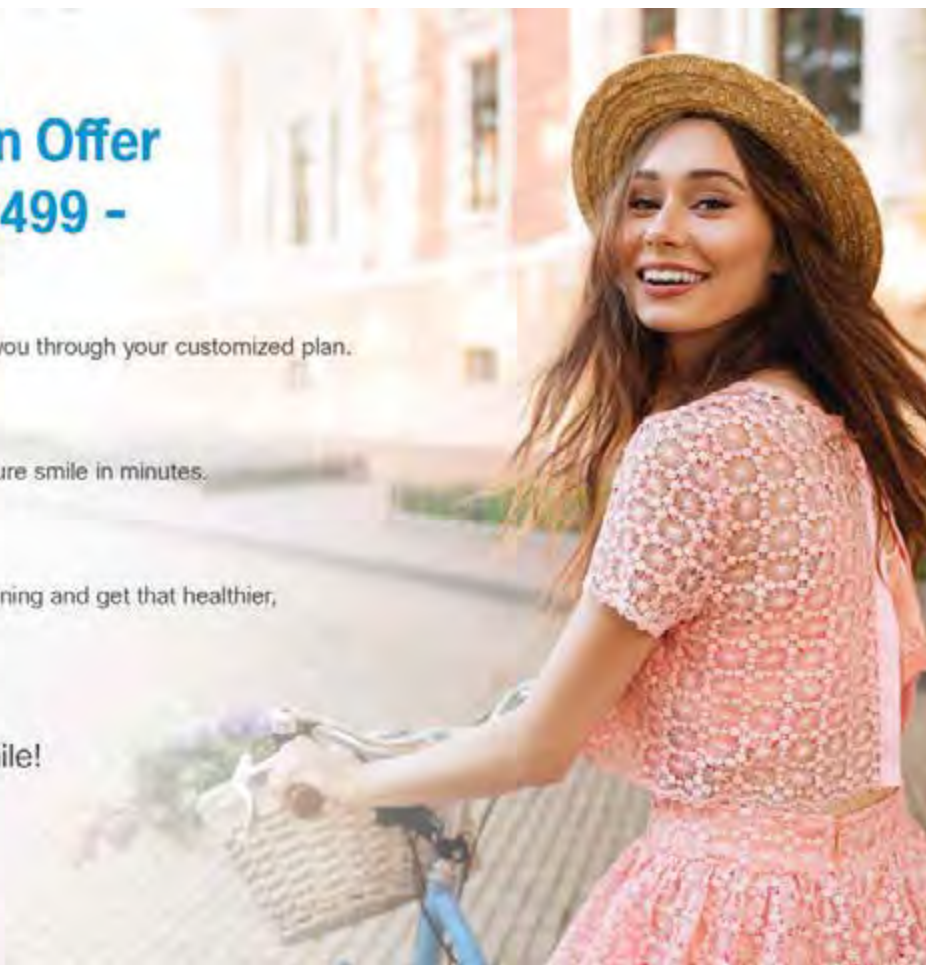
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treatment makes these bags not recyclable. They must go into your trash can. Also, frozen food bags and pre-washed salad mix bags are also specially treated to keep food fresh and must be thrown into the trash can.


**PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN DOUBT,
THROW IT OUT!!!**

Here is an informative City of Austin recycling website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to: recycling@hpwbana.org.




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