



NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TARRYTOWN AND DEEP EDDY

JUNE 2020

VOLUME 8 ISSUE 6

The Ultimate Guide TO BICYCLE SAFETY



Bicycling certainly has become a popular exercise option (or for some just to get out of the house) during the Covid Virus. Families and individuals were spotted within the neighborhood and on the walking/jogging/riding trails that surround us. Thus, this is a good time to remind everyone of bicycle safety, not just now...but anytime, such as riding for exercise/recreation, to school/work, etc.

EXCERPTS FROM THE USAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Bicycling is fun, good exercise and good for the environment. You and your family can enjoy years of safe bicycle riding when you understand the risks involved and take steps to prevent accidents and injuries. Covid 19 got a lot of people out walking and others pulling their bikes out of the garage to kill the boredom of being cooped up in the house.

5 Keys to Safe Bicycling

1. Wear a bicycle helmet.
2. Be visible.
3. Stay alert.
4. Know and obey traffic laws.
5. Be predictable.

Wear a Bicycle Helmet

You should always wear a bicycle helmet. Do not assume you will

be safe from injury just because you are going a short distance or riding on an unpaved surface. Many serious bicycle accidents occur on residential streets or bike paths and do not involve vehicles.

Inspect Your Bicycle

- Lift the bicycle by its seat and spin the rear wheel. It should spin freely without wobbling, slowing quickly, or touching the brake pads.
- Apply the rear brake smoothly to stop the wheel. The brake pads should touch the wheel rim evenly. When released, the brake should spring back into place.
- Lift your bicycle by the handlebars, and spin the front wheel. It should spin freely without bobbling or touching the brake pads.
- Apply the front brake smoothly to stop the wheel. The brake pads should touch the wheel rim evenly. When released, the brake should spring back into place.
- Inspect brake pads. Replace them if they become worn or cracked. They should be at equal distances from the wheel rim.
- Check the spokes on both wheels. Replace broken spokes before riding.
- Check the tire tread. There should be no worn patches.
- Make sure tires are properly inflated.
- Check your handlebars. Stand in front of your bicycle holding

(Continued on Page 3)



ADAM LOEWY

Personal Injury Lawyer

LOEWY LAW FIRM

HELPING INJURED TEXANS

LoewyFirm.com
(512) 280-0800



Car Crashes | Bicycle Crashes | Drunk Driving Crashes | Child Injuries | Boating Accidents
Motorcycle and ATV Accidents | Slip and Fall Injuries | Other Serious Injuries

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Fire.....	911
Ambulance.....	911
Police Department	512-975-5000
Sheriff – Non-Emergency.....	512-974-0845
Animal Services Office.....	311

SCHOOLS

Austin ISD.....	512-533-6000
Casis Elementary School	512-414-2062
O. Henry Middle School.....	512-414-3229
Austin High School.....	512-414-2505

UTILITIES

City of Austin.....	512-494-9400
Texas Gas Service	
Custom Service.....	1-800-700-2443
Emergencies.....	512-370-8609
Call Before You Dig.....	512-472-2822
Grande Communications.....	512-220-4600
AT&T	
New Service	1-800-464-7928
Repair	1-800-246-8464
Billing.....	1-800-858-7928
Time Warner Cable	
Customer Service.....	512-485-5555
Repairs.....	512-485-5080
Austin/Travis County Hazardous Waste	512-974-4343

OTHER NUMBERS

Ausitn City Hall.....	512-974-7849
Ausitn City Manager	512-974-2200
Austin Police Dept (Non Emergency).....	512-974-5000
Austin Fire Dept (Non Emergency).....	512-974-0130
Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.....	512-974-6700
Austin Resources Recovery	512-494-9400
Austin Transportation Dept.....	512-974-1150
Municipal Court	512-974-4800
Post Office.....	512-2478-7043
City of Austin.....	www.AustinTexas.gov

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER

Peel, Inc.	512-263-9181
Editor.....	tarrytown@peelinc.com
Advertising.....	advertising@peelinc.com

(Continued from Cover Page)

the wheel tightly between your knees and try to move the handlebars back and forth or up and down. They should not move.

- Lift the frame near the handlebars and turn the front wheel back and forth. It should swivel freely.
- Make sure brake levers are secure.
- Apply the brakes and try to move the bicycle forward or backward.
- Make sure the ends of the handlebars are protected.
- Make sure the seat is secure and does not move from side to side.
- Clean reflectors and headlight. Make sure they are securely attached.
- Lubricate the chain if needed.
- Take your bicycle for an annual tuneup and safety check to ensure it remains in good condition.

On the Road

When riding your bicycle on public streets, you are required by law to follow the same rules as any other vehicle driver. You also have the same rights as drivers of other vehicles.

Be Predictable

- Use hand signals to communicate your intentions to other vehicle drivers and bicyclists.
- Communicate verbally (ex: “passing on your left”).
- Ride in straight line and avoid sudden swerves.

Teach Children Bicycle Safety

Is your child ready to ride? According to The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), most children are not ready to ride a two-wheeled bicycle until 5 or 6 years of age. Along with physical skills, your child must demonstrate the mental readiness and self-control for understanding and obeying safety rules.

Set Clear Rules

Children – and all bicycle riders – should always wear a bicycle helmet when riding. In addition, you should set age-appropriate limits on when, where, and how children may ride. Be prepared to take away children’s riding privileges if they do not follow these rules.

Be A Good Example

Practice what you teach about bicycle safety. Be diligent about wearing a bicycle helmet, stopping at stop signs and following other important safety rules. Your children will learn more from your example than from your words. Ultimately you should be able to practice bicycle safety while having fun!

STEVE'S PLUMBING REPAIR
Master License: M-39722

- Water Pressure Problems
- Sewer & Drain Service
- Fiber Optic Drain Line Inspections
- Free Estimates
- Satisfaction Guaranteed

Steve Brougher
512.276.7476

2605 Buell Ave

A BIRD THAT SAYS ITS NAME A BIRD THAT SAYS ITS NAME

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



A few years ago, when I took my dog out for her last potty of the night, I heard the most beautiful bird singing. Just a few seconds later, another bird responded with the same beautiful song. I had no idea what species it was but after some research I learned it was a whippoorwill. The whippoorwill actually got its name because of its song—three syllables with emphasis on the first and last syllables.

Whippoorwills are nocturnal. They feed exclusively on insects and start foraging 30 minutes after sunset and continue until it's too dark to see. They continue their foraging at first light and stop just before sunrise. If the moon is bright, they may

hunt all night. They have large mouths and can swallow insects up to 2 inches long.

The most interesting fact about the whippoorwill is that they don't build a nest. The female will lay her eggs on the ground and cover with dead leaves or debris. Often times she'll find a spot on the north or northeast side of a shrub or plant so she's shaded during the heat of the day. Mom is responsible for incubating the eggs during the day and both Mom and Dad share the duty at night. Amazingly, whippoorwills time their breeding patterns to coincide with the lunar cycles so that the eggs hatch when there is at least a half moon. It is believed that the extra light helps in caring for her young. Within 24 hours of hatching, the baby birds instinctively move apart. The parents will also push the babies to keep them apart. It is thought that this is done to make it harder for predators to see them. The male stands guard over the nest and will hiss and spread his wings if he thinks there is a predator nearby. Another tactic used to protect the young is he will fake an injury away from the babies to draw attention away from them. While he draws the predator away from the young, the babies scatter and freeze.

At about 8 days, the down-covered babies molt and the female leaves them in the care of the male. If conditions are right, the female will often find a spot nearby and lay 2 more eggs.

TWRC Wildlife Center cares for injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife brought to us by the public. Due to the Corona Virus, we've had to alter our admission procedures. If you find an animal needing help, please call us. We will advise you on how to care for the animal until you can bring it to us: 713.468.8972



Free Estimates on New A/C Systems
Fast 7-Day A/C Repairs
Energy Audits • Weatherization
Duct Repair & Replacement

Home & Handyman Repairs
Remodels & Additions
Senior Accessibility Upgrades
Painting / Staining
Drywall & Popcorn Removal
Decks & Fences / Install & Repairs

"We have been keeping Austin comfortable for over 40 years." - The Yamin Family

TACL #BS235C



A-PLUS AIR CONDITIONING & HOME SOLUTIONS

Cooling • Heating • Home Repairs • Remodels

512.450.1980 • www.AplusAC.com

\$20 off
ANY A/C Repair or
Handyman Service!

Cannot be combined with other offers.
Check our website for additional coupons & discounts.



TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE market report update

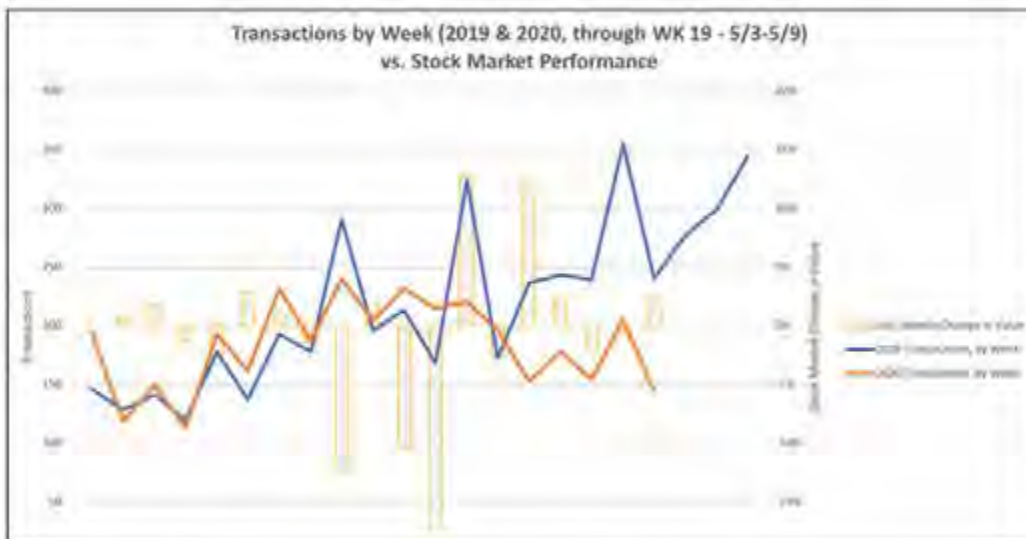
June 2020

by *Trey McWhorter*

At the time of writing in mid-May there is still a great deal of uncertainty and debate about reopening the economy and how quickly, etc. I will steer clear of that and simply report on the real estate data that is known at this time... the MLS transactions that have been reported up to May 15th. Keep in mind, as I mentioned last month, sales data really describes market activity 30-45 days ago, since it typically takes about that long for the transaction process to be completed.

The data in this table indicates a slower pace on transactions, but pricing is much stronger. List and sold prices and \$ / sq ft are all up significantly from the same period last year. And days on market have dropped.

Single Family Homes		Year to Date - Tarrytown					
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	28	45	57	30	41	46
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,757,153	\$ 1,288,257	\$ 1,300,861	\$ 1,251,430	\$ 1,164,802	\$ 1,157,985
	Median List Price	\$ 1,310,000	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 1,162,500	\$ 925,000	\$ 1,117,500
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,686,520	\$ 1,216,520	\$ 1,255,374	\$ 1,215,142	\$ 1,132,291	\$ 1,100,777
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 1,237,500	\$ 992,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 887,500	\$ 1,040,500
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 528	\$ 500	\$ 447	\$ 413	\$ 435	\$ 397
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 518	\$ 469	\$ 427	\$ 428	\$ 396	\$ 403
Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 511	\$ 467	\$ 433	\$ 402	\$ 423	\$ 379
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 512	\$ 442	\$ 422	\$ 421	\$ 396	\$ 388
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	43	63	68	84	63	59
	Median Days on Market	15	44	27	58	52	29
Size of House	Sq/Ft (Total)	2,839	2247	2808	2,790	2808	2498
Age of House	Year of Construction	1968	1955	1973	1963	1954	1954



More broadly, looking at Austin, here is an updated version of the chart I provided last month, looking at Austin transactions compared to last year, and also looking at the weekly change in the stock market.

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 May 15, 2020.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

In a time when life has come to a screeching halt, we begin to feel isolated and divided from the rest of our communities and the world as a whole.

Help us make 2020/2021 the #YearOfUnity!! Our goal is to help Texas recover and thrive by reconnecting with the world around us once again!

We have so many international teens from many different countries who are eager and ready to experience life in America and they dream of the host family who will choose to welcome them this fall. What better way to introduce your family to another country and culture without having to travel half way across the globe!

What is a host family?

- Minimum age requirement of 25. Must be able to pass a background check and have a stable home life.
- Hosts come in all shapes and sizes! Married, single, with / without children...all kinds of families are welcome!
- With the help of a Local Coordinator, Hosts are able to choose a student who fits with their family's interests and hobbies. They can begin communicating with their student once the placement is finalized in the database!
- Hosts receive monthly contact as well as 24/7 support during their hosting experience!

- Students cover all of their own personal expenses and carry their own medical insurance.

- Students arrive about 10 days prior to school starting and they depart about 7 - 10 days after school ends. Some have signed up to come for a semester (Aug. - Jan.) and most have signed up to come for the full school year (late Aug - late May/early June)

Hosts provide students with:

- 3 shared meals a day. Students cover lunch if they choose to buy hot lunch at school.
- Students can share a bedroom with a host sibling of the same sex and within 4 years of age from each other. Student must have their own bed.
- The ability to attend American public high school. Hosts would help with transportation to extracurricular activities, within reason and based on availability.
- The love of your family! Students are to be treated as a family member and will share in household chores and daily life with the family.

Help us bounce back from isolation and 2020/2021 the YearOfUnity! If you would like to hear about our student applicants to see if we have a match for you, please contact me directly at 832-455-7881, or email me at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com

AGE of Central Texas
Thrive Social & Wellness Center

- The only fully-licensed — and longest-operating — non-residential and secure Adult Day Health Center in the Austin area
- Full-time nursing and professional care staff, specializing in memory care
- Open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- All-inclusive: activities, meals and snacks, and transportation options
- Accepting Medicaid, Veteran's benefits, long-term care insurance, and private pay at only \$65 per day

An Affordable, Convenient, and Licensed Center Where Senior Adults Thrive!

3710 Cedar Street in Austin | (512) 458-6305
www.AGEofCentralTX.org

Call Today for a Tour!



Wonders & Worries

URBAN SCAVENGER HUNT

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 | ATX

Looking for something fun to do with your family?
Join Wonders & Worries for the 4th Annual Urban Scavenger Hunt!

Quality Family Fun Time | Family Friendly Prizes | After-Party at Zilker Lodge

For more information, contact Leslie Schulze at
512-329-5757 x320 or leslie@wondersandworries.org



A New Invisalign Offer - Now Only \$3499

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

Our doctors at Shoal Creek Dental will walk you through your customized plan.

SEE YOUR NEW SMILE

With our Digital 3D scans, you'll see your future smile in minutes.

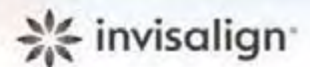
SMILE ON

Experience innovation that will leave you grinning and get that healthier, straighter smile!

Call today to begin your journey towards a straighter smile!



Shoal Creek Dental Care
8015 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 120
512.453.8181
www.shoalcreekdental.com





PEEL, INC.

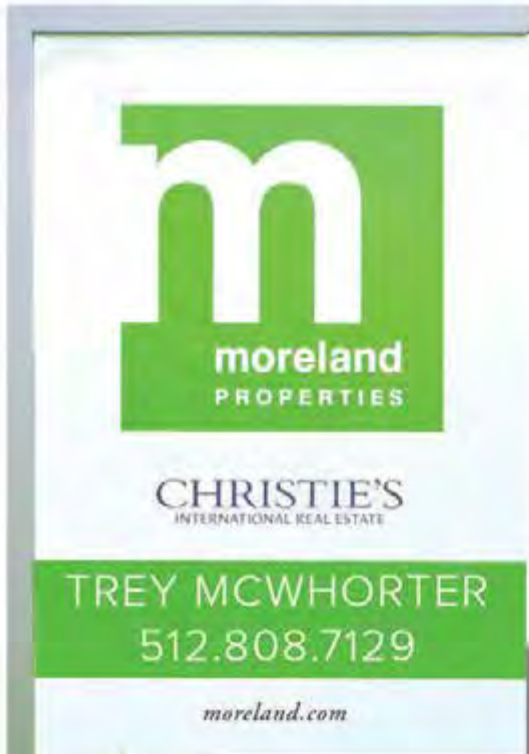
1405 Brandi Ln
Round Rock, TX 78681

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

TRY

INSTANT CURB APPEAL

COMING SOON



Let me plant something **green** in your yard this summer.

Trey McWhorter
REALTOR®

512-825-6503 cell

trey.mcwhorter@moreland.com



Read my market update inside.

DON'T REPLACE, REJUVENATE!



At Roof N Rescue we will provide an honest assessment of the process your home needs. We will document all damages present and provide a written assessment with photos to back our recommendation. Unlike other roofing companies that will almost always suggest a total roof replacement because their primary concern their bottom line, we put the needs of our customers first. We operate on honesty, integrity, and always provide customer-centric service, as evidenced by our A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

At Roof N Rescue, we only use installers who have extensive experience performing roof repairs, rejuvenation, and replacements. These craftsmen have been in the business for decades, so you can rest assured they are true experts of their trade. And in fact, because we strongly believe in the quality of their work, we provide an extended labor warranty.

For more information about all the services we provide, please visit our website:

512-720-9191

www.RoofNRescue.com



SAVE MONEY... SAVE YOUR ROOF!

Greener Shingles is a quick, easy, sustainable and affordable alternative to a complicated, expensive disrupting asphalt replacement.

Repair



Roof repairs are made easy when you contact Roof N Rescue. We have specialty crews that perform 'repair only' jobs. These workmen have the knowledge and expertise to identify the underlying source of the roof system failure and will correctly make the necessary repairs. There are five quite common areas where roofs can fail: Flashings, Roof vents, valley's, pests, and other contractors inadvertently damaging the roof. We can easily assess the damage and quote the proper course of action to repair your roof. Check out RoofNRescue.com for more information about the repair services that we offer.

Rejuvenate

Asphalt roofs usually start showing signs of aging after five to ten years. The shingle's granular coating starts washing into the gutters as the petrol oils dry up, losing the ability to hold the granular in place. Greener Shingle's bio-based product was scientifically tested and proven to have an 86% better granular adhesion on treated shingles versus untreated. Greener Shingles suffocates moss, increases shingle flexibility, helps keep granular in place, and improves fire resistance, making the shingles last longer, keeping them on your roof where they belong.

Why rejuvenate your shingles?

- Increases adhesion of the protective top granule coating
 - Reduces hail impact damage and subsequent granule loss
 - Restores permeability closer to new shingles
 - Greener Shingles is a bio-based, environmentally friendly soy product, lab tested to replace petroleum oils in asphalt shingles and make them last longer
- Check out RoofNRescue.com for more information about our rejuvenation process and products.

