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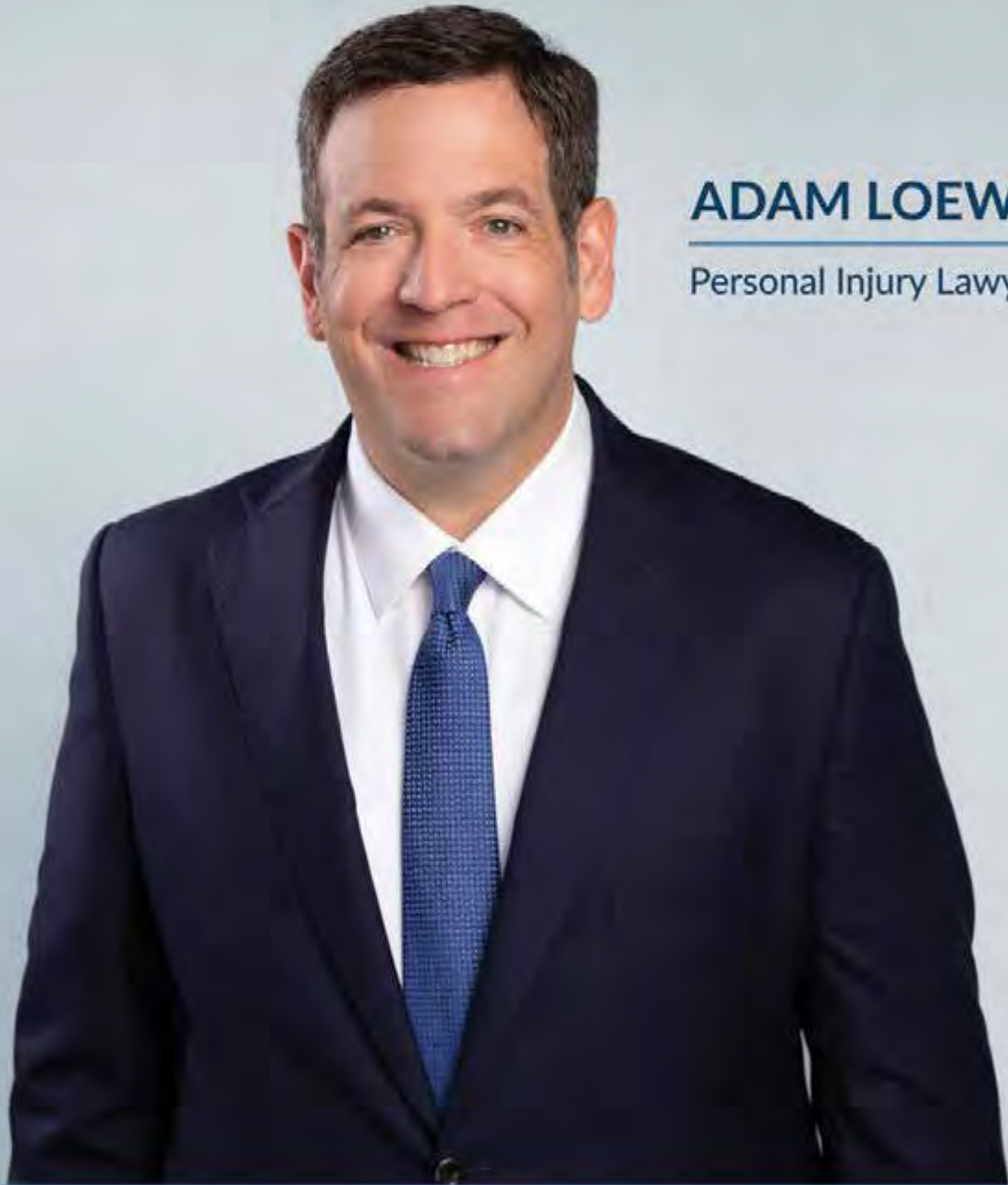
Dance Camp with the Austin High Red Jackets

Dance Camp for Students K-8th Set for
August 10 to August 13



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Austin, Texas_June 11, 2020_Young dancers from Kindergarten to 8th grade can join the award-winning Austin High Red Jackets dance team this summer for a 4-day camp filled with hip hop routines, jazzy dance mixes, high kick counts, and some arts and crafts fun.

“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 Wright, 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. 10 -13, 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.

Established in 1926, the Austin High Red Jackets team is the oldest drill team in Austin, Texas. The team boasts 2,000 devoted alumni. Team members perform at Austin High athletic events;

compete in regional and national dance competitions; teach children’s dance clinics; and produce an annual Spring Show.

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/>.

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.



Austin Film Festival is excited to launch our Virtual Film Camp Classes for the Summer of 2020! Designed for the young filmmaker stuck at home, these classes will provide both a fun and instructional creative outlet for your young storyteller. Whether a novice or advanced filmmaker, these classes are sure to take your camper’s filmmaking skills to the next level. Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/2zNdECJ>

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LETTUCE RECYCLE!

by Dena Houston



QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS – PART 2

Here is part 2 of the fabulous recycling questions I have received from the readers of "Lettuce Recycle."

I STILL DON'T HAVE CURBSIDE COMPOST COLLECTION. WHEN

WILL IT START IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD? The last rollout for curbside compost collection was originally scheduled for September 2020. Here is an update from Austin Resource Recovery: *Due to the impact of COVID-19 and a delay in the delivery of essential equipment, the final phase of the Curbside Composting expansion is tentatively scheduled for late 2020. All customers will be notified of their first service date via mailed postcard as soon as the date is confirmed.*

WHAT DO I DO WITH AN OLD BARBEQUE GRILL? CAN I PLACE PARTS OF IT INTO MY CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN? Metal grill parts cannot go into the blue curbside bin. You can take the grill to the Recycle & Reuse Drop Off Center where the steel components will be recycled OR wait till the next bulk item collection date when the entrepreneurs will pick it up.

ARE TETRA PAKS RECYCLABLE? No, they are not recyclable in Austin. Tetra paks, as well as cardboard milk and juice containers, must be placed in the trash carts. They are made

of multiple layers of materials that cannot be separated for recycling.

IS ALL ALUMINUM FOIL RECYCLABLE? No, aluminum foil must be totally clean and dry (no paint or food product) in order to be recyclable. It needs to be wadded up into at least a two-inch ball. Foil tops on cream cheese, sour cream, and yogurt can be recycled if clean and dry. Some wrappers and toppers look like foil but are not. If you wad it up and it stays wadded up, it is foil. If it does not stay wadded up, it has a plastic coating on it and is not recyclable.

IS THERE ANY ADVANTAGE TO PUTTING FOOD INTO CURBSIDE COMPOSTING INSTEAD OF INTO THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL? Not really. Everything that goes into your curbside compost becomes soil. Everything that goes into your garbage disposal goes into the wastewater stream. In Austin, the sludge from the wastewater treatment plant is processed into Dillo Dirt (a type of fertilizer unique to Austin).

ARE DISPOSABLE PAPER VACUUM CLEANER BAGS ALLOWED IN THE GREEN CURBSIDE COMPOST BIN? No, they are not. A vacuum cleaner bag could contain contaminated materials such as glass and cat litter. There is no way to open each bag to check the contents at the compost facility. Also, some bags have metal or plastic parts that make them non-compostable.

Here is a very 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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TARRYTOWN REAL ESTATE market report update

July
2020

by *Trey McWhorter*

At the time of writing in mid-June activity appears to have picked up. As noted last month, transactions definitely lag previous years, 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 are consistent with the last couple of years.

Single Family Homes		Year to Date - Tarrytown					
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
SOLD	Single Family Homes Sold	36	60	71	44	55	58
List Price	Avg List Price	\$ 1,679,866	\$ 1,339,492	\$ 1,320,635	\$ 1,357,521	\$ 1,164,411	\$ 1,210,781
	Median List Price	\$ 1,297,500	\$ 1,181,494	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,162,500	\$ 925,000	\$ 1,150,000
Sold Price	Average Net Sold Price	\$ 1,610,661	\$ 1,278,989	\$ 1,279,275	\$ 1,303,448	\$ 1,129,801	\$ 1,153,856
	Median Net Sold Price	\$ 1,237,500	\$ 1,096,125	\$ 1,180,335	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,065,500
List Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 517	\$ 492	\$ 448	\$ 420	\$ 425	\$ 399
	Median List Price / Sq Ft	\$ 513	\$ 468	\$ 434	\$ 433	\$ 396	\$ 398
Sold Price \$ / Sq Ft	Average Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 500	\$ 465	\$ 437	\$ 406	\$ 412	\$ 382
	Median Net Sold Price / Sq Ft	\$ 499	\$ 443	\$ 423	\$ 421	\$ 389	\$ 380
Days on Market	Average Days on Market	45	50	63	70	63	62
	Median Days on Market	21	19	20	52	48	27

Size of House	Sq/Ft (Total)	3,095	2650	2844	2,810	2554	2694
Age of House	Year of Construction	1969	1956	1965	1961	1956	1959

More broadly, looking at luxury transactions in MLS with location defined as "Austin" with a sold price of \$750,000 or more, the pace is picking up. The graph nearby shows a comparison of transactions by week for 2020 vs. 2019. Week 20 (May 10-16) was a low-point and activity has been climbing ever since.



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 June 15, 2020.

GRACKLES *They'll eat anything*

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

We've all been in parking lots where we feel we're being stalked by big black birds just waiting for us to drop a morsel of food. What are they? Ravens, Crows, Grackles? If you said Grackles, you'd be correct.

So how do you tell the difference? Ravens are very large and have a long wedge-shaped tail. They have a thick bill. Their throat looks a little shaggy if you're ever able to get close to one. Their call is deep. Crows are about the size of a chicken. They have smaller beaks and shorter tails that are squared off at the ends. They have a higher-pitched call than Ravens. Grackles are about the size of Robins. They are easily identifiable by their iridescent feathers mostly seen on their heads. They have golden eyes and their call has been compared to the sound of a rusty gate.

There are actually three types of Grackles—Great-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle and the Boat-tailed Grackle. The Common Grackle is found throughout North America, the Boat-tailed Grackle can be found in the southeastern states and the Great-tailed bird is found along the Texas border and into Mexico. What you are seeing in parking lots are mainly Common Grackles.

Grackles are not picky eaters. They'll eat bugs, berries, seeds and just

about anything else they can find. They'll wade in water in search of small fish and will even eat leeches off of the legs of turtles. They steal worms from robins, raid the nests of other birds and will even kill and eat other birds. Of course, we all know that they love French fries, cookies and anything else that is dropped in a parking lot or in a trash bin.

Grackles practice a strange behavior known as anting. This involves rubbing ants on their bodies. No one knows exactly why they do this but some scientists believe the ants secrete an acid that kills feather mites. Others believe it has something to do with shedding feathers or molting.

Just like their eating habits, grackles are not very particular when it comes to where they build their nests. Some live and nest in colonies as large as 200 breeding pairs. A female can lay from 4 to 7 eggs in a single season.

Right now, we're in baby bird season. Some birds that are brought to us for care should have been left where they were. If you find a baby bird, please give us a call and let us help you determine if the bird needs help or not. Our website also has some great information on a number of topics. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org 713.468.8972

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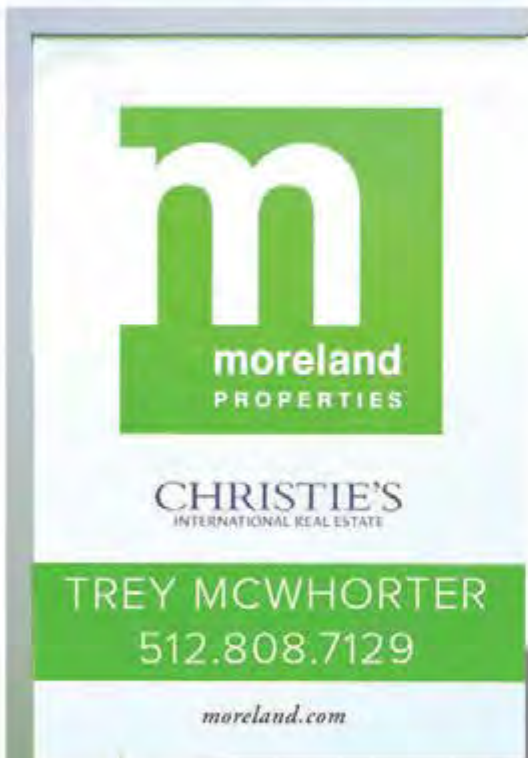
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