

Neighbors,

I recently acquired a buyer that is interested in making Tanglewood their new home. After taking a look at the available Tanglewood homes I have found that there are currently 5 active listings and 1 contingent. Unfortunately at this time these properties are not going to work for my buyer. Some buyers have specific needs and my buyer is looking for a one story home with a view of the lake, golf course or greenbelt.

If any of you are considering selling your home, please let me know. I would love to find a Tanglewood home for my buyer and help you in the process.

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Coupon of the Month!

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\$125 for standard 2 car garage (reg. \$250)

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Please see their article on page 2



City leaders welcomed readers of all ages to the city's latest addition at the grand opening ceremony for the new John and Judy Gay Library, 6861 W. Eldorado Pkwy., on Dec. 10, 2009.

The John and Judy Gay Library, located in Gabe Nesbitt Community Park, serves the west side of the city with features like free wi-fi access, special areas for kids and teens, self-service computers with internet access and a quiet study room. Lots of natural light, a geothermal heating and cooling unit, and an efficient design help save natural resources and money.

For more information on the McKinney Library System and the Friends of the Library's Bucks for Books drive, visit: www.mckinneypubliclibrary.org.

City of McKinney Website includes valuable information regarding road construction, water programs, upcoming events and other information that may be useful!

Check it out: McKinney City

www.searchhomevalues.info

See what your neighbors' home
actually sold for.

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Is Your Home Ready for the Texas Heat?

In today's uncertain market, more people are focusing on reducing their energy costs. People are looking for ways to make their home more cost efficient as well environmentally efficient.

There are three main components to making your home more energy efficient. Insulation, ventilation and radiant barrier together provide a comprehensive plan to get your home in top running condition while reducing the sticker shock on the electric bill.

Insulating your home is one of the simplest and quickest ways to reduce your energy costs in all seasons. One of the best options for insulation is Johns Mansville Fiberglass insulation. It is made from recycled glass products to be environmentally friendly. You will also want to make sure that your insulation contains no formaldehyde so that it is a healthy product as well. Even adding a few inches of insulation can make a significant difference in your utility costs.

The second component is ventilation. Ventilation can be as simple as increasing the number of soffit vents around the outside of your home to adding passive or solar powered attic vents. Solar powered attic vents are an innovative way to reduce your attic temperatures by 10-15 degrees. One of the best products on the market today is Sunrise Solar Vents. These vents are durable in Texas weather, have a ten year warranty, run completely on solar energy and can have a thermostat that stops the fan if the temperature gets below 60 degrees. They will not have to be replaced as often as electrical attic fans simply because they are not electric powered motors which often overheat and burn out. These fans can pull air out of the attic as much as 1250 cubic feet per minute which will reduce attic temperatures in the summer and help with moisture problems in the winter.

The third and possibly most important energy reduction solution is radiant barrier. Radiant barriers help to keep the heat out in the summer and the heat in during the winter. The Department of Energy requires radiant barriers to be at least 97% reflective to be a true radiant barrier. Many of the products advertised as radiant barriers do not meet the Department of Energy standards. A true radiant barrier will reduce attic temperatures from 25 to 45 degrees in the summer and save up to 40% on your annual utility costs. The product with the highest reflectivity is 99% aluminum sheathing with a polyethylene center. The best installation method is stapling it to the rafters. This prevents the air conditioning from overheating and will increase the life of your air conditioning units. It also prevents the loss of cool air in your ductwork. Your air remains cooler as it travels through the duct work throughout your home. Another benefit to radiant barriers is that they make the home temperatures more constant and reduce hot and cold pockets of air. They are excellent at keeping hot upstairs rooms more comfortable in the summer even though radiant barriers do have year round results.

Energy Attic offers free energy analysis to determine what is specifically needed for your home. Energy Attic specializes in all three components (insulation, ventilation and radiant barrier) to make your home more energy efficient. They will tailor a solution specifically for your home without trying to sell you a lot of unnecessary items. Each and every audit will target only your home's specific needs. There are no gimmicks or "specials" offering amazing percentages off the pricing. For more information you may go to www.energyattic.com or call 972-548-0088.

The Energy Tax Credits have been reinstated for 2009-2010. You may qualify for a tax credit of 30% of materials up to \$1500 if you install prior to December 31, 2010.

The combination of all three energy reduction solutions will give the most effective and dramatic results in reducing your energy costs, reducing dependence on foreign oil, and making our world a healthier place to live.

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Area Activities and News

Children & Community Health Center of McKinney

Children & Community Health Center of McKinney is hosting its fifth annual One Enchanted Evening Gala on Saturday, March 6 at Eldorado Country Club. This year's theme - Under the Prairie Skies - will be highlighted with casual elegant western attire, music and food. This event is the single-largest funding source for CCHC. To top off the evening, we raffle baskets loaded with awesome prizes!

Children & Community Health Center of McKinney is the only free medical clinic for people living in the northern Collin County area. The clinic provides approximately 3,000 free patient visits every year as is open four days and two evenings every week. Over two hundred and fifty hours of time is volunteered by physicians, nurses, translators, pharmacists and administrative support are donated each and every week to make this resource available to our community.

We would love for Tanglewood to have a presence at our annual event! Please contact me, Mollie McCune at mmccune7@comcast.net or 972-489-5002 if you would like to join us!

EGG-Stravaganza!
Don't miss McKinney's Largest Easter Egg Hunt!!
Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00am.
1986 Parkwood Ave.

Heard Museum
Exhibits Open Now...
Beehive Exhibit

Animals of the World
A Conservation Exhibit

Treasures From the Earth

For dates and times go to:
<http://www.heardmuseum.org>

Neighborhood Writing Skills Tutor

Connie Hetzer 972-670-0223

Grades 6-12 (evenings) in my home. Specialties are paragraph development, organization, research paper, creative and persuasive writing. I am a retired teacher with experience in teaching at the secondary and college levels. I would love to see your child succeed.

Tanglewood Neighbors

Please check your contact information in the Tanglewood Directory; any changes please call: Amy Knebel at 972-540-7926

Book Club
For details contact Lorneta Jennings:
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McKinney Sales

McKinney

Provided by CCAR

Collin County, TX

January

Entire Year

	2009	2010	Change	2009	2010	Change
New Listings	255	289	+ 13.3%	255	289	+ 13.3%
Closed Sales* (reported)	87	75	- 13.8%	87	75	- 13.8%
Closed Sales* (projected)	87	84	- 3.4%	87	84	- 3.4%
Average Sales Price**	\$223,253	\$210,238	- 5.8%	\$223,253	\$210,238	- 5.8%
Median Sales Price**	\$178,000	\$167,000	- 6.2%	\$178,000	\$167,000	- 6.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received at Sale**	91.8%	93.0%	+ 1.3%	91.8%	93.0%	+ 1.3%
Average Days on Market Until Sale	104	94	- 9.3%	104	94	- 9.3%
Single-Family Detached Inventory	877	719	- 18.0%	--	--	--
Townhouse-Condo Inventory	34	28	- 17.6%	--	--	--

*Due to the typical delays in recording sales, reported unit activity will appear artificially low for the most recent month. Our projected unit activity assumes that only 89% of all sales are reported in time for this report. **Year-to-Date figures are now updated each month in the interest of accuracy.** **Does not include seller's concessions.

McKinney Repertory Theatre

Plaza Suite, by Neil Simon
March 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 2010

Disney Dazzle
Children's Chorus of Collin County
March 8th

Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig
May 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 2010

Play It Again, Sam, by Woody Allen
July 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 2010

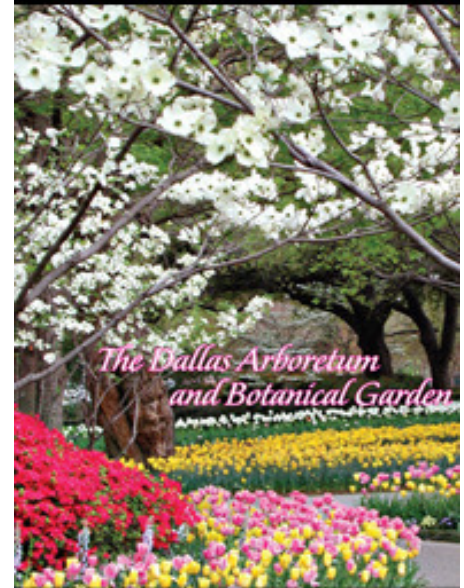
4TH Annual McKinney Has Talent

McKinney Repertory Theatre presents its fourth annual McKinney Has Talent! talent show. Auditions on April 9th and 10th at 7:00 pm in the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Cash prizes to the top three performances! Click here for information and registration form. Tickets to the semifinals on April 16th and the finals on April 17th available at www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org

Upcoming Events at the Dallas Arboretum



Dallas Blooms begins
March 6 - April 11



Come see over 500,000
spring blooming bulbs at the
largest and most beautiful
spring floral festival in the
southwest.

For additional information: <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/>

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Dallas Symphony Presents

Classical Series:

Mozart & Handel
(Mar 18, 19, 21) Classical Series Mozart & Handel You're in for an incredible evening as Nicholas McGegan leads the DSO and eminent flutist Sir James Galway...

Carmina Burana
(Mar 25, 26, 27, 28) Classical Series Orff: Carmina Burana Allow yourself to be captivated by one of the greatest pieces ever composed for chorus and orchestra...

Brahms: Symphony No. 2
(Apr 8, 9, 10, 11) Classical Series Brahms: Symphony No. 2 Music Director Jaap van Zweden takes you on an orchestral journey from the sunny, pastoral beauty of Brahms...

Mozart and Schumann
(Apr 15, 16, 17, 18) Classical Series Mozart and Schumann Dallas favorite Hans Graf returns to conduct the DSO.

Bruch: Scottish Fantasy
(Apr 29, 30, May 1, May 2) Classical Series Bruch: Scottish Fantasy .

Ravel: Ma Mère l'Oye (Mother Goose)
(May 6, May 7, 8, 9) Classical Series Ravel: Ma Mère l'Oye (Mother Goose) Delight in the pageantry and drama of Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye (Mother Goose), a beautifully orchestrated ballet based on Mother Goose.

POPS Presents:

Bowfire
(Mar. 12, 13, 14) Pops Series Bowfire

Symphonic Oscars featuring the DSO
(Apr. 2, 3) Pop Series Symphonic Oscars featuring the DSO Music will be the star as we roll out the red carpet for the Oscars.

Bugs Bunny on Broadway
(Apr. 23,24) Pops Series Bugs Bunny on Broadway Get ready for loads of fun and laughter as the DSO celebrates the world's most popular Warner Bros. classic Looney Tunes...

Elvis Costello with the DSO
(May 28, 29)

Dallas Symphony Presents:

Best of the Big Bands
(Mar. 11) DSO Presents Best of the Big Bands

Local Entertainment



Live on the Green in Allen

3/18 6:30—9:30 **Retroplex**
Dallas area cover band specializing in 80's music.

3/19 6:30—9:30 **Don't Tell Mama**
10 piece band—This high energy Dance, Party Band gets the crowd movin' and groovin'!

3/20 6:30—9:30 **Diva and High Maintenance**
One of the best party and dance bands in Dallas.

3/25 6:30—9:30 **Ken Savage & The Best Kept Secret**

They keep your party dancing with smooth jazz, classic R&B and rock ranging from Chicago and The Blues Brothers to The Beatles.

3/26 6:30—9:30 **Moving Colors**
A people's band—playing danceable, melodic music with precision and solid rhythm.

3/27 6:30—9:30 **The Vince Lujan Project**
A Denton, Texas based band that is putting a new spin on the ever evolving, all encompassing Texas sound by infusing blends of Acoustic, Pop, Funk, Latin and Soul.

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March 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 McKinney Farmer's Mar- kets begin on Chestnut Square
7	8	9 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	10	11 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	12	13 Chestnut Square Farmer's Market Chestnut Square Historic Village— 11am
14 Daylight savings begin	15	16 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	19	20 Chestnut Square Farmer's Market Chestnut Square Historic Village— 11am Spring Begins
21	22	23 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	24	25 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	26	27 Chestnut Square Farmer's Market and Historic Village 11am Heard Museum— Take a Hike for your Community! Dallas Arboretum Easter Egg Hunt
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Chestnut Square Historic Village—11am	31			

**Has the market
 stabilized
 in your area?**

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