



Portland Metro Market Statistics:

When comparing the statistics of February 2008 to those from a year ago, closed sales decreased 29.5% and the number of accepted offers fell 34.7%.

Portland's inventory of new listings increased by 10.4% when compared to February of 2007. At the end of February 2008, there were 14,407 active residential listings in the Portland Metro area.

The average market time for homes is expected to be approximately 85 days.

When comparing year-to-date prices for the time period ending in February 2008, the average sale price appreciated 5.8% (\$344,700 v. \$325,800) and the median sale price grew 5.5%.

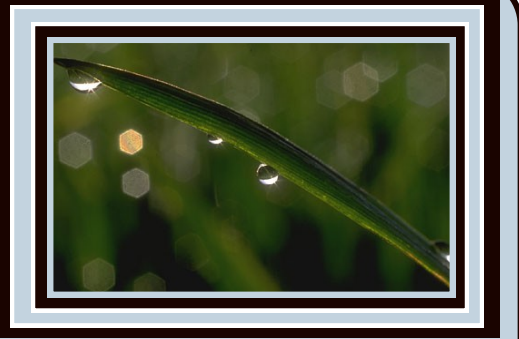
Clark County Washington Market Statistics:

Average market time is 110 with the year to date at 104 days. Last year it was 87 days with a year to date of 88 days on market. Feb 2008 14.6 months of inventory vs record 17(Jan) Active listing grew to 4300 vs 4175.

Overall Clark county maintained an average sales price appreciation of 0.6% (\$304,300 vs \$302,600) Specific areas had greater appreciation, others had negative appreciation. Please contact me if you want specific details of your neighborhood.

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APRIL, 2008



April is Autism Awareness Month

<http://www.autism-society.org>

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

In February 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued their ADDME autism prevalence report. The report, which looked at a sample of 8 year olds in 2000 and 2002, concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in every 150 American children,

and almost 1 in 94 boys. The issuance of this report caused a media uproar, but the news was not a sur-



prise to ASA or to the 1.5 million Americans living with the effects of autism spectrum disorder. Nonetheless, the spotlight shown on autism as a result of the prevalence increase opens opportunities for the nation to consider how to serve these families facing a lifetime of supports for their children.

Early Identification Can Change Lives

Autism is treatable. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

Here are some signs to look for in the children in your life:

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms
- Little or no eye contact
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Persistent fixation on parts of objects

Gately Academy Spring Gala Fundraiser

Please join Gately Academy on Saturday April 26, 2008 for their Spring Gala Fundraiser.

Schedule is as follows:

- Cocktails at 6:00PM
- No Host bar
- Dinner at 7:15 PM
- Presentation at 7:45 PM. Featured guest Speaker David Willis, M.D., FAAP Behavioral-Development Pediatrics Director, Northwest Early Childhood Institute. Topic: "The Challenge of Learning Disabilities: Building Confidence in Learning Through Experiences"
- Dancing to follow
- Raffle Prizes
- Wear: Cocktail Attire
- Tickets are \$100 a person (\$50 of that is tax deductible) RSVP by April 10, 2008. For more information, call 503-215-2606. If you are attending, please ask to sit at or near my table!



Gately Academy is a private non-denominational middle school in Northeast Portland serving 5th-8th graders who have Learning Disabilities and/or Attention Deficit Disorders.

PACE—Parent and Child Enrichment

Project P.A.C.E., Inc (PACE) was founded in 1992 by Katherine A. Calouri, Ph.D., and Eric Hamblen, a husband and wife team, who have each spent over 20 years working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families in clinical settings, research sites, family homes, outdoor programs, public and private schools. Steve Ryan, M.A., C.C.C., is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist who has worked with children with autism and their families for over 12 years and has been with PACE since 1999.

In keeping with the tradition of providing cutting edge services, PACE Place was founded in 2004. Countless hours of hard work and community support were spent to make PACE Place a state of the art environment for families. The unique PACE Place

Immersion Model provides families with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a rewarding and growth-enhancing lifestyle by addressing family goals with professional guidance. The immediate success of PACE Place confirmed the efficacy of the immersion model. The demand for PACE Place grew quickly and thus, PACE Place II opened in June 2005.

The PACE Place Immersion Model inspired the professional staff beyond measure. Guiding families within a home environment and within the community, focusing on “real life,” helped them hone their skills and discover their potential as professionals. This unique setting allowed them to develop strategies that empower parents. The PACE professionals are no longer solely in clinical settings, removed from the real challenges fami-

lies face. They now have experience sitting with families in restaurants, struggling with kids in the barber’s chair, and facing tantrums at the zoo. They are now more fully “in the trenches” with families. The professional wisdom gained from PACE Place has been invaluable; they now guide families with increased compassion and real life experience. Their years of discovery have led them to firm ground. They pride themselves on their ability to partner with parents to discover the child’s developmental potential

For more information on PACE, please visit www.paceplaceinc.com.

For more information on Autism awareness, support and education, please visit Autism Centers of America, at www.autismsociety.org and AutismOne at www.autismone.org.



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