



## *Keep on Keeping On!* - FROM THE BOARD

On July 4th, NWACA kept up a long-standing tradition, our 4th of July Parade and follow-on Freedom Fest. It was a delight to see so many neighbors lining the street to watch other neighbors marching in the parade. Several floats were entered into the annual contest this year; Literati won the grand prize. Thanks to all those who entered. After the parade, the crowd gathered in the Doss parking lot, enjoying the food and music and displays from our business members. Thanks to everyone who helped put on the events and to those who attended that morning. Please see the special thank you section for business members in this issue and thank them for all that they do to make NWACA events possible.

Now that we're into August, perseverance is needed, to help us keep going! The weather just keeps sending us into the air conditioning but walking early in the morning or late at night still works. And those walks help keep our blood pressure under control!

Because of the drought and the hot, windy days, we also need to keep our eyes on the wildfire risks we face. A reminder: go to our web site [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) to see the current and projected wildfire danger rating. On the day I checked, Austin was at high danger while surrounding areas were moderate. When the danger is high, be prepared to bring flammable objects on your deck or front porch inside and refresh your evacuation plan just in case you must leave your home quickly.

The school year will soon begin, so we need to be vigilant around all school zones. Over the last several years, signage and sidewalks near our schools have been improved to enhance safety for the students and crossing guards.

You'll notice from the calendar that our annual NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales are gearing up again, with registration for the sales going on from September 1st until September 24th with the sales happening on October 1st. More details are in the article about the sales inside this newsletter.

On Saturday September 24th, we'll hold our annual NWACA Neighborhood National Night Out. We'll have more details in the September newsletter, but for now, please hold the date!

If this newsletter is in your hands, we're grateful that it's made it to your door through the two post offices serving the NWACA area. In case it's not getting to you regularly, you can also find the newsletter on the NWACA web site. New issues are usually available the first or second day of the month. Use the Newsletter tab at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) to see the online version.

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The NWACA Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except December. Please visit our calendar at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) to see the specific time and location. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, please send email a week before the meeting, so that we can put you on the agenda.

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## Mark Your Calendars

*These events are as planned as of July 15. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.*

### Aug 16, 7 pm

Parks Committee  
TBD, perhaps virtual

### Aug 20 9am – noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park – Sign up at  
<https://givepul.se/lqpd6p>  
Bull Creek District Park

### Aug 23, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees Joint Meeting  
TBD, perhaps virtual

### Aug 24, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual

### Sep 1, 2021

Signup begins for Annual Garage Sales on October 1  
NWACA web site

### Sep 17, 9AM – noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park – Sign up at  
<https://givepul.se/lqpd6p>  
Bull Creek District Park

### Sep 18, 2 PM

Tree, Environment, and Wildlife Committee • virtual

### Sep 20, 7pm

Parks Committee • virtual

### Sep 24

Registration for Neighborhood Garage Sales closes  
NWACA web site

### Sep 24, 6-8 PM

NWACA Neighborhood National Night Out event – visit with first responders and enjoy music, dance, martial arts performances, food, and conversation  
Randall's Parking Lot - Mesa Plaza – Mesa at Spicewood Springs Rd.

### Sep 27, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees Joint Meeting  
virtual

### Sep 28, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual





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## Student Scoop: Anderson High School

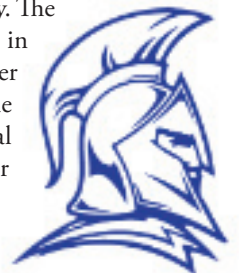
- Kayla Winer-Winkler

Everyone goes to school, even our parents! I also attend school, and if you are growing up in this neighborhood, you are likely to (eventually) go to one of these schools.

L.C. Anderson High School has a long history. It was established in 1889, as an addition to Robertson Hill School (the first African American school in the city), located on the corner of 11th and San Marcos Streets. About twenty years later, the school became independent, moving to the corner of Olive and Curve Streets and then being renamed E.H. Anderson High School, for the principal of Prairie View Normal Institute (now Prairie View A&M). In 1913 the high school moved to 1607 Pennsylvania Avenue (the current location of Kealing Middle School) and stayed in that location for about 40 years. In 1938, the name of the school became L.C. Anderson High School to honor L.C. Anderson (brother of E.H. Anderson), who was principal of the original high school from 1896 - 1929. Then, in 1953, the school moved to 900 Thompson Street, but closed in 1971, due to desegregation laws. In 1973, the school reopened in its current location on Mesa Drive. With students coming from Murchison and Burnet Middle Schools, there are around 2,200 students currently attending the high school.

One of the schools that feeds into Anderson High School, Murchison Middle School, is also in the area. It accepts students from Davis, Doss, Hill, and Summitt Elementary Schools; there are a total of 1,250 students. Murchison Middle School was established in 1967 and was built on top of an old rock quarry. The school got its first addition - 14 classrooms - in 1999 and opened a three-story sixth grade center in January 2021. Murchison is the only middle school in AISD that uses the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program in their curriculum.

Have a good time this school year!



Anderson Trojan

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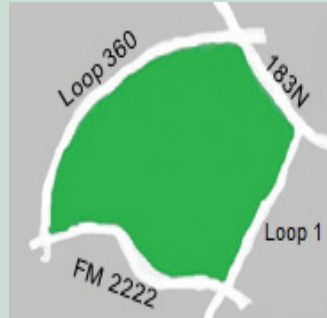
## School's Opening Soon Be Attentive! – Teri Schock

Students will go back to our neighborhood schools on August 15th. Plan your work commutes or errands to avoid the drop-off, pick-up, and carpool traffic lines. As you travel near the schools, observe all the signs and signals, including those of any crossing guards.

Hill Elementary (grades pre-K-5)	7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Doss Elementary (grades pre-K-5)	7:40 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.
Murchison Middle School (grades 6-8)	8:20 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Anderson High School (grades 9-12)	9:05 a.m. – 4:35 p.m.



## New to the Neighborhood? Welcome to NWACA!



If this is your first copy of our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! The map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard). There are about 13,500 households who are your neighbors and are happy you're here!

This newsletter is one way to know what's happening in NWACA, but there's much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and visit our public Facebook page. Use the Membership button on the home page, or use the form at the end of this newsletter to become a member of NWACA. Members have access to the weekly NWACA Notes and the ability to join the NWACA closed Facebook group, to keep in touch with each other and with the latest news about NWACA.

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## Writer's Corner: Emma J Virján, Author and Illustrator – Idee Kwak



Our neighbor, Emma J. Virján (veer-HAHN) has earned awards and recommendations from the New York Public Library, Publishers Weekly, Goodreads, Kirkus, and Texas 2X2 for the books she's written and illustrated, a delightful collection for readers, age one to four:

Nacho the Party Pup (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2008)

What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig (Harper Collins, 2015)

Plus, four others in the Pig in a Wig series (Harper Collins, 2015-2017): What this Story Needs is a Hush and Shush (written at our own Old Quarry Library!), Munch and Crunch, Bang and Clang, and Vroom and Zoom.

Simon and Schuster published the first of her next series, Captain Cat and the Pirate Lunch and Captain Cat Goes to Mars.

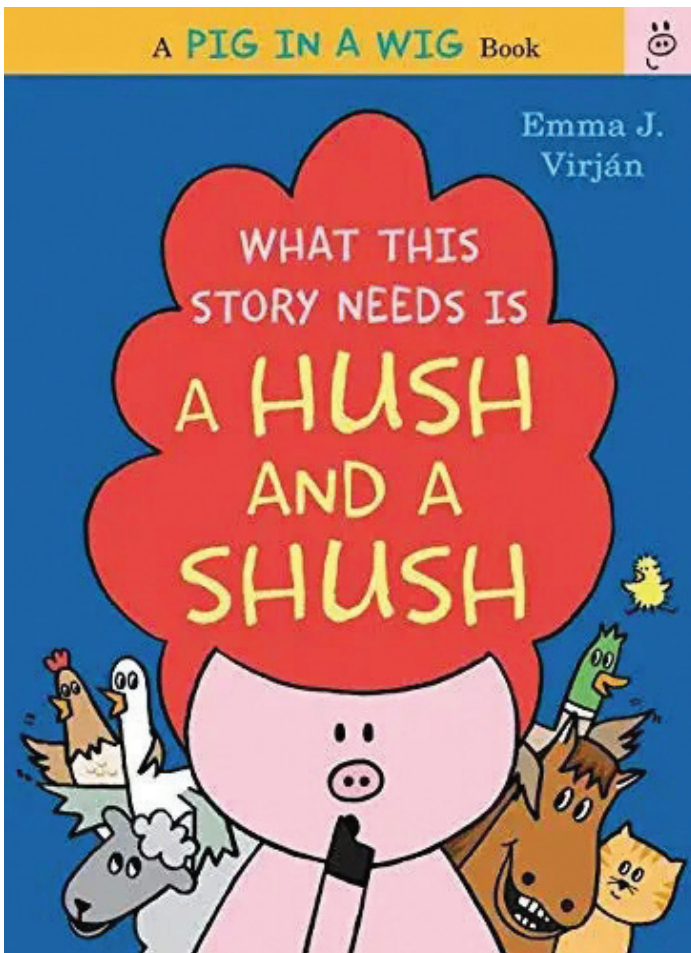
Emma spent her childhood in San Antonio, being read to and reading. She showed a particular interest in the World Book Encyclopedia, maps, and diagrams. Her continual doodling was at first traced from, then inspired by the books she read and although a teacher at school discouraged her dreams of becoming an artist, her parents were always supportive. Through the years, as they listened to her changing hopes of becoming a big-league baseball catcher, a biology teacher, an accountant, and then a painter in the south of France, they watched her abilities grow from copying Highlights Magazine and Goofus and Gallant, to drawing everything she saw around her including her mother's roses.

She had her first art class as a senior in high school and was off the next year to Southwest Texas State where she needed to decide on a major. She narrowed her decision to medicine, always a favorite, and art. Advanced Algebra for Scientists and Engineers steered her toward her BSA in Commercial Design.

After graduation, she moved to Connecticut to begin her career as a freelance graphic designer and within five years, founded Virján Design. She began taking writing courses including a workshop at Parsons in 1995. The instructor, author Esther Cohen, introduced Emma to her first agent, Edite Kroll, and soon Emma's work was brought to the attention of Random House, her first publisher.

By 1999 Emma had grown tired of snow and made her way back to Texas. She loves living here in Northwest Hills where she has a lovely garden full of pink and yellow knockout roses and where she walks her golden retriever, Bella. Her next projects still in development are a series about a dog, most likely a golden retriever like her own, and another series about Inspector Goose, original artwork seen at the top of this column.

Emma usually starts her process with a drawing that develops into a scene (though occasionally a catchphrase has been her inspiration). She spoke of the blank page authors dread so much when beginning work; she promptly fills hers using markers, crayons, colored pencils and even collages. With her originality and playfulness, it's no surprise she's a popular participant at the Texas Book Festival, the San Antonio Book Festival, and a beloved presenter at the conferences of the SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.) And she's in demand for school visits which she loves giving.





# MARKET UPDATE

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AVERAGE LIST PRICE

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 16  
CLOSED SALES



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## Dorothy Duvall vs. Austin City Slickers Part I – Richard Denney



Dorothy Duvall, like so many Austinites today, had had it with the newcomers to Bull Creek, in this case “city slickers” from Austin. Dorothy decided to take matters into her own hands.

But I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s back up. Along east Bull Creek, just south of the Southwestern Bell building, 5501 Spicewood Springs Road, are the ruins of the house that Dorothy Duvall built. The property, now owned by the City of Austin, is fenced off as part of the Balcones Canyonland Preserve.

Truth be told, Dorothy, too, was a newcomer to Bull Creek. Like Austin today, the definition of “newcomer” is relative to when you arrived! Settlement on the property predates Dorothy. William Thurm came from Germany in 1850 and with wife Caroline and three daughters settled on Bull Creek ca. 1855 in a spot that is today inside Bull Creek Greenbelt, about 5312 Old Spicewood Springs Road.

One daughter, Tena Thurm, married Isaac Venable in 1872. During the Civil War, Isaac served in the 1st Tennessee Light Artillery, US Army. After the war, he moved to Texas, settling on Bull Creek. He taught school at the original Oak Grove School on Bull Creek, a one room log cabin established ca. 1864. After Isaac and Tena’s marriage in 1872, they built a house near the Thurm homestead inside what is today a park owned by Austin Water Wildlands Conservation; the Stenis Hike and Bike Trail starts at 5479 Old Spicewood Springs Road and runs north through their property past ruins of their homestead. The “Smith Family Victory Garden, 1942-1944” is actually much older, part of the original Venable homestead. Tena passed in 1921, Isaac having preceded her in death, and in 1935 heirs sold the 320 acres to Dorothy Duvall. On a hill west of the old Venable house she built her new house; one story says some materials from the Venable home were re-used in building Dorothy’s house.

Dorothy and her property first appear in the news in 1939 when Spicewood Springs Road as we know it today begins to take shape. From the news:

“Another scenic road will be added to the list of Travis county loops within the next few months when improvements will be made to the Spicewood Springs road . . . The road is to be widened, straightened, and changed and bridges are to be built across the channel of Bull creek. The road [has been] for years one of the most scenic in the county but at present [is] hardly accessible because of roughness; [it] leads from Spicewood Springs northwest of Austin north and west along the Bull creek bottoms and intersects with Highway 29 [Jollyville Rd / US 183] just east of Jollyville.”

Property owners agreeing to donate right-of-way included Dorothy Duvall. As with Austinites today, road construction was the start of Dorothy’s problems.

Next month, in part 2, learn about drama on Bull Creek as Dorothy takes on the city-slickers.

Richard Denney is Vice-Chair of the Travis County Historical Commission. For more on this topic and other local history, visit <https://traviscountyhistorical.blogspot.com/>

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## Your Role in Vision Zero – Terry Cole



The City of Austin has a goal of zero pedestrian deaths. Assuming we all support this, especially in our neighborhood, what can we do?

- Use sidewalks where available. A corollary to this is never block sidewalks that cross your property. Note that bicycles and scooters are not welcome on sidewalks, because they can injure pedestrians almost as severely as vehicles can.
- Walk (or run) facing oncoming traffic. There is confusion about this, as guidance seems to change from generation to generation. The key: Oncoming drivers recognize your face more easily than any other part of you. When you can see traffic coming toward you, you can be more proactive in avoiding it.
- Make yourself visible at night. I occasionally find myself wearing dark clothing while walking the dog at night. My shoes have

reflective patches, so that may help; other times I'm almost invisible, so I turn my phone on and wave its screen at oncoming vehicles.

- Be proactive about being seen, day and night. I wave at oncoming traffic, especially if vehicles are going fast or passing me closely. I keep waving until drivers see me. You know they're seeing you when they slow down and move to the center of the road. A corollary of this is to drive slowly through our neighborhoods, slow down when you approach oncoming pedestrians and move, when safe to do so, nearer the center of the road.

- Cross the street at stop signs and crosswalks. When these aren't available, look both ways and then cross at a right angle to the street. A corollary is that the streets can be dangerous, and speed must be reduced to minimize risk of injury. I ask everyone to drive as if they've already seen a pedestrian in front of them. Think how badly lives can be impacted by pedestrian/vehicle accidents.

- Never cross from behind a car. Pedestrians, especially children, are often invisible when stepping out from behind a car. When driving, I personally find those little silhouettes of children playing are effective at helping me be attentive.

Here's a final thought: Deer are everywhere. They can be difficult to see at dusk or nighttime and are capable at totaling your vehicle when you drive at speeds above 20 mph.

## NWACA Sponsored Garage Sales

### October 1, 2022 –

NWACA Board

This year's NWACA-sponsored neighborhood garage sales will be held on October 1 from 8 am to 12 noon. The event is for NWACA members only, so if you're not a member, please go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) to join today! Participation is easy: you sell things in your garage and keep all the proceeds; we do the advertising for you, bringing customers to your garage.

Register on the NWACA web site from September 1 through September 24 using the link under "Hot Topics" on the home page at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org). We will post the neighborhood sales locations on the NWACA web site, place notices on Craigslist, and promote them on the NWACA Facebook page. NWACA provides participants with yard signs; we also deploy signs around the neighborhood saying that the sales are underway. Like past years, we anticipate supporting 40 to 60 garage sales. Good luck as you clean out your closets! The old adage "one person's junk is another person's treasure" definitely applies.



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## Accessing Mental Health Services – NWACA Board

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When you request mental health services from 911, the call is not handled by the police. Instead, it is handled by the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team, made up of mental health professionals, many with master’s degrees, employed by Integral Care. See more about this team at <https://tinyurl.com/MCOTAustin>

Austin Police Department officers get up to 80 hours of mental health emergency training. More details can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/911MHtraining> and <https://tinyurl.com/911MHtraining2>.

Finally, 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. It became available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.

When people call, text, or chat 988, they’ll be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. (Note: the current Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis, even after 988 is launched nationally.)



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## If Oak Wilt Should Strike – Tree, Environment, and Wildlife Committee

Throughout the years, we've provided guidance on how and when to trim oak trees in our neighborhood. We hope the information has been helpful and that your oak trees are thriving.

If, however, oak wilt does strike your trees or those of your neighbors, containing the disease is urgent and extremely important. If you suspect oak wilt, contact an oak wilt certified arborist to examine your tree and make recommendations for next steps. Go to <https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist> where you can search for an arborist by using several different options.

The arborist might recommend one or more of the following techniques to contain oak wilt:

- **Trenching**

- This involves digging a trench to bedrock, a major neighborhood project that can cost as much as \$100,000.

- **Infected Tree Injection (like a shot or IV for your tree)**

- Contract only with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified Arborist
- Recommend "macro injection" which introduces a high volume of water and chemicals into the tree's vascular system so it can be spread through the entire canopy and into new growth.

- **Infected Tree Removal**

- Contract with a Certified Arborist or Board-Certified Master Arborist

- Remove red oaks quickly to prevent fungal mat risk (Austin City Ordinance)

NWACA can provide financial assistance to property owners dealing with oak wilt. Over the years, a number of our members have made generous donations to fund efforts to suppress the disease in our neighborhoods. With these funds, NWACA can reimburse forty percent of a homeowner's expenses, up to a maximum \$1,000. NWACA policy requires that a property owner obtain an assessment of oak wilt infection, or risk of infection in healthy oaks, from an arborist certified by the American Society of Arboriculture. (See link provided above.)

Along with the assessment, the arborist should provide an oak wilt suppression plan specifying either therapeutic treatment for infected trees or preventive treatment for at-risk healthy oaks near infected oaks. The NWACA Board of Directors must consider and act on an oak wilt suppression plan in advance of a property owner's commitment of any expenditure for which reimbursement is requested. For more information send email to [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org)

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### To join:

go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and pay online via credit card

or send this form and payment to:

NWACA P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755

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# Chief's Monthly Report for May 2022

– Connie Lundgren

Continuing as we have for the last several months, here is the latest report available from the Austin Police Chief, the data for April 2022.

## Chief's Monthly Report for May 2022

### City-Wide

### Baker Sector

#### Crimes Against Persons

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	May 2022	All 2022	May 2021		May 2022	All 2022	May 2021
Murder	4	27	6	Murder	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	300	1,544	310	Aggravated Assault	12	81	18
Simple Assault	882	4,065	988	Simple Assault	97	434	94

#### Crimes Against Property

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	May 2022	All 2022	May 2021		May 2022	All 2022	May 2021
Robbery	65	372	95	Robbery	5	24	3
Burglary	318	1,907	388	Burglary	39	215	45
Burglary of Vehicle	748	4,004	772	Burglary of Vehicle	137	770	166
Auto Theft	355	2,088	385	Auto Theft	38	234	41
Vandalism	567	2,492	622	Vandalism	63	233	62

#### Crimes Against Society

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	May 2022	All 2022	May 2021		May 2022	All 2022	May 2021
Drug Violations	276	1,357	195	Drugs	14	66	12
Weapons	99	485	57	Weapons	4	20	1

# Tree Trimming Near Power Lines

– Charlie Galvin

If you have trees on your property that are within 10 feet of power lines, please do not attempt to trim these limbs on your own. Instead, go to the Austin Energy website for residential services and submit a tree trimming request form: <https://tinyurl.com/AustinEnergyform>

An inspector will evaluate your request within 2-4 weeks from the date of request. The city contracts with three vendors, but typically, they do not trim during the summer months. If the tree is not on your property, please report the need for trimming by calling 311. If there are sparks and/or a limb pulling the line from a pole or house, please call 512-322-9100 to report the utility emergency.

Also, if you have tree limbs overhanging the street, they need to be trimmed to at least 14 feet above street level. Tree limbs over sidewalks must be 10 feet above sidewalks. The City of Austin will not trim those limbs; it is your responsibility.



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During our meeting, we discussed the remaining items to update before listing. Dawn contacted a landscaper, flooring installer, handyman, and stager during our meeting. All of a sudden I had a game plan and a trusted agent focused on my property/needs. Since remaining home updates would take close to year end, for tax reasons I decided to wait until 2022 to list my house. During the next several months, Dawn followed up frequently to check on me, provide updated comps, potential properties to buy, and other information - she was always available when I had questions.

When it came time for final sale preparations, Dawn enlisted and provided input to the stager and ensured the photographer took the best pictures possible, even requesting special lighting, which all made my home look wonderful. Dawn also obtained a sketch for a pool to show potential buyers what was possible with the backyard. All of Dawn's thought, attention to detail, and creativity paid off. Dawn had 10 appointments the first day of showing and 24 the second day resulting in several offers to buy. After two days of appointments, I had a sales price and agreement that was more than I had ever hoped for.

Dawn is a trusted agent and I credit her expertise, experience, and caring focus, for achieving this great sales result. My family and friends are impressed and amazed when they learn of the effort she put into helping me sell my house. I will continue to recommend Dawn to others for their real estate needs."

~Andrea Novak



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