

"In The Know"

Household Tips, Tricks & Real Estate Market Updates



LATEST NEWS

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Temperatures across Tucson have been soaring over 100 degrees regularly now. Each year it's critical to remember a few important safety tips to keep you and your family safe. First, outdoor activities remain an integral part of our Southwest culture, but remember to hydrate effectively when hiking, jogging, playing golf, or any other outdoor activity. Bring water with you when you'll be outdoors for an extended period of time and keep in mind if you're feeling thirsty you're already behind on your hydration.

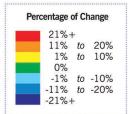


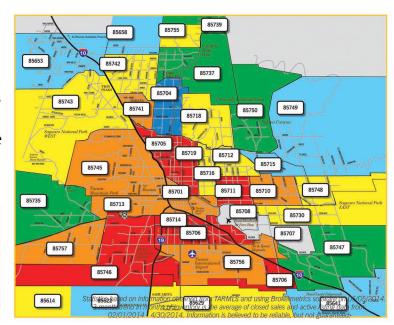
Pool safety is the next major reminder we wanted to pass along. It only takes a moment of inattention for an accident to occur with children, so keep a close watch on them when around any body of water. Having said that there are a myriad of opportunities for water fun this summer from pools to splash pads.

STATE OF THE MARKET

Pictured to the right is the current "Heat Map" for Metro Tucson which shows the change in median sales price by zip code. This reflects the percentage of change in price during March - May 2014 when compared with the median prices during that same time period in 2013. You'll see pricing changes are starting to taper off slightly as we return to a more balanced market.

This Heat Map and many more local housing statistics are now available for the month of June in the link below to our website.





The Housing Report

Monthly Housing Reports By Area & Community Here

HOUSEHOLD TIPS - PREPARING FOR MONSOON SEASON

Monsoon season officially starts on June 15th and will run through September 30th. Now is the time to make sure your home is properly prepared to handle the heavy storms that we're likely to see. Here are a few tips to help minimize your risk of storm damage and to keep you safe during power outages:

- * Check the condition of your roof & look for damaged tiles.
- * Look for damaged flashing & seal pipes, vents, and skylights.
- * Clear scuppers of debris on flat roofs & verify overall condition.
- * Make sure your landscape grading slopes away from the house.
- * Thin out trees near the house & stake if necessary for winds.
- * Use surge protectors to protect your electronic devices.
- * Replace flashlight batteries and have access to candles/matches.
- * If the power goes out, don't open your refrigerator or freezer.



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