

# "In The Know"

Household Tips, Tricks & Real Estate Market Updates



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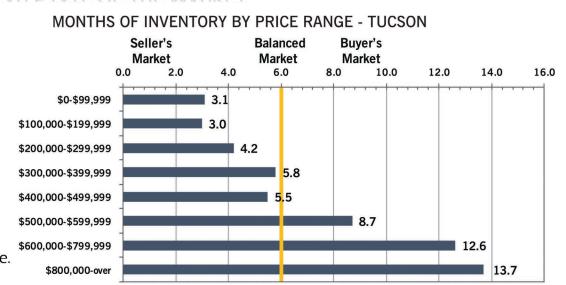
## LATEST NEWS

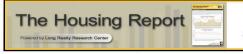
School is back in session for most Tucson area school districts and kids are back to learning. Finding the right school environment for your child is critical to their academic success. Obviously in our profession we constantly deal with clients wanting to look in certain areas based on school districts that best suit their children. Recently released were the rankings for Tucson area schools including these NW locales.

Marana School District had only one school, Twin Peaks Elementary that received an "A" Ranking. The Amphitheater School District had six, including: Copper Creek Elementary, Harelson Elementary, Painted Sky Elementary, Mesa Verde Elementary, Canyon Del Oro High School, and Ironwood Ridge High School. Also receiving "A" Rankings were the charter schools of Legacy Traditional School and BASIS Oro Valley.

# SPECIAL 2014 MID-YEAR STATE OF THE MARKET

You're probably now fairly familiar with the monthly Long Housing Reports, but out now is a special look at the broader markets which is called the 2014 Mid-Year State of the Market. Click the link above when you have a moment and take a look at this informative, statistics driven report.that shows how balanced our housing market has become.





Monthly Housing Reports By Area & Community Here

### HOUSEHOLD TIPS - KITCHEN MAINTENANCE

When inside their homes many people spend a large amount of time in and around the kitchen. You'd think therefore that we'd be taking proper care of this space by performing regular maintenance. Maybe it's because we're in the kitchen so often that it's easy to come and go without thinking about upkeep. Here are a couple of maintenance items that should be performed at least a couple times a year.

- Vacuum Refrigerator Coils Cleaning your refrigerator coils a couple times of year has two primary benefits. First, the refrigerator is one of a home's single largest power draws, up to 15% of the total electricity used, and when the coils are dirty it's operating less efficiently. Save energy and yourself money through a simple cleaning. Second, dirty coils can lead to motor failure which is expensive.
- Clean Range Hood Filters Dust and grease accumulate in the filters above your kitchen stove. By properly cleaning these regularly you'll reduce cooking odors, greasy kitchen grime, and harmful air pollution inside your home. Using a degreaser or ammonia is often suggested for deep filter cleans.

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