



News from Sherri's Desk

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"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

Spring 2013

Sherri was awarded the **Five Star Professional** award for the third year in a row. This award identifies service professionals who provide quality services and best of all they are chosen by their clients.



Once again, Sherri was nominated by the

AUSTINBUSINESSJOURNAL as one of

Austin's top 50 REALTORS®.

Take Advantage of Your Tax Credits!!!

DUE BY APRIL 30th

If you have purchased home and had moved in by 1-1-2013, remember to file your homestead exemption. To get your application go to:

<http://www.traviscountytax.org/goPropertiesTaxBreaks.do>

Over 65, Disabled or a Veteran?

You can file an exemption specifically designed for you. More information is available at the link above.



*The Real Estate Market is **HOT***
Call me if you would a like a pot holder, I am happy to deliver!

The Monarch Butterfly migration is happening now!

Every year these butterflies migrate south for the winter and back for the summer. As you may have heard the Monarch butterfly population is declining drastically. There are things we can do to help the migration process. (See ideas below picture)



- ♦ Plant Milkweed
- ♦ Avoid pesticides in your yard
- ♦ Be able to identify the larvae and worms that turn into a beautiful Monarch butterflies and protect them.

More information at: texasbutterflyranch.com/tag/monarch-butterfly-migration/

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer."

~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

BARTON SPRINGS is ~Open!~

Something to make you laugh:

On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?" To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"

Landscaping adds value to your home

I was interviewed on March 23, 2013 for the Austin American States-



man. The article is about the importance of landscaping when trying to sell your home. Landscaping will help sell the property and it can definitely make a difference in price. You can also enjoy it now.

A study published in the Journal of Environmental Horticulture in 2005 found that "a 'good' landscape adds, depending on region of the country, anywhere from 6 to 11% to the base value of the home."

So with Spring upon us, remember to make landscaping plans as part of keeping up the value of your home and your enjoyment.

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS, MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE, AND MAY NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

~Old Irish Blessing - Author Unknown~

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Whether you plan to sell or just want to do a spring cleaning – here are some great tips:

Windows:

Clean the windows, inside and out for a great look and feel

Remove screens to bring the outdoors in

Entryway:

If your light fixtures on the porch or entry-way are dated, replace them. This is an inexpensive way to freshen up

Remove items (keys, briefcases, etc.) from the foyer to "open up"

Organize & De-clutter:

Clean out cabinets and closets and box-up or donate items you are not using

Put away items you are not using on a fairly regular bases

Outside:

Repair and/ or replace fences, garage doors, weed & mulch

Replace rotten wood on home

Paint or replace front doors



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~Anne Bradstreet