

Maintain value with spruce-up

Summertime, the kids are out of school, even though your life should be simpler, it doesn't feel like it, does it?

There are many things you can do around your house during the summertime to spruce up your home at very little cost. You never know when you might decide to put your home up for sale or when you might need to move.

Life is uncertain, but you can be certain about your house value in terms of appearance by using summer as a time to do things that will help hold the value of your home.

It's June, get outside and enjoy the weather before it becomes unbearable. Work on giving your curb appeal a facelift for the summer. Shrubbery takes a long time to grow and look great, but that doesn't mean you're out of luck with your curb appeal.

Visit a nursery and pick up some plants that thrive in the summertime or with little to no watering, for example, black-eyed susans, lantana, or impatiens. Succulents are always a good idea and thrive in the Central Texas climate.

If you are feeling brave, you can even work on planting a herb garden as well; lavender can be used for tranquility and as a sleep aid, rosemary is a great seasoning to add to chicken, and nothing beats fresh basil.

Pick up a couple bags of mulch and you will be amazed at how much of a difference a day playing in the dirt makes. Your total investment should be between \$75 to \$300 depend-



REALTOR'S REPORT

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tubs (The Container Store in north Austin is a wonderful place to start looking) and pack away your winter clothes. That fur coat you wear once a year in January won't be missed!

While you're at it, be sure you double-check the clothes you are keeping are still in style and fit. If not, donate them to a local charity (The Caring Place, Round Rock Area Serving Center, or even Goodwill.)

The total cost for your closet transformation might only be \$25 to 50, depending on how many clothes and shoes you are hoarding.

Take some time and clean the pantry, organize your cabinets, and toss food that has expired. Then maybe donate one of the 47 cans of green beans you've been holding on to the food pantry. Move your furniture around and clean the parts we all forget, like the baseboards, blinds, window seals, ceiling fans, vents, and crown molding.

All of this might sound like a daunting task and I am far from Martha Stewart myself, but I have found that when you take some time out in the beginning of summer to clean and declutter, you have one less excuse to enjoy summertime.

Just image sitting by the pool, drinking lemonade (or maybe a mojito) and enjoying the summer, instead of constantly keeping up with cleaning your house.

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ing on your yard, the type of plants purchased, and when you get your mulch.

Some other quick afternoon projects include: pressure-washing your driveway and front patio and, if you're up to the challenge, the siding on your house.

Don't forget to clean out the gutters, and maybe even straighten out the garage, because who likes getting into a scalding hot vehicle at 9 a.m. after it's been parked outside? Use your garage for its primary intention, parking.

As it gets hotter and hotter outside, even to the point of being unbearable at times, it might be a great time to enjoy the precious air conditioning and work on your closets.

Before you get started, just keep reminding yourself that it is summer in Texas; there is no need to keep your jackets, hoodies, sweatpants, and the rest of your winter apparel in your closet.

Invest in some inexpensive

92 rental homes to oversee river

Come fall time, almost 100 single-family homes will go up on the edge of the San Gabriel River.

Appropriately titled River's Edge, the 92 for-rent homes will feature sizes of 1,400 to 1,850 square feet each, direct access two-car garages, fenced-in backyards, granite countertops, simulated wood flooring and LED lighting. They will be built off Farm-to-Market 971 on the northeast side of town, just a half-mile from Austin Avenue.

AHV Communities CEO Mark Wolf said the near-

by schools, river, dog park and walking trails will be attractive components for a large spectrum of people, from empty-nesters to young families.

AHV Communities is bringing these homes to Georgetown because of the city's growth.

"Georgetown is a charming, quaint area. It's in the top five in the country for growth. We recognize that," Mr. Wolf said.

People won't have to take on a mortgage to enjoy one of these homes; they can

rent one for \$1,700 to \$1,800 a month. There will be three floor plans to choose from.

"The most stressful decision is, 'Where do I live?' We bring an easy lifestyle. Not having the burden of maintenance and a mortgage is a huge advantage to lifestyles today. You're not tied down," Mr. Wolf said.

Construction on the houses will most likely begin next month.

People can start renting them in the third quarter of the year.

-Charlotte Kovalchuk

Georgetown building permits filed June 15-21

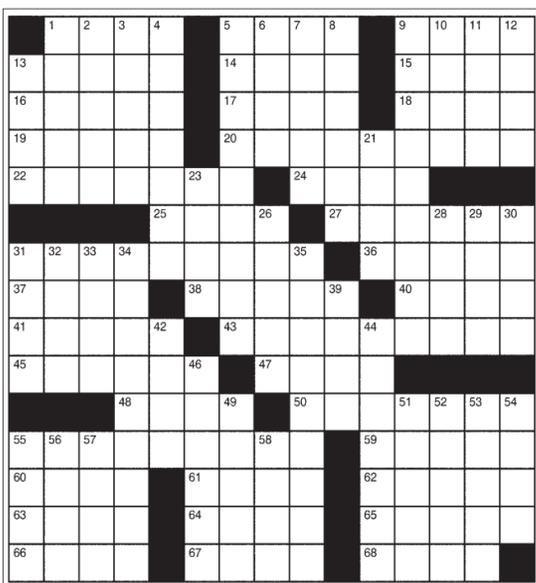
Total: \$3,556,567 • Per Day: \$3,508,081 • Average Value: \$237,104.47

WHO	WHERE	SQ FT	VALUE
Drees Custom Homes	116 Lockett Road	3,194	\$330,000
Pulte Group	418 Holiday Creek Lane	2,337	\$200,982
MHI	220 Lake Rim Circle	2,626	\$225,836
Pulte Group	309 Holiday Creek Lane	2,175	\$187,050
MHI	120 Belford Street	2,353	\$197,394
KB Home	314 Reunion Lane	2,451	\$210,786
KB Home	322 Reunion Lane	2,427	\$208,722
KB Home	322 White River Drive	2,328	\$200,208
David Weekley Homes	4040 Mercer Road	2,511	\$215,946
Perry Homes LLC	2025 Limestone Lake Drive	2,943	\$275,000
KB Home	346 Reunion Lane	2,427	\$208,722
Drees Custom Homes	217 Canyon View Road	3,397	\$356,000
David Weekley Homes	261 Belford Street	2,747	\$338,605
KB Home	338 Reunion Lane	2,427	\$208,722
MHI	236 Belford Street	2,353	\$192,594

PLANNING AND ZONING

WHO	WHERE	WHAT
Brent Baker	Logan's Way	Rocky Top Ranch and Estates
Steger Bizzell	801 Carlson Cove	Carlson Place subdivision
Huckabee	507 East University Avenue	GISD Admin and Williams Center
Antonio Prete	7601 South Interstate 35	Don Hewlett service office
Zamin, LP	4501 West Highway 29	Crescent Bluff, 284 acres

STARTING POINT



- ACROSS**
- Heal
 - Blackmailed
 - Bigger than huge
 - Island west of Maui
 - Wander
 - Gudrun killed him
 - Algerians and Egyptians
 - Time divisions
 - Swag
 - Tatting loop
 - Totaled
 - Relapse
 - Buffalo's county
 - American caricaturist
 - Of greater stature
 - Begins
 - Wary
 - Woods or Jackson
 - Jinn: var.
 - Kind of starch
 - Breathless
 - Discharge a gun
 - Ballet or belly
 - Miss Gwyn
 - Dollar bills
 - Cancel
 - Date
 - Sculler
 - Aroma
 - Song by Steber
 - Musical form
 - Take it easy
 - John or -tasse
 - Turkish decree
 - Lammed out
 - British gun
 - Prepares hides
- DOWN**
- Mme. Curie
 - Pass a law
 - Indian ruler
 - Remote
 - Terminates an engagement
 - Head of a feudal estate
 - Sidestep
 - Mohave or Gobi
 - Without worth
 - On



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