The Southside Report

August, 2011

A Few Comments and Random Thoughts

Dear Friends:

We are on the verge of witnessing the greatest comeback in the history of comebacks. From the edge of the abyss to the top of the mountain. Written off to penciled in. Oblivion to history books. I can hear the theme to "Rocky" in the background.

Am I talking about real estate or the Rays? When the July SouthSide Report came out last month, there wasn't much baseball to talk about. The Rays were 13 games out of first, 11 back of the wild card. Our playoff hopes were fading fast; we were battling Baltimore for last place.

This morning we are only 2 games behind the Red Sox. We've posted the best record in baseball, winning 18 of the last 24. It's baseball at its best, and its great fun to be a part of it.

But what I'm really talking about is real estate. It may not be as abrupt or dramatic as sweeping the Red Sox, but there are a lot of similarities to the resurgent Rays. It's been a long time since the numbers looked this good. We look at the market from many different perspectives, and every indicator is telling us that we too are on the verge of a comeback.

The Number of Transaction continues to surge, beating last August by 10%. The Year to Year Comparison shows a 16% increase over the same period a year ago. Going back to September of last year, we've seen steady and sustained growth in the sales figures.

Now take a look at the price indicators. Both the Average and the Median Prices jumped 5% over last year. Even the Average Per Square Foot, my favorite barometer of true value, showed a 5% gain! Looking at the Twelve Month Trend, the average price for August is 12% higher than the 12 month average and the median price is 15 points up.

Next, check out the Sales By Price Range. The number of listings continues to shrink, down 24% from a year ago. With an absorption rate of 8, it looks like a Seller's market. If you have been considering selling your home, inventory is at an all time low and prices are stable; this would be the time to do it. If you are a Buyer waiting for the market to hit bottom, you may have missed it. Don't wait any longer.

It's going to be interesting to see what happens to the market in the next couple of months. A real recovery can only be defined as "sustained growth in the number of transactions and the sales prices." We're seeing the growth; the question is whether it can be sustained.

It's kind of like the Rays: if they end up fading in the end and fall short of making the playoffs, the victories of these days will lose their meaning and the greatest comeback of all time will have to wait until next season. Same thing with real estate. A weak economy in the fourth quarter could steal the momentum and stall our recovery, but for now we are on a winning streak. And winning is a lot of fun.

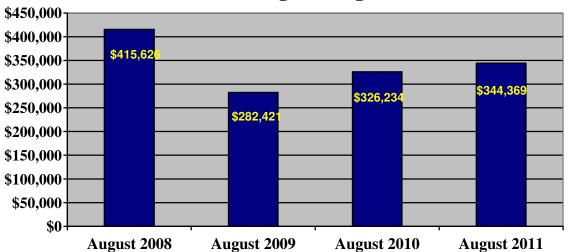
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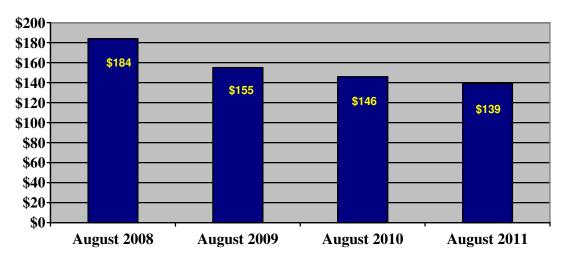
Average Sales Price August 2011

| | # Sales | Selling Price | \$ / Sq. Ft. | | | | |
|----------|---------|---------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| 33606 | | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 25 | \$447,648 | \$216 | | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 9 | \$506,166 | \$209 | | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 20 | \$429,763 | \$189 | | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 13 | \$384,615 | \$157 | | | | |
| 33609 | | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 23 | \$410,301 | \$161 | | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 29 | \$192,427 | \$120 | | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 15 | \$235,193 | \$125 | | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 21 | \$283,595 | \$124 | | | | |
| 33611 | | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 27 | \$311,325 | \$150 | | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 39 | \$210,828 | \$112 | | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 36 | \$245,346 | \$108 | | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 27 | \$202,711 | \$107 | | | | |
| 33629 | | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 37 | \$473,412 | \$208 | | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 31 | \$391,719 | \$178 | | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 30 | \$399,802 | \$160 | | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 49 | \$437,794 | \$168 | | | | |
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| Total | | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 112 | \$415,626.27 | \$184 | | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 108 | \$282,420.91 | \$155 | | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 101 | \$326,234.37 | \$146 | | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 110 | \$344,369.03 | \$139 | | | | |

Average Selling Price



Average Price per Sq. Ft.

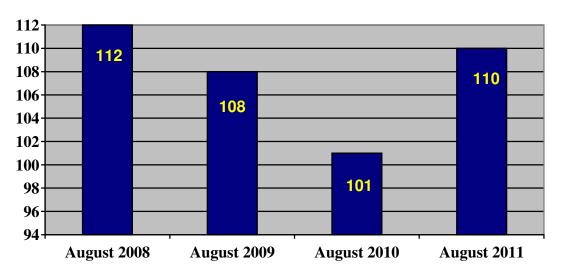




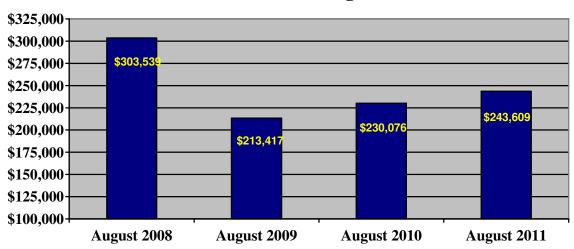
Median Sales Price August 2011

| | # Sales | Selling Price | \$ / Sq. Ft. | | | |
|----------|---------|---------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| 33606 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 25 | \$328,500 | \$227 | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 9 | \$298,000 | \$203 | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 20 | \$286,500 | \$162 | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 13 | \$249,000 | \$155 | | | |
| 33609 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 23 | \$229,000 | \$158 | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 29 | \$160,000 | \$121 | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 15 | \$150,000 | \$125 | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 21 | \$145,000 | \$111 | | | |
| 33611 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 27 | \$222,700 | \$143 | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 39 | \$133,000 | \$103 | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 36 | \$139,450 | \$91 | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 27 | \$170,000 | \$105 | | | |
| 33629 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 37 | \$392,000 | \$200 | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 31 | \$340,000 | \$176 | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 30 | \$341,250 | \$156 | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 49 | \$325,000 | \$163 | | | |
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| Total | | | | | | |
| Aug 2008 | 112 | \$303,539 | \$182 | | | |
| Aug 2009 | 108 | \$213,417 | \$151 | | | |
| Aug 2010 | 101 | \$230,076 | \$134 | | | |
| Aug 2011 | 110 | \$243,609 | \$134 | | | |

of Transactions



Median Selling Price





Year To Year Comparison August 2011

33606

| Sept 1 2008 - Aug 31 2009 | 150 | \$77,923,411 | \$519,489 | |
|----------------------------|------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Sept 1 2009 - Aug 31 2010 | 219 | \$86,384,287 | \$394,449 | |
| Sept 1 2010 - Aug 31 2011 | 253 | \$113,402,347 | \$448,231 | |
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| 33609 | | | | |
| Sept 1 2008 - Aug 31 2009 | 236 | \$73,490,048 | \$311,399 | |
| Sept 1 2009 - Aug 31 2010 | 283 | \$81,295,223 | \$287,262 | |
| Sept 1 2010 - Aug 31 2011 | 296 | \$78,449,159 | \$265,031 | |
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| 33611 | | | | |
| Sept 1 2008 - Aug 31 2009 | 352 | \$83,670,891 | \$237,701 | |
| Sept 1 2009 - Aug 31 2010 | 443 | \$93,353,700 | \$210,731 | |
| Sept 1 2010 - Aug 31 2011 | 519 | \$98,243,818 | \$189,294 | |
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| Sept 1 2008 - Aug 31 2009 | 332 | \$136,849,290 | \$412,197 | |
| Sept 1 2009 - Aug 31 2010 | 355 | \$151,662,771 | \$427,219 | |
| Sept 1 2010 - Aug 31 2011 | 444 | \$172,461,264 | \$388,426 | |
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| Total | | | | |
| Sept 1 2008 - Aug 31 2009 | 1070 | \$371,933,640 | \$347,602 | |
| Sept 1 2009 - Aug 31 2010 | 1300 | \$412,695,981 | \$317,458 | |
| Sept 1 2010 - Aug 31 2011 | 1512 | \$462,556,588 | \$305,924 | |
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Sales

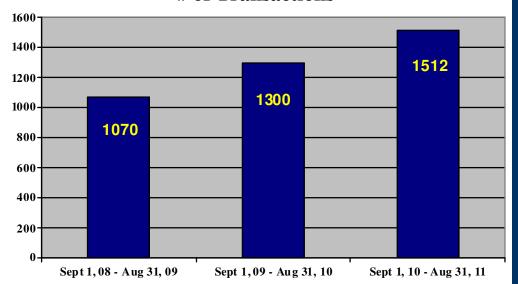
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Price

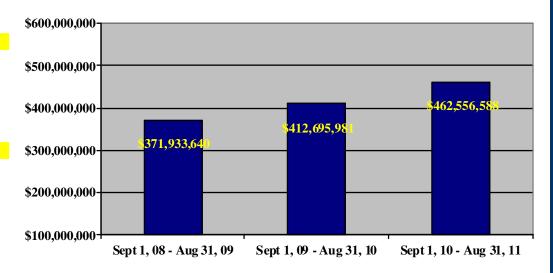
Volume



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Total Volume



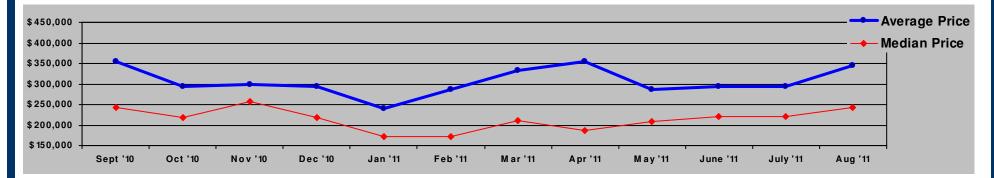
Twelve Month Trends

Average Sales Price

Sept '10 Oct '10 Nov '10 Dec '10 Jan '11 Feb '11 Mar '11 April '11 May '11 June '11 July '11 Aug '11 Average \$294,527 \$344,369 Total \$353,893 \$294,576 \$297,642 \$293,054 \$240,235 \$286,351 \$333,726 \$354,736 \$285,839 \$292,835 \$305,982

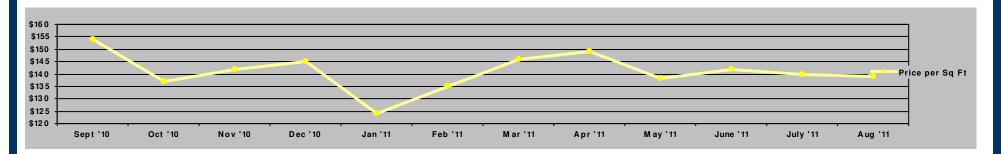
Median Sales Price

Oct '10 May '11 July '11 Sept '10 Nov '10 Dec '10 Jan '11 Feb '11 Mar '11 April '11 June '11 Aug '11 Average Total \$242,780 \$218,301 \$256,611 \$218,957 \$172,853 \$172,037 \$211,395 \$187,061 \$207,738 \$221,653 \$220,061 **\$243,609** \$214,421



Average Sales Price Per Square Foot

Sept '10 Oct '10 Nov '10 Dec '10 May '11 Jan '11 Feb '11 Mar '11 April '11 June '11 July '11 Aug '11 Average \$154 Total \$137 \$142 \$145 \$124 \$135 \$146 \$149 \$138 \$142 \$140 \$139 \$141





Sales By Price Range August 2011

| Price Range | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | Listings | Absorption |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|----------|------------|
| _ | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | | | |
| | '10 | '10 | '10 | '10 | '11 | '11 | '11 | '11 | '11 | '11 | '11 | '11 | Sales | June '11 | Rate* |
| \$ 0 - 200,000 | 52 | 54 | 42 | 64 | 55 | 65 | 60 | 72 | 78 | 68 | 74 | 48 | 732 | 435 | 7 |
| \$ 200 - 400,000 | 35 | 23 | 25 | 32 | 18 | 25 | 31 | 28 | 36 | 49 | 46 | 34 | 382 | 275 | 9 |
| \$ 400 - 600,000 | 14 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 172 | 121 | 8 |
| \$ 600 - 800,000 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 77 | 32 | 5 |
| \$ 800 - 1,000,000 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 35 | 12 |
| \$ 1M - 2,000,000 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 57 | 18 |
| \$ 2,000,000 + | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 28 | 28 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 113 | 101 | 95 | 127 | 91 | 106 | 120 | 132 | 143 | 155 | 156 | 110 | 1449 | 983 | 8 |

^{*} Absorption Rate = the number of months to absorb the current number of listings based on the average number of sales per month.

of Transactions / Previous Twelve Months

