



# TransAction News

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## Home Ownership Easier in Greenville

### “Have a Mice Day”

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[www.greatergreenville.com](http://www.greatergreenville.com)

There is a little known adventure waiting in Downtown Greenville for kids and grown-ups alike! Several years ago, an enterprising student placed bronze mice in various settings along Main Street. According to [greatergreenville.com](http://greatergreenville.com):

“*Goodnight Moon* is the children’s book that the mice idea came from. A bronzed sculpture of the book and one mouse are mounted on the fountain in front of the Hyatt Regency hotel and the other eight mice are installed along a nine-block stretch of Main Street between the Hyatt & the Westin Poinsett hotels.”

See how many you can find! Hints:

1. Where the Hyatt’s water springs above ground; Mickey is on his book.
2. Minnie is within 75’ of Mickey keeping vehicles off the sidewalk across Main St.
3. Mickey, Jr. is too young to drink coffee, but he is trying to sneak down the stairs anyway.
4. With a northern view, second son Mikey watches the crowds at Bergamo Plaza.

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***According to the Homebuilder’s Association of Greenville, the Housing Market in the Upstate is more favorable than in many other parts of the country.***

[www.hbaofgreenville.com](http://www.hbaofgreenville.com)

With a county population of more than 417,000 and an unemployment rate that measures less than five percent, the home ownership rate in Greenville County is close to 70 percent, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures. While other parts of the country have suffered during the recent housing slump, Greenville’s housing market has remained stable because of steady growth and relative affordability. The median price of homes in Greenville is \$157,000, up 2.61 percent from \$153,000 a year ago. By comparison, the median price of a home in Charleston is \$215,000, and in Beaufort it is \$225,000. Another significant statistic is the average amount of time a home is on the market when it is for sale. Statewide, the average number of days homes spent on the market this past summer was 130. But in Greenville, that figure was only 80 days.



#### Back-to-School Tip: Backpack Safety

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back to avoid chafing.
- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments.
- Always use both shoulder straps to avoid muscle strain.

## Home Mortgage Q & A

by Silas Tolles, Mortgage Consultant

**Q:** I read so much negative news about the mortgage industry. What does that mean for me when it comes to buying a home?

**A:** There are still plenty of great financing options for buyers; most programs now require a minimum 3% down payment although there are a couple of 100% options left.

**Q:** If I was pre-approved 6 months ago do I need a new pre-approval letter?

**A:** Yes!!! Our industry and loan guidelines have changed rapidly this year so if you're back in the market then you will want to update your approval.

**Q:** What's the difference between a Mortgage Broker and my Bank?

**A:** A Mortgage Broker can shop and compare programs and rates with different banks; most times offering better rates since they are set up with the banks' wholesale mortgage departments. There are no extra fees to use a broker, just the same fees that are customary if you go directly to the bank.

## DINING GUIDE

### September Dining Suggestions...

**Trio A Brick Oven Café** 22 North Main Street  
Trio features gourmet wood-fired pizzas & calzones, homemade pastas and rottisserie cooked chicken. A variety of sandwiches and wraps are also offered for lunch only. Trio was voted "Greenville's Best Restaurant" in the Metro-Beat reader's poll. They have twenty six wines by the glass and six micro-brews on tap. Casual yet elegant atmosphere.

**Handi Indian Cuisine** 18 North Main Street  
The concept of 'HANDI' cooking has been passed from generation to generation in India. 'HANDI' means an earthen round pot in which cooking of curries takes place on slow fire. 'HANDI' comes in different shapes and sizes but the main features are common to all i.e., thick bottom to ensure that the food does not stick and so that its natural characteristic flavor, aroma and taste are all preserved to the maximum extent. Quiet & elegant dining.

### "Have a Mice Day" (continued)

5. At her "high" tech locations, Miss Miney, Mikey's twin sister, keeps an eye on the pedestrians from above and she is the hardest to find.

6. Young Melissa keeps a view of patrons on the Westside of Main St. half way between Washington St. and McBee St.

7. Melissa's kid brother Mitch is ready to run into the Wachovia inner garden.

8. Minnie's sister Aunt Miffin stays near her wall at the high rise by the oldest bank building.

9. Near an old drug store at the Italian rain spout, Uncle Miles enjoys the garden close by.

The "hints" are from *The Greenville News*, 1/2/02, written by Jimmy Cornelison

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# GREENVILLE ARTS CALENDAR



**Annie 9/12/2008 - 9/28/2008**  
 Location: Peace Center, Gunter Theatre  
 Address: 300 S Main St , Greenville, SC  
 Phone: 864-467-3000  
 www.scchildrenstheatre.org



**Museum & Gallery at Heritage Green**  
 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2008  
 Dates: Tues - Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,  
 Sun 2 - 5 p.m.  
 Location: Heritage Green  
 Address: Buncombe Street ,  
 Greenville, SC 29601  
 Phone: 864 770-1331

## Greenville Museum of Art →

*The Fall For Greenville, A Taste of Our Town features 40 full-service restaurants and live musical entertainment on five stages--all along our beautiful Main Street. October 10, 2008 - October 12, 2008*

**THE PAVILLION** is an indoor and outdoor sports complex where ice and inline skating is offered as well as table tennis, soccer, and volleyball. Children are invited to ride on George the Train around the complex and over Brushy Creek. They also offer George's Club for children 2-6 years of age which includes a craft, a story, games, a snack, and a ride on the train.

**Open April 1st 2008 - October 28th 2008**

**Take a Ride on George The Train**

Tuesday:	10am - 3pm
Friday:	10 am - 3pm
Saturday:	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday:	1 pm - 5pm

**Jasper Johns: Image Duplicator!!**  
 June 28–October 5, 2008

In the hands of world-renowned artist Jasper Johns, the exacting process of printmaking opens infinite possibilities. Don't miss this exciting exhibition!

**William H. Johnson**  
 June 28–October 5, 2008

A survey of the work of this important African-American artist, a South Carolina native and modernist painter.

**Andrew Wyeth:  
 The Greenville Collection**  
 June 28–October 5, 2008

Examine the achievements of "America's Painter" in these paintings of people and places in his life. Wyeth has described Greenville's collection of watercolors as "the very best in any public museum in this country."

## TransAction Team Update

### The Transaction Team Welcomes Patti Tuffin!



Our new Buyer's Agent, Patti Tuffin, brings fifteen years of contract and negotiation experience to the team. The role of a Buyer's Agent is to employ her skills as a Professional Realtor to advocate for the Buyer's best interests. Patti's unfailingly sunny disposition and hard work have already made a major impact on the TransAction Team!

### Keller Williams® Realty Vice Chairman Mo Anderson Honored by the Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers

AUSTIN, TEXAS (July 24, 2008) —Keller Williams Realty Vice Chairman Mo Anderson, CRB, has been announced as this year's inductee into the Council of Real Estate Brokerage (CRB) Managers' Hall of Leaders. The Hall of Leaders Award was established to honor CRB designees whose significant contributions shape and influence the real estate industry locally and nationally.





Funds raised through Light The Night Walk support the work of hundreds of the world's best and brightest researchers in their search for better therapies and cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Keller Williams has representation at the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We are collecting a team, which we hope you will join or support. The walk is on October 2, 2008, a Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30PM. It will be around Furman Lake with a BBQ put on by Logan's afterwards that is free to participants.

<http://teams.lightthenight.org/KellerWilliamsGreenville>

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