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HI DESERT REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

Hi Desert Communities

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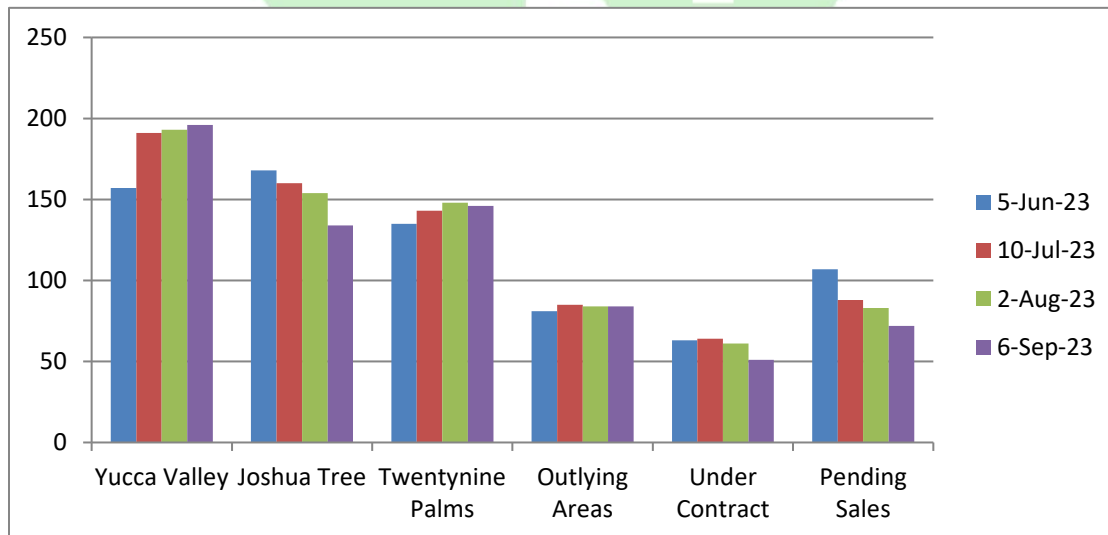
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This monthly report is an attempt to provide you with mathematical information about the current real estate market in the Hi Desert communities of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms, and surrounding areas. I do my best to keep my opinion out of the information. If you want my opinion, just ask! I also post market information on my Facebook Fan Page (www.facebook.com/desertrealestate). All information included on this Update is gathered from the California Regional Multiple Listing Service (CRMLS) which is the predominate service in the area. **Numbers in parenthesis represent change from last month.**

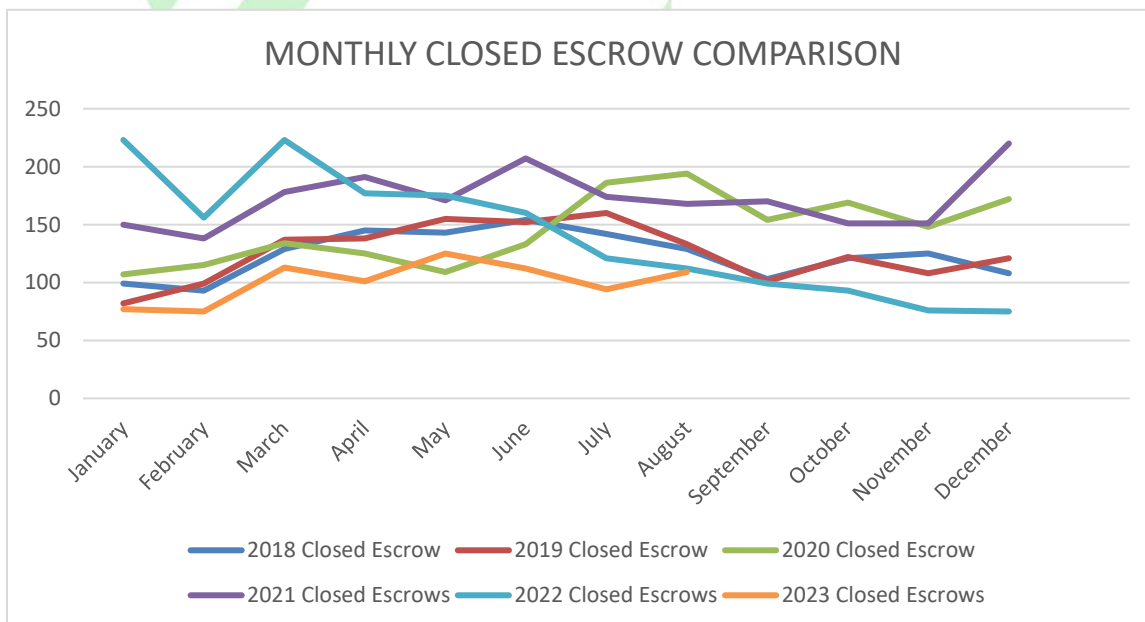
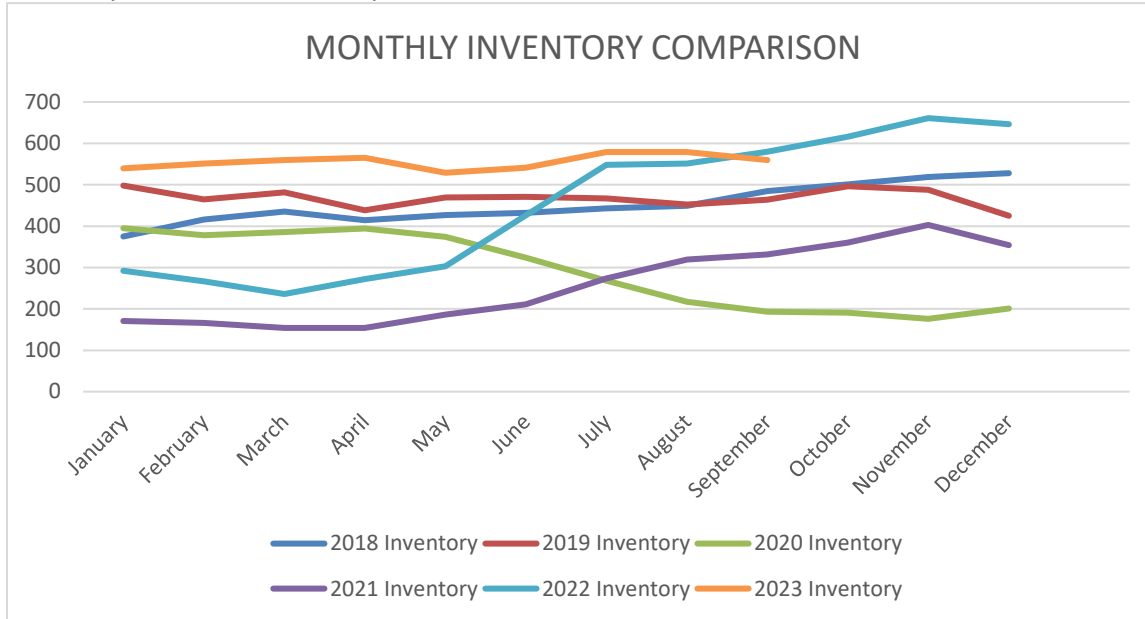
INVENTORY

At this writing (September 06, 2023) we have 560 (-19) residential homes actively for sale in our area ranging from a low price of \$40,000 to a high of \$18,000,000. There are 51 (-10) properties in "Active Under Contract" status (some major contingencies but in escrow). There are 72 (-11) properties in a Pending sale (waiting on escrow to close). Of the active listings, 196 in the Yucca Valley zip code of 92284 (+03). 134 in the Joshua Tree zip code of 92252 (-20) and 146 in Twentynine Palms 92277 (-02).



MONTHLY CLOSED ESCROW AND INVENTORY COMPARISON BY YEAR

Last month, in August, we closed escrow on 109 residential properties. In comparison, last year we closed escrow on 121 residential properties in our Hi Desert communities. Below are two, line graphs of inventory and closed escrow by month for the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.



WHAT IS AVERAGE?

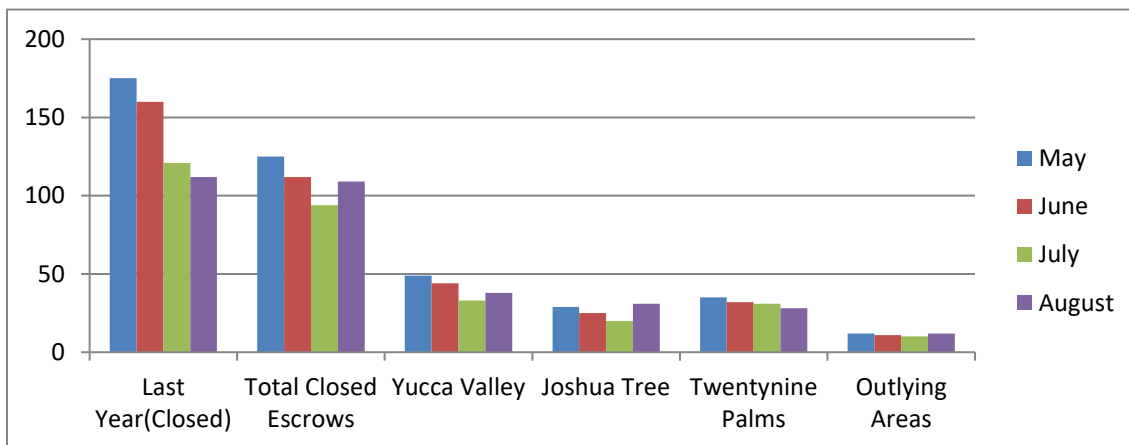
Our Hi Desert communities offer a variety of custom housing. When I refer, in this Update, to “average” just what is the definition for that month? Below is a table showing what was average for the month covered in this report (and the previous month). For the month of August 2023 our average is defined as-

COMMUNITY	Average Sold Price	Average Lot Size (sq ft)	Average Square Footage	Average Bedrooms	Average Bathrooms	Avg Price per sq ft
Yucca Valley	\$350,134	51,982	1,354	3	2	\$272.20
<i>YV last month</i>	\$387,997	42,651	1,554	3	2	\$263.53
Joshua Tree	\$457,635	63,828	1,258	2	2	\$369.41
<i>JT last month</i>	\$411,725	57,399	1,298	3	2	\$341.52
29 Palms	\$260,761	64,579	1,282	2	2	\$220.68
<i>29 last month</i>	\$281,494	73,491	1,267	3	2	\$225.78

LAST MONTHS CLOSED ESCROW INFORMATION

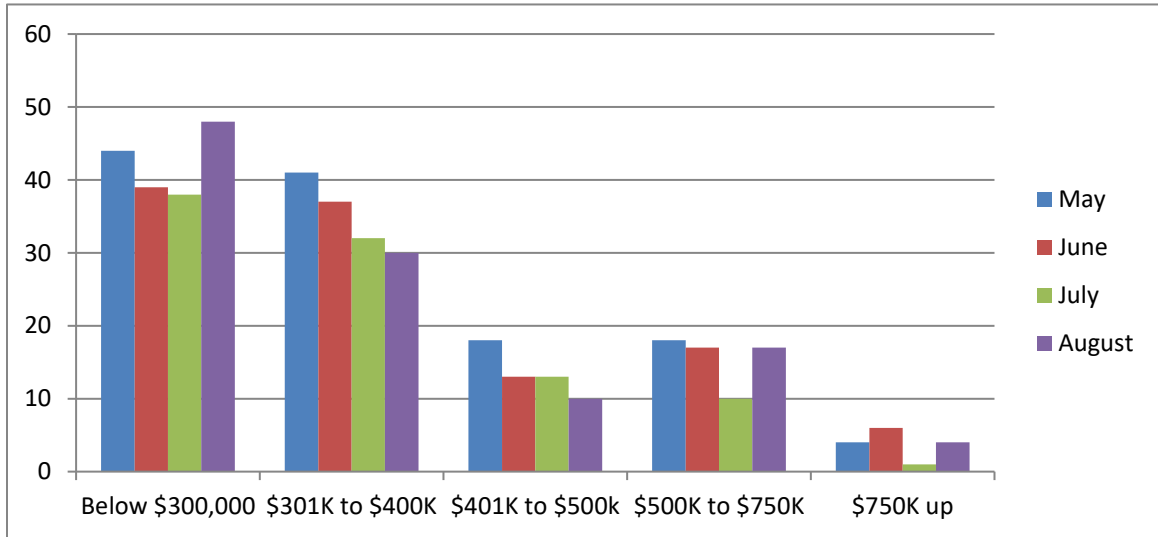
Number of Closed Escrows:

Last month (August 2023) in our Hi Desert communities of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, and Twentynine Palms plus outlying areas we closed escrow on 109 homes (+15). 35% of the sold homes were in Yucca Valley, 28% were in Joshua Tree, and 26% were in Twentynine Palms, 11% were from the smaller communities that surround our larger ones.



CLOSED ESCROWS BY PRICE RANGE:

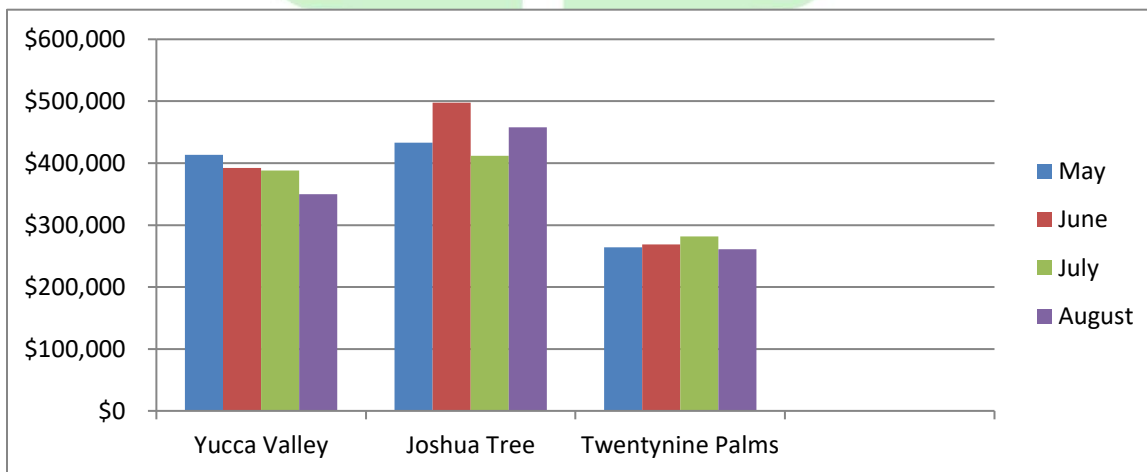
Of the 109 escrows closed in August, 48 were under \$300,000 (+10). 30 were between \$300k and \$400k (-02). 72% of homes sold under \$400k. 10 homes sold between \$400k and \$500k .(-03). 17 homes sold between \$500k and \$750k (+07). 4 houses sold over \$750k (+03). This month the highest value home sold at \$1,100,000 and is located on Elliot in Joshua Tree.



HOUSING STATISTICS

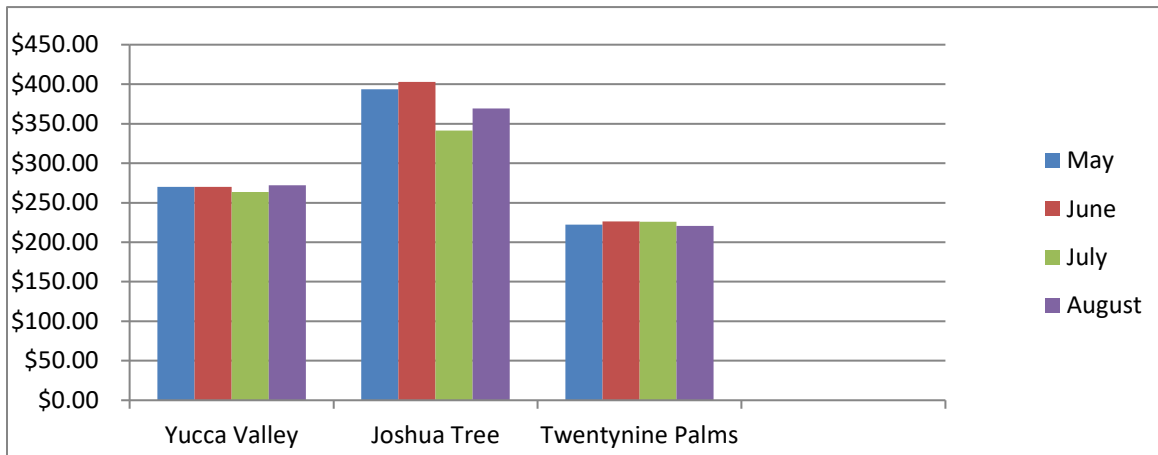
AVERAGE PRICE OF CLOSED ESCROWS:

In August, homes that closed escrow in Yucca Valley sold at an average price of \$350,134 (-\$37,863), Joshua Tree averaged \$457,635 (+\$45,910), Twentynine Palms averaged \$260,761 (-\$20,733).



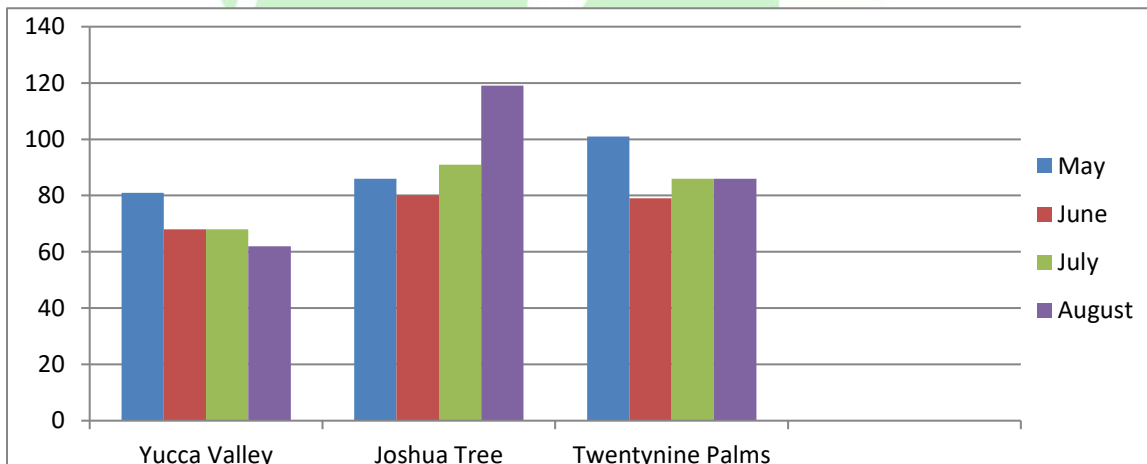
PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT OF CLOSED ESCROWS:

In August, homes that closed escrow in Yucca Valley sold for \$272.20 per square foot (+\$8.67), Joshua Tree sold for \$369.41 per square foot (+\$27.89), Twentynine Palms sold for \$220.68 per square foot (-\$5.10). The most expensive home sold by square foot this month is in Joshua Tree. This home has 1,519 square feet, on five acres, sold for \$707.70 per square foot, and is on Sunset in Joshua Tree. The least expensive home sold was \$85.57 per square foot and is in Yucca Valley on Balsa.



Average Days on Market:

The average days on market for sold homes in Yucca Valley in August was 62 (-06), Joshua Tree was 119 (+27), Twentynine Palms was 86 (+/-0).

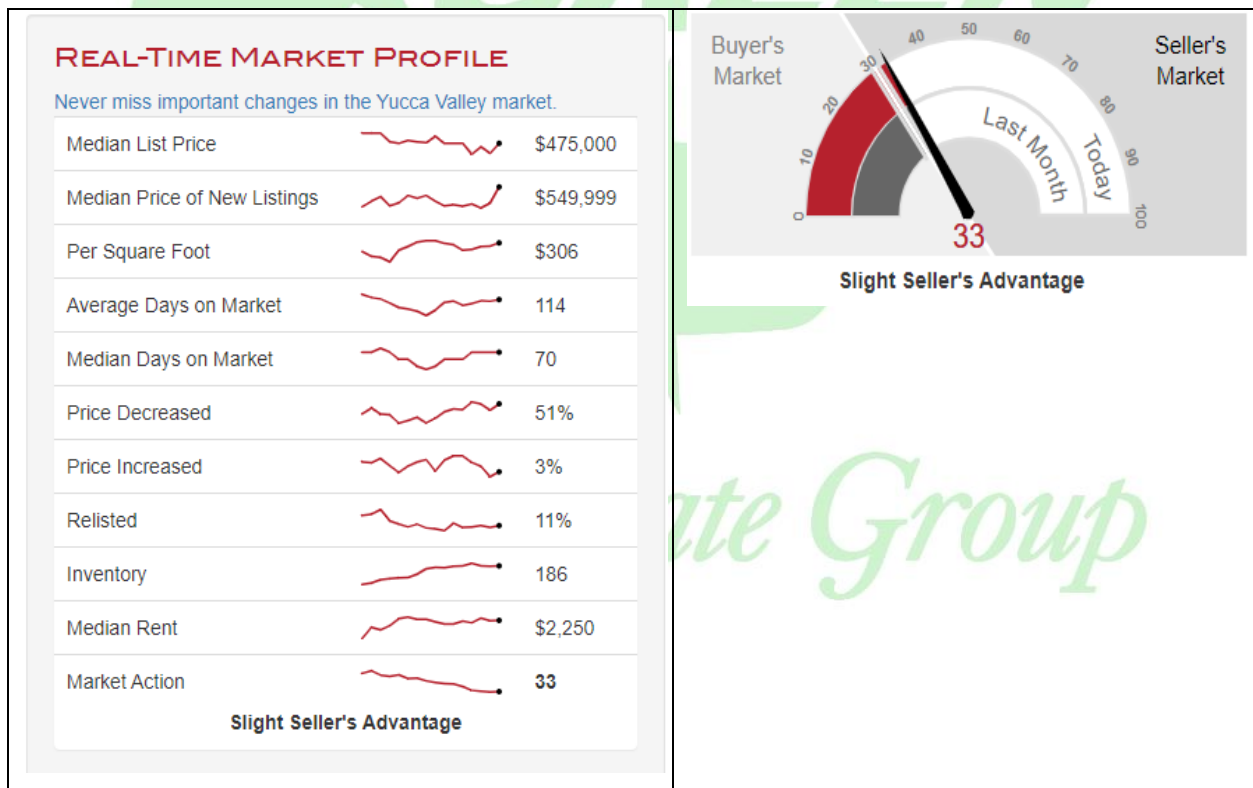


MARKET CONDITIONS

I am sharing with you the Altos Market Trend Report. This is a weekly report provided to me that can shed light on the health of our market. I use the same week of each month that I prepare my Monthly Market Update to help inform you of the trends in our market. The Market Action Index (MAI) answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer. Watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.

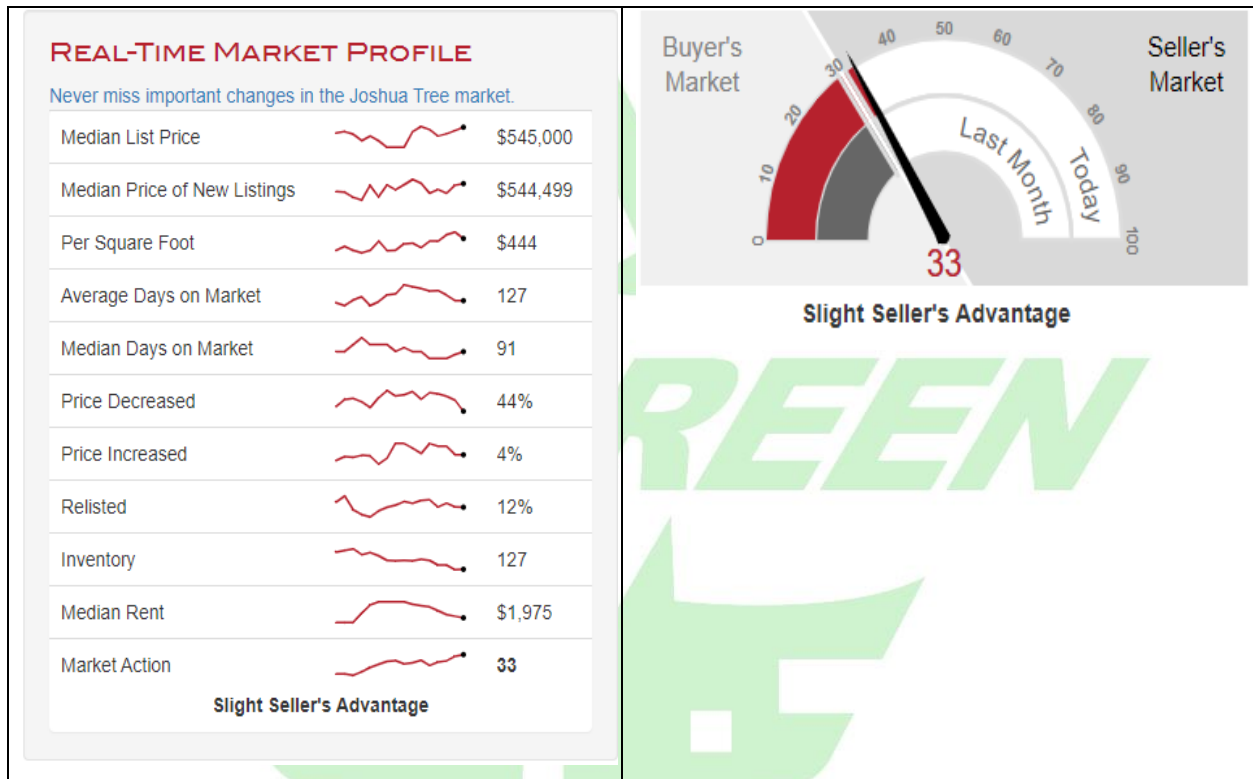
YUCCA VALLEY:

This week the median list price for Yucca Valley, CA 92284 is \$475,000 with the market action index hovering around 33. This is less than last month's market action index of 34. Inventory has held steady at or around 186. The market has been cooling over time and prices plateaued for a while. Despite the consistent decrease in MAI, we're in the Seller's zone. Watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.



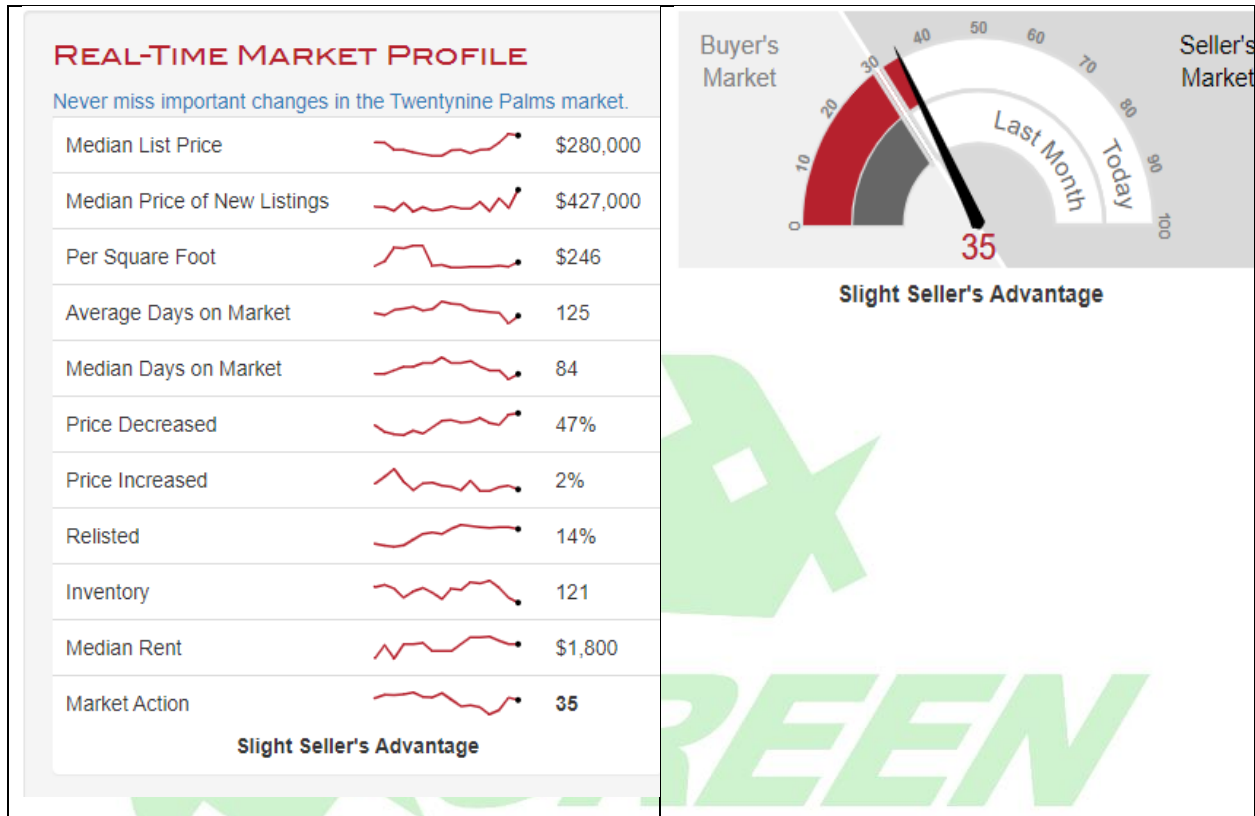
JOSHUA TREE:

This week the median list price for Joshua Tree, CA 92252 is \$545,000 with the market action index hovering around 33. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 32. Inventory has decreased to 127. Home sales continue to outstrip supply and the Market Action Index has been moving higher for several weeks. This is a Seller's market so watch for upward pricing pressure in the near future if the trend continues.



TWENTYNINE PALMS

This week the median list price for Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 is \$280,000 with the market action index hovering around 35. This is an increase over last month's market action index of 32. Inventory has decreased to 121. While the Market Action Index shows some strengthening in the last few weeks, prices have not seemed to move from their plateau. Should the upward trend in sales relative to inventory continue, expect prices to resume an upward climb in tandem with the MAI.



If you would like to better understand the math and dynamics of our local market, text, email, or call and let's discuss your questions and concerns. I can find a winning strategy for you in any market.

Sincerely,

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