



# TERRY'S tidbits



Fall 2017



## Dinner Parties

Gathering people around the dinner table is one of my favorite things to do. It's there, at the table, where I feel people are invited to be their truest selves. With warm food, delicious drink, and good conversation, a single dinner can create memories that last a lifetime. In the Martinez home, I love to cook, and I've learned that when people are fed, they feel cared for.

For many, the pace of life does not seem to give much room for planning dinner parties. We get overwhelmed by the idea of it, put too much

pressure on ourselves, and often resolve to just go out to a restaurant, or worse, not gather at all. Now, don't get me wrong...I love a good dinner out. However over the years, I've learned there really is no substitute for opening up your home to others. **The reality is, hosting is not about perfection - it's about presence.** Having people over for dinner isn't about impressing or proving...it's just about being together! I've learned to not put too much pressure on the details, and to just have fun. Don't worry about whether or not it's the best meal they have ever eaten or the prettiest table setting they've ever seen. It's about relationships. Be proud of the home you've created. Cook something you love, put out what you have, and invite them in! Authentic care and intentional hosting is really what leaves a lasting impression.

A couple of tips:

- **Keep things local, seasonal, and simple.** We have hidden treasures tucked away in these streets! For this dinner party, I visited [Galvan's Meat Market](#) for my swordfish, [Estudillo Produce](#) & my garden for my salad ingredients, and [Cordial Bottle Shop](#) for our drinks.
- **If presentation matters, do as much as you can the day before.** Depending on the size and formality level, do most of the work ahead, so that on the day of, you only have to worry about final touches and keeping the food hot. I like to set all dishes and linens out the day before and put post-its on serving platters so I know what goes where.

Now, set a date, pick up the phone, and get ready to make memories!

*"The Fondest Memories are made Around the Table"*



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# Area sales Since May 1

\*\*\* My Buyer or Seller

Address	BR	Bth	SqFt	Lot SqFt	DOM	Orig Price	SP
393 Cherrywood Ave.	2	1	902	4,800	9	\$549,000	\$535,000
373 Farrelly Dr.	2	1	1027	5,000	10	\$528,000	\$600,000
474 Callan Ave.	2	1	1132	7,020	20	\$589,000	\$620,000
2064 Cleveland St.	2	1	1028	5,015	11	\$559,000	***\$625,000
175 Euclid Ave.	2	2	1475	6,000	17	\$640,000	\$630,000
237 Garcia Ave.	2	1.5	1285	3,680	14	\$499,000	\$635,000
380 Lexington Ave.	4	2	1257	5,440	16	\$599,800	\$650,000
361 Cherrywood Ave.	2	2	1465	4,200	12	\$549,000	\$650,000
1440 Santa Rosa St.	3	2	1880	5,060	49	\$699,950	\$665,000
731 Rodney Drive	3	1.5	1868	4,472	7	\$599,976	\$685,000
935 Ramona Wy.	2	1			0		***\$685,000
611 Dolores Ave.	3	2	1620	8,450	39	\$668,000	\$688,000
920 Ramona Way	2	1.5	1014	5,040	8	\$599,000	***\$695,000
325 Breed Ave.	3	2	2155	7,500	6	\$718,888	\$700,000
839 Bridge Rd.	3	3	2200	5,250	0	\$774,976	\$700,000
271 Cherrywood Ave.	3	2	1517	5,040	8	\$695,000	\$712,000
417 Lewis Ave.	2	1	1083	6,150	13	\$599,000	\$715,000
632 Dutton Ave.	3	2		5,150	21	\$689,000	\$750,000
745 Dutton Ave.	3	2	1656	4,880	12	\$649,000	\$775,000
946 Rodney Dr.	2	2	1731	12,465	26	\$749,000	***\$800,000
1044 Collier Dr.	3	3	1722	3,800	11	\$799,999	\$812,000
790 Glen Dr.	3	2	2442	5,200	25	\$799,000	***\$825,000
711 Arbor Dr.	5	2	2180	4,635	6	\$799,950	\$827,000
802 Estudillo Ave.	3	2	2208	5,460	46	\$799,000	***\$830,000
555 Lewis Ave.	3	2.5	2081	5,043	12	\$789,000	***\$850,000
715 Dolores Ave.	4	3	1840	6,006	6	\$848,000	\$865,000
970 San Jose Ave.	4	2.5	1749	4,500	8	\$799,000	***\$870,000
811 Lee Ave.	3	1.5	2115	4,300	14	\$838,000	\$935,000
961 Glen Drive.	2	1.5	1941	11,600	18	\$849,000	\$955,000
1342 Begier Ave.	5	3	2350	5,875	6	\$859,000	\$1,010,000

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