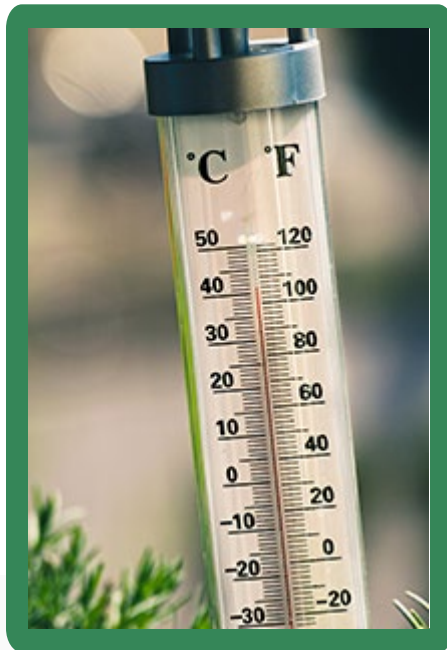




NINA'S PDX ADVENTURE

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Market Temperature

Buyers are trying to beat the clock on rising interest rates

Interest rates have been slowly climbing, however in recent weeks it has been jumping. The current rate for 30 year fixed is fluctuating between 3.75% to just over 4%. If you are planning on purchasing a home it is very important that you stay in contact with your lender to keep up with the current status of your buying power. Higher interest rate = higher monthly payment.

The market is still competitive which is great news for sellers as we go into the spring selling season.

HAVAC System Check

We are several months away from summer weather, however now is the time to schedule your heating and cooling unit check up, duct cleaning, and filter change.

Black History in Real Estate



Theme Building at LAX Airport Los Angeles, California (Left)



Paul Revere Williams Architect (Right- GettyImages-Photo Allan Grant Life Picture Collection)

NAREB- National Association of Real Estate Brokers was founded in 1947. This group of black real estate brokers worked together to advocate for housing and real estate interest for black and minority communities. The Consolidated Board of Realtists formed in 1949 as the Los Angeles board for NAREB.

One of it's board members was architect Paul R. Williams. If you have been to LA or watched television and movies, or taken a tour of Beverly Hills you have seen Williams buildings and homes. I am an interior designer and though I am familiar with his work I knew nothing about Williams until just a few weeks ago. In my college courses we could not talk about modernism without looking at the pictured above Theme Building, but Williams himself was a footnote. I have the names of many architects tucked away in my knowledge of architectural history and Williams was not one of them. I attended 3 schools in the pursuit of my education and the omission of Paul Williams is an example of the controlled narrative of history even at the college level.

I have enjoyed learning about Paul Williams and his catalog of work. I hope you will too.

Here is a link to a documentary by PBS on Williams.

Link



Happy Valentines

These **Raspberry Almond Thumbprint Cookies** are one of my favorite Valentine treats.

Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)

2/3 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 1/8 cups all-purpose flour

Cream butter and sugar with mixer then add almond extract. Add flour salt mixture. Dough will be crumbly. Press together and refrigerate until chilled.

Form dough into 1.5 inch balls (a disher is a great tool for this). Using your your finger or knuckle if you have longer nails to make a well and fill with jam. Then chill dough for 10 to 15 minutes to prevent cookies from over spreading.

Bake for 12-15 minutes at 350° until golden.

My favorite jam for these cookies is raspberry however other types are great as well. Another favorite of mine is lemon curd. Don't have home made jam? If you're a local in the Portland area La Provence has a delicious raspberry jam that they sell.