

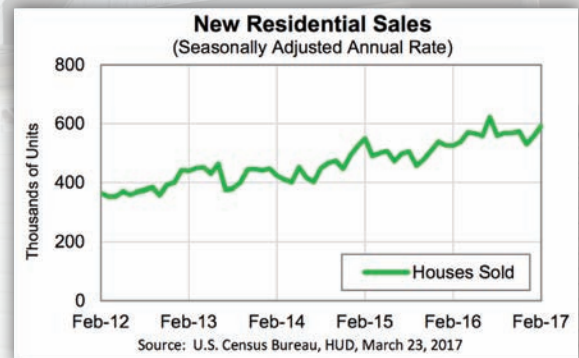
## MARKET UPDATE: HOME PRICES UP, STOCK MARKET AT ALL-TIME HIGHS

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017 is continuing where 2016 finished up: home prices continue to rise and the stock market has hit record highs. According to a study conducted by Redfin\*, home prices in February increased 7.2% from a year earlier, to a median sales price of \$260,900 nationwide. In addition, last month marks five years of year-over-year price increases since the market bottomed out and began to rebound.

The stock market has followed suit and continues on its own record surge. This quarter we have witnessed the Dow Jones break 21,000 for the first time ever. The S+P and Nasdaq have touched their all-time highs as well.

Markets and home prices rising may have really tipped the scales for homeowners who have been delaying their decision to move and will add much needed starter homes to the market. The Commerce Department's\* recent February report supports this move, as new home sales surged 6.1% to a seasonal adjusted annual rate of 592,000 units, their highest level since July of 2016.

Now may be the perfect time to purchase a home and benefit from this appreciating home market or capitalize on your home's increased equity to do some home improvements through a cash-out refinance. Give us a call today at 855-LOANS-USA or apply online at [www.AdvisorsMortgage.com](http://www.AdvisorsMortgage.com) to see what Advisors Mortgage can do for you!



\*Sources: Redfin, Ruetters, <https://www.census.gov/construction/nrs/pdf/newresales.pdf>

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### THIS YEAR ADVISORS MORTGAGE GROUP IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR P.E.T. PROGRAM: PUPS EMPOWERING TROOPS.

Through our P.E.T. Program, Advisors has partnered with NEADS, the National Education for Assistance Dog Services Program. NEADS raises, trains and places world class service dogs with veterans and people with disabilities. Our adorable and devoted sponsees, Daisey and Pepper, have been recently enrolled in the NEADS program, and we will be providing periodic updates on their progress as they travel through the program. More photos to come!

### SUE'S IRISH SODA BREAD

Susan Costanza - Accounting, 2012



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| ½ cup butter (1 stick) | ½ cup sugar         |
| 4 cups plain flour     | 1 tsp baking powder |
| ½ tsp salt             | 2 cups buttermilk   |

- Cream butter and sugar in large bowl until fluffy. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Mix well. Add buttermilk. Knead on floured surface 8-10 times (or until dough forms)
- Separate dough into two pieces. Shape into two rounds loaves. Place on greased cookie sheet. Cut an "X" shape about ½ inch deep with floured knife on top of each loaf.
- Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 minutes or until it passes the toothpick test!

### DAVE'S SWEET & SPICY TURKEY CHILI

David Dondero - Branch Operations, 2013



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| 2 lbs ground turkey   | 1 large chopped onion        |
| 4 tbsp minced garlic  | 1 can 24 oz crushed tomatoes |
| 16 oz frozen corn     | 4 medium jalapenos diced     |
| 3 tbsp hot sauce      | 3 tbsp chili powder          |
| 1/3 cup honey         | 1 can kidney beans           |
| 3 beef bouillon cubes |                              |

Place 2 tbsp olive oil in deep frying pan. Sweat out onions and garlic. Add meat and cook until brown. Drain liquid. Place mixture in large crock pot with other ingredients and cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6 hours.