



Rob Clark's Monday Mortgage Update



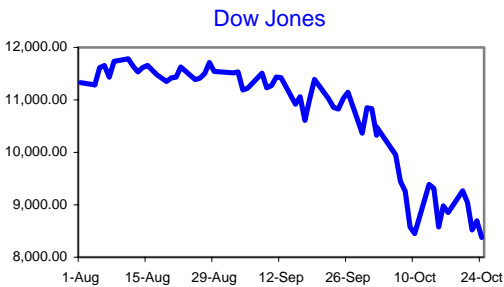
**Week of
Oct. 26,
2008**

**Mortgage
Market
Commentary**

Last week, mortgage rates all but erased the previous week's spike. Fears that we are at the beginning of a global recession gripped the market, sending stocks downward along with most interest rates. While bleak news seemed to dominate, there was some positive news. Existing home sales rose sharply to their highest level in 13 months. While the increase in sales was a welcome sign, we are still seeing pricing moving downward, but that is bringing buyers into the market.

This week has all the elements for another wild ride for financial markets. The Federal Reserve meets to set monetary policy. Many are screaming for the Fed to axe interest rates at least another 1/2 point. With expectations and emotions running so high, a smaller cut or no cut could result in most interest rates climbing upward this week. The first GDP numbers for the third quarter are also released this week. If a negative GDP is released, as expected, and the Fed comes through with a 1/2 point rate cut, we could see mortgage rates stay level or even continue moving further downward.

Stock Market Trend



Rise In Home Sales Could Be A Positive Sign

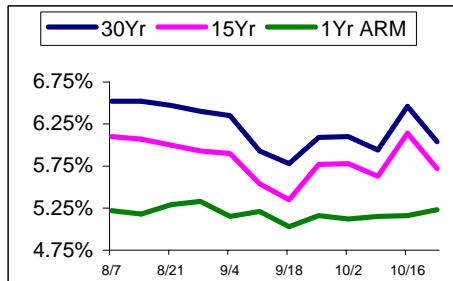
Many dismissed last week's rise in existing home sales because of the high number of foreclosure sales, and the fact that prices are still declining. While we may not be at the market's bottom, a jump in the volume of sales and dropping prices may be the beginning of good news. As affordability increases, we may see more first time buyers moving into the market. Those who sell are usually able to move up, and the positive cycle continues. Of course, only time will tell.

Mortgage Rate Watcher

15 Day Rate Trend →

30 Day Rate Trend →

Market Volatility **High**



Worth Remembering

There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.

Oscar Wilde

Weekly Trivia Challenge



Reaching the number one spot on the Billboard Hot 100 in October of 1962, the song "Monster Mash" continues as a Halloween favorite. Who wrote and performed this song?

If you know the answer to this week's Trivia Challenge, give me a call or drop me an email!

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