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**Week of
March 19,
2018**

Mortgage rates shifted into neutral last week, with economic news showing signs of moderating. Both the Producer and Consumer Price Indices registered a 0.2% core increase, right at expectations. While market jitters surrounding inflation continue, the readings appeared to be soothing. Some of the models that predict GDP numbers are showing growth remaining fairly flat. With only the labor market showing big spikes, the overall economy may not be accelerating as much as thought.

**Mortgage
Market
Commentary**

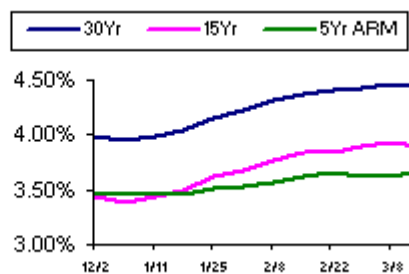
This week will be focused on the Fed's policy and accompanying comments. The market has priced in a quarter-point increase in the Fed's interest rate, so an increase will not be a surprise. Analysts will be watching carefully for clues as to whether we'll see a total of three or four increases in 2018. The more likely it appears that we could get four, the more likely we'll see rates increasing. Even if only three hikes are on tap, the Fed is unwinding its massive portfolio, and with the government needing to borrow more funds, rates will have a hard time moving very far downward.

Mortgage Rates

**Freddie Mac's
Primary Mortgage Market Survey**

	March 15		3/8/18
30 Year Fixed	4.44%	▼	4.46%
15 Year Fixed	3.90%	▼	3.94%
5/1 Year ARM	3.67%	▲	3.63%

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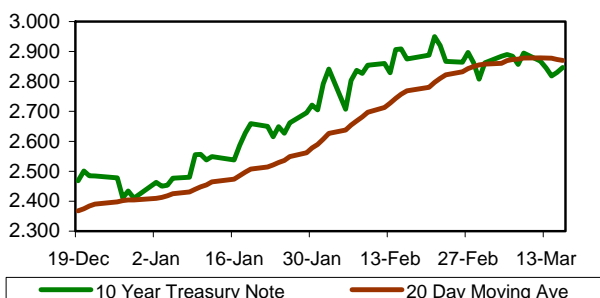


Rates & Indexes

1 Yr T-Bill	2.050%
12 Mn Libor	2.601%
6 Mo Libor	2.342%
11 th D. COFI	0.777%
Prime	4.500%
Fed Fund	1.500%

Economic Snapshot

Gross Domestic Product 28-Feb ▼ %pt Chg 2.5% 0.7 <i>Economy Expanding</i>	Consumer Confidence 27-Feb ▲ pt Chg 130.8 6.5 <i>Confidence Level</i>	Housing Starts 16-Mar ▼ % Chg 1.30M 5.7% <i>Starts Flattening</i>	Dow Jones 24,946.51 NYSE 12,784.39 NASDAQ 7,481.99 S&P 500 2,752.01 Dow Jones
Unemployment Rate 5-Mar ↔ %pt Chg 4.1% 0.0 <i>Unemployment Stable</i>	US Retail Sales 14-Mar ▼ % Chg 492.0 0.1% <i>Sales Trending Flat</i>	Existing Home Sales 21-Feb ▼ % Chg 5.38M 3.2% <i>Sales Trending Flat</i>	
Leading Indicators (LEI) 22-Feb ▲ % Chg 108.1 1.0% <i>Slow Growth</i>	Manufacturing Activity 1-Mar ▲ pt Chg 60.8 1.7 <i>Manufacturing Expanding</i>	New Home Sales 26-Feb ▼ % Chg 593K 7.8% <i>Sales Trending Flat</i>	



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