# PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT



**Earl Hughes License #22331 Top Choice Inspection** 

619 Sun Valley Lane
Inspection Prepared For: Clark Kent
Agent: Lex Luthor - Good Luck Realtors

Date of Inspection: 3/20/2020

Year Built: 2006 Size:

**Weather: Sunny & Cool** 

(Date)

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Prepared For:	Clark Kent	
	(Name of Client)	
Concerning:	619 Sun Valley Lane, Metropolis T>	(, 77063
	(Address or Other Identification of Inspected Pro	operty)
Ву:	Earl Hughes, License #22331	3/20/2020

#### PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND INSPECTOR / CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

This property inspection report may include an inspection agreement (contract), addenda, and other information related to property conditions. If any item or comment is unclear, you should ask the inspector to clarify the findings. It is important that you carefully read ALL of this information.

(Name and License Number of Inspector)

This inspection is subject to the rules ("Rules") of the Texas Real Estate Commission ("TREC"), which can be found at www.trec.texas.gov.

The TREC Standards of Practice (Sections 535.227-535.233 of the Rules) are the minimum standards for inspections by TREC licensed inspectors. An inspection addresses only those components and conditions that are present, visible, and accessible at the time of the inspection. While there may be other parts, components or systems present, only those items specifically noted as being inspected were inspected. The inspector is NOT required to turn on decommissioned equipment, systems, utility services or apply an open flame or light a pilot to operate any appliance. The inspector is NOT required to climb over obstacles, move furnishings or stored items. The inspection report may address issues that are code-based or may refer to a particular code; however, this is NOT a code compliance inspection and does NOT verify compliance with manufacturer's installation instructions. The inspection does NOT imply insurability or warrantability of the structure or its components. Although some safety issues may be addressed in this report, this inspection is NOT a safety/code inspection, and the inspector is NOT required to identify all potential hazards.

In this report, the inspector shall indicate, by checking the appropriate boxes on the form, whether each item was inspected, not inspected, not present or deficient and explain the findings in the corresponding section in the body of the report form. The inspector must check the Deficient (D) box if a condition exists that adversely and materially affects the performance of a system or component or constitutes a hazard to life, limb or property as specified by the TREC Standards of Practice. General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing components, and unsuitable installation. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed deficient. The inspector is not required to prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another.

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THIS PROPERTY INSPECTION IS NOT A TECHNICALLY EXHAUSTIVE INSPECTION OF THE STRUCTURE, SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS. The inspection may not reveal all deficiencies. A real estate inspection helps to reduce some of the risk involved in purchasing a home, but it cannot eliminate these risks, nor can the inspection anticipate future events or changes in performance due to changes in use or occupancy. It is recommended that you obtain as much information as is available about this property, including any seller's disclosures, previous inspection reports, engineering reports, building/remodeling permits, and reports performed for or by relocation companies, municipal inspection departments, lenders, insurers, and appraisers. You should also attempt to determine whether repairs, renovation, remodeling, additions, or other such activities have taken place at this property. It is not the inspector's responsibility to confirm that information obtained from these sources is complete or accurate or that this inspection is consistent with the opinions expressed in previous or future reports.

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- malfunctioning, improperly installed, or missing ground fault circuit protection (GFCI) devices for electrical receptacles in garages, bathrooms, kitchens, and exterior areas;
- malfunctioning arc fault protection (AFCI) devices;
- ordinary glass in locations where modern construction techniques call for safety glass;
- malfunctioning or lack of fire safety features such as smoke alarms, fire-rated doors in certain locations, and functional emergency escape and rescue openings in bedrooms;
- malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms;
- excessive spacing between balusters on stairways and porches;
- improperly installed appliances;
- improperly installed or defective safety devices;
- lack of electrical bonding and grounding; and
- lack of bonding on gas piping, including corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST).

To ensure that consumers are informed of hazards such as these, the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) has adopted Standards of Practice requiring licensed inspectors to report these conditions as "Deficient" when performing an inspection for a buyer or seller, if they can be reasonably determined.

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Remember, the average life expectancy for most home appliances is around 10 years, so if you have concerns about the appliances please contact professional and licensed contractors for the evaluations and opinions about necessary repairs, defects, or replacement.

Your inspector has an affiliation with Residential Warranty Services (RWS), a third party service provider, in order to offer you additional value-added services including a complimentary RecallChek to help determine if the inspected property has any potentially dangerous recalled appliances, as well as a complimentary Home Warranty. By entering into this agreement you (a) authorize your inspector to provide your contact information (including telephone number) to RWS and/or its affiliate, (b) waive and release any restrictions that may prevent RWS and/or its affiliate from contacting you (including by telephone using automated dialing technology), and (c) authorize RWS and/or its affiliate to contact you regarding home services.

This Property Inspection Report reports on only the items listed and only on the current condition of those items as of the date of inspection. This report reflects only if the items inspected are observed to be "operable" or "inoperable" at the time of inspection; that is whether such items are observed to serve the purpose for which they are ordinarily intended, at this time. This report reflects only those items that are reasonably observable at the time of inspection. NO RPRESENTATION OR COMMENT is made concerning any latent defect or defects not reasonably observable at the time of the inspection or of items which require the removal of major or permanent coverings. For example, but without limitation, recent repairs, painting or covering may conceal prior or present leak damage which is not reasonably observable by the inspector and no representation or comment can be made. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE CONCERNING ANY OTHER CONDITION OR THE FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF ANY ITEM. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE AS TO ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY COMMENTED UPON. ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED HEREIN ARE EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED. If a comment is made concerning the condition of any item, the Client is URGED to contact a qualified SPECIALIST to make further inspections or evaluations of that item. Client must notify Top Choice Inspection in writing of any complaints within seven (7) days of the date of the inspection and must thereafter allow prompt re-inspection of the item in question. Otherwise, all claims for damages arising out of such causes of complaint are waived by Client. If Client institutes any legal action concerning this inspection, and fails to prevail on all causes of action alleged, Client shall be liable to Top Choice Inspection for all of its attorney's fees incurred in such action. Actual damages for any breach of contract or warranty, negligence of otherwise are limited to the amount of the inspection fee paid. The Client, by accepting this Report or relying upon it in any way, expressly agrees to these Limitations and Disclaimers.

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#### I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

✓         A. F	oundations
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Type of Foundation(s):

- Post tension slab foundation Comments:
- NOTE: Weather conditions, drainage, leakage and other adverse factors are able to affect structures and differential movements are likely to occur. The Inspectors opinion is based upon visual observations of accessible and unobstructed areas of the foundation at the time of inspection. Future performance of the structure cannot be predicted or warranted
- The foundation appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.





time of the inspection.

This post tension slab appears to be functioning as intended at the This is called a 'corner pop' and is common on post tension slabs and is not a structural concern.

# **B.** Grading and Drainage

Comments:

• Grading appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.

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Grading and drainage appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection but this wall also has foliage growing against it that should be trimmed.



Type(s) of Roof Covering:

- Asphalt composition shingles noted
- Viewed From:
- The ground with a 25X zoom 20 meg camera.

Comments:

- All components appear to be funtioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- Inspector could not access the roof due to either roofing material, dangerous slope of roof and/or above the reachable height; therefore, the roof was observed from ground level with optical lenses
- Ridge vents were noted at the time of the inspection.



Roof is approximately one year old and appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.

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**D. Roof Structure and Attics** 

Viewed From:

• Attic

Approximate Average Depth of Insulation:
• Insulation is 8 inches deep

Comments:

- Roof structure appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
  Attic ventilation was through sofit vents and ridge vents.



The ridge vents are part of the attic ventilation system and allow the hotest air to escape.



These holes in the soffit are also part of the attic ventilation system and allow the  $10^\circ$  degree cooler air to enter the attic as the hot air rises.



This is a good shot of some of the framing that appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.

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E. Walls (Interior and Exterior)

Wall Materials:

- Exterior walls were brick vebeer on the front and the two sides and the back were fiber cement board and trim.
- Exterior Hardiboard {fiber cement} siding noted Comments:
- The exterior walls appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- The interior walls appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- Sheetrock noted on interior walls
- NOTE: The heavy foliage growing on, over or around the exterior walls of the structure should be trimmed back at least (18"). The heavy plant material may limit the Inspector's visual observation of the existing surfaces.
- All wall penetrations need to be sealed to prevent moisture and insect intrusion.



All foliage should be trimmed away from the exterior veneer 18" to allow for air circulation to allow moisture evaporation.



Another view of foliage that needs to be trimmed to allow air circulation between the bushes and the brick.

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Wall opening needs to be sealed.

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Ceiling and Floor Materials:

- Ceiling is made of drywall with texture finish.
- Comments:
- Floors appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection. There was laminate wood flooring in the hallway, the den, formal dining area, and the master bedroom. There was floor tile in the entryway, the kitchen, all bathrooms, and the utility room. There was carpeting in the other two bedrooms.
- Blistering on the ceiling was observed.



This is a small crease in the breadfast room ceiling that is typical of a past water leak or sheetrock movement.



This is a belly in the ceiling between the den and the breakfast room ceiling that is also evidence of a past water leak. I was told the roof was replaced last year.

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	G. Doors (Interior a	,	41-1114-1
	<ul><li>satisfactory condition at</li><li>Interior doors appeared</li><li>Exterior doors appear</li></ul>	the time of the inspection I to be functioning as inter	tended and appeared to be in
	Comments:  • At the time of the insp windows due to height, storage and/or furniture  • One or more of the windows in the breakfast	window treatments, persondow were observed to be t area. The one on the nor	ow-emmission gas.  rually inspect or operate some of the nal effects, large, heavy or fragile  difficult to operate, especially the two th wall facing the backyard could not ed. The other one would just be really



These windows are hard to operate. The blue arrow points to a hard to open and close/lock one. The yellow arrow points to one that I could get open but could not get it down far enough to close and lock.

I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

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Locations:

• Fireplace is located in the den

Types:

- Fireplace is a natural gas operated chamber
- Fireplace is a prefabricated zero clearance unit

Comments:

• All components appeared to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.



The fireplace appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.



Comments:

- All porch components appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- There was an un-attached patio cover observed in the rear of the structure and appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.
- Deck components appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- Concrete driveway and sidewalks appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection

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This is a good picture showing the patio cover is not attached to the home nor is the deck. Both appear to function as intended at the time of the inspection.

L. Other

Materials:

• {6'} wood stockade fence noted

Comments:

• The gate on the right side of the house to the back yard was in need of some repair. It had to be lifted in order to latch.

#### II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

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Panel Locations:

- Electrical panel is located in the garage on the left wall.
- Materials and Amp Rating:
- Copper wiring
- 150 amp

Comments:

- All components of the main service panel appear to be properly installed and functioning as intended at the time of the inspection. However, the two breakers on the bottom right need to be labeled. The second one up from the bottom on the right is the arc fault breaker for the bedrooms.
- Service entrance wiring is underground.

NI NP D



This is the underground feed for the electrical power for the



Had to move bike to check out the electrical panel.



The 125 Amp electical panel appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.



The panel is labeled nicely.

B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Type of Wiring:
• Copper wiring

Comments:

- $\bullet$  The doorbell  $\{s\}$  was functional at the time of the inspection
- The doorbell(s) was functional at the time of the inspection
- GFCI protection is required on 15A.20A circuits providing power to kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, exterior receptacles, pools, spas and whirlpool tubs. GFCI receptacles are required in the kitchen within two (2') of tyhe sink and barthrooms within three (3') of the sink.

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- appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
- There was flex vent ductwork and one had a big dent in it and it restricts the free flow of air and needs repair/replacing.

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The roof vents appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.



The middle switch of the hallway bathroom gives power to a humidity controlled exhaust fan.



This is the humidity controlled exhaust fan. You can see the faint orange color that shows it is running. When powered but not running, the light will be blue.



This ventilation piping is bent and should be repaired and/or replaced.

NI NP D



Ductwork is supported as suggested and appears to function as intended at the time of the inspection.

#### IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM



Location of Water Meter:

- Front right of structure closer to the sidewalk.
- Location of Main Water Supply Valve:
- There was no house water cut-off on the exterior or the interior that I could find. The water meter will have to serve as the house cut-off. Comments:
- The anti static water pressure was observed at 54 psi at the time of the inspection. Water pressure can vary especially with heavy use in the morning and the evening.
- The anti static water pressure readings are typically at {40-70 psi} in the normal operating range. Pressure exceeding these limits or higher than {70 psi} is likely to put excessive pressure on the household water system. It is recommended that a licensed plumber and/or the city water department further evaluate in the event a pressure reducing valve is required for safety concerns
- The tub-to-shower control knob on the tub spout is too hard to change for each operation. Recommend rerpair or replace.
- There was a <u>bvc</u> pipe on the exterior observed to have missing insulation.

NI NP D



Water meter location.



In the hallway bath, this shower/tub lever is too hard to operate. Downward pressure could possibly bend the water supply pipe and needs to be fixed. Suggest calling a professional plumber to



In the master bathroom, the right sink's stopper is not working...



because the stopper rod is not connected below. This is a small thing that can easily be corrected.

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This piping is missing insulation.

B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

#### Comments:

• A bath fan vent was observed terminating in a plumbing vent stack. Current plumbing standards require bath fans to terminate through the roof line as CO2 gases in a plumbing stack are dangerous and possibly ignitable from electrical an switch arcing in the fan unit



#### Energy Source:

• Water heater is natural gas and appear to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.

#### Capacity:

• Unit is 40 gallons

#### Comments:

• Old Bradford-White water heater left in attic at top of stairs and is in the way.

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Old Bradford-White water heater that the plumbers did not remove but should have.

D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment
Comments:
E. Other
Materials: Comments:
V. APPLIANCES
A. Dishwashers
Comments: • The dishwasher appears to be performing as intended at the time of the inspection
B. Food Waste Disposers
Comments: • The garbage disposal appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
C. Range Hood and Exhaust Systems
Comments: • The range hood is part of the microwave and appears to be functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.

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	D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens
	Comments: • Oven(s): Electric • Oven(s) was functional at the time of the inspection • All heating elements were functional at the time of the inspection • The oven was tested at {350} degrees for a {20} minute period and met the preset temperature.
	E. Microwave Ovens
	Comments:  • Built-in microwave ovens are tested using normal operating controls. Unit was tested and appeared to be serviceable at time of inspection. Leak and/or efficiency testing is beyond the scope of this inspection. If concerned, client should seek further review by qualified technician prior to closing.  • The microwave was functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.
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	F. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters
	Comments: • The bath fan{s} were functioning as intended at the time of inspection
	G. Garage Door Operators
	Door Type: • One {16'} aluminum door with motorized closer motor.

• The overhead garage door was functional at the time of the inspection

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	H. Dryer Exhaust Sy	vstems	
	pipe should not exceed { ducting is recommended collect lint. The dryer verscreens.  • Could not fully inspect cavity	25 ft for electric dryers a and there should be no so at should terminate outsid the dryer vent as it is encl	t the exterior of the structure. The vent and typically {35 ft} for gas units. Metal crews penetrating the duct that may le with a backdraft damper and no losed in cabinetry or within the wall
	• The dryer vent appears  I. Other	to function as intended at	the time of the inspection
	Observations:		
	VI. C	OPTIONAL SYSTEMS	
	A. Landscape Irrigat	tion (Sprinkler) Syste	ems
	Comments:		
	B. Swimming Pools,	Spas, Hot Tubs, and	Equipment
	Type of Construction: Comments:		
	C. Outbuildings		
	Materials: Comments:		
	D. Private Water Wo	ells (A coliform analy	ysis is recommended)
	Type of Pump: Type of Storage Equipme Comments:	ent:	
	E. Private Sewage D	isposal (Septic) Syste	ems
	Type of System: Location of Drain Field: Comments:		

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#### Comments:

• The gate of the fence does not latch properly.



The latch on the gate is hard to lock and should be fixed or replaced.

### Glossary

Term	Definition
GFCI	A special device that is intended for the protection of personnel by de-energizing a circuit, capable of opening the circuit when even a small amount of current is flowing through the grounding system.
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride, which is used in the manufacture of white plastic pipe typically used for water supply lines.

### **Report Summary**

STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS		
Page 9 Item: H	Windows	• One or more of the window were observed to be difficult to operate, especially the two windows in the breakfast area. The one on the north wall facing the backyard could not even be closed all the way where it could be locked. The other one would just be really hard to open and close.
Page 11 Item: L	Other	• The gate on the right side of the house to the back yard was in need of some repair. It had to be lifted in order to latch.
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
Page 12 Item: B	Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures	• The doorbell{s} was functional at the time of the inspection • GFCI protection is required on 15A.20A circuits providing power to kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, exterior receptacles, pools, spas and whirlpool tubs. GFCI receptacles are required in the kitchen within two (2') of tyhe sink and barthrooms within three (3') of the sink.
HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS		
Page 13 Item: C	Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents	• There was flex vent ductwork and one had a big dent in it and it restricts the free flow of air and needs repair/replacing.
PLUMBING SYSTEM		
Page 15 Item: A	Plumbing Supply, Distribution System and Fixtures	<ul> <li>The tub-to-shower control knob on the tub spout is too hard to change for each operation. Recommend rerpair or replace.</li> <li>There was a <u>ove</u> pipe on the exterior observed to have missing insulation.</li> </ul>
Page 17 Item: B	Drains, Wastes, and Vents	• A bath fan vent was observed terminating in a plumbing vent stack. Current plumbing standards require bath fans to terminate through the roof line as CO2 gases in a plumbing stack are dangerous and possibly ignitable from electrical an switch arcing in the fan unit
Page 17 Item: C	Water Heating Equipment	• Old Bradford-White water heater left in attic at top of stairs and is in the way.
OPTIONAL SYSTEMS		
Page 21 Item: F	Other	• The gate of the fence does not latch properly.