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December Events

Blue Santa Toy Drive – December 4th

Holiday Party – December 11th

Bowie March-a-thon – December 11th

Holiday Lighting Contest – December 17th-19th

A Letter from your HOA President

Dear Neighbors,

I'll be brief this month. I've been out of town and the time between newsletters is shorter than usual this month (due to our format and vendor change.)

This is the first newsletter in our new format, produced by Peel Inc. I hope we all see it as a significant improvement for Circle C communications. Please send any comments or suggestions to info@circlecranch.info

The Circle C Holiday party is December 11. See Denise's article for more details. Also see the separate article for news on the Circle C Ranch holiday lighting contest. We really appreciate the work done by the Events Committee and Denise Nordstrom and Circle C Landscaping for the parties, the lighting and the holiday lighting competition.

The CCHOA Board is working on several projects including the annual budget, the annual report, and contracts with several of our vendors. We plan to deliver the annual report to homeowners in early January.

Have a great holiday,
Quentin Fennessy

CCHOA Announcements

Holiday Kid's Party

The 2nd Annual Holiday Kid's Event will be held on December 11th from 2pm to 5pm at the Circle C Swim Center. Admission will be one unwrapped toy per child which will be donated to Blue Santa. There will be games, music, food, crafts, prizes, Santa Claus (don't forget the camera!) and much more! The Bowie High School Band will be playing holiday music from 2pm to 2:45pm.

We are still in need of many volunteers to help with set-up, decorations, helping with crafts and clean-up. If you can volunteer for any length of time, please contact the CCHOA office at 288-8663 or at info@circlecranch.info

Holiday Adult Party

The 2nd Annual Holiday Adult Event will be held on December 11th from 7pm to 10pm at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (indoors). Admission will be one pantry item per adult for the Capital Area Food Drive. There will be music, food, drinks and more.

The Child Development Center will offer babysitting services at the following rates: \$25 for 1 child, \$35 2 children and \$5 more per child after that. You **MUST** sign up in advance for childcare by calling 288-8663. The deadline is December 3rd.

CCHOA Lighting Contest

It's time to string up those lights! The Holiday Lighting Contest will be December 17th through December 19th (lights must be on by 5pm on Dec. 17th through 9pm on Dec. 19th). The neighborhood is divided into nine sections, with each section having a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Resident volunteer judges will drive the section during the times listed above and submit their choices to the CCHOA office. A final list of all winners will be posted on the website by December 20th and prizes will be awarded by January 1st. In order to make this event a continued success, **we need volunteers!** Grab your family or some neighborhood friends and volunteer to drive a section this year. If you are interested in volunteering please call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 or send an email to info@circlecranch.info
Submitted by A.E.Martin, Circle C Board Member

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More Trails Planned Near Circle C

The October newsletter reported planning efforts to create a biking trail from Barton Creek Greenbelt to the Wildflower Center. Although plans for this trail may take some time to become reality, there is another project that may bring us nearby hiking and biking trails much sooner. Planning is underway by a City of Austin sponsored group to provide public access to the Proposition 2 Lands that lie adjacent to Circle C on the west. You may recall that Proposition 2 was a bond election in 1998 approving \$65 million to purchase Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL). The WQPL land adjacent to Circle C is known as the Slaughter Creek Watershed and includes the Baker, Hafif and Hielscher tracts totaling 646 acres. This land is bounded by Circle C on the east and south and FM 1826 on the west. WQPL land is under the management of the city's water department, but they have decided to look to volunteer organizations to develop public access. Plans have been made for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use of the Slaughter Creek Watershed and funding has been authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife for trail construction, but will not be released until a city permit is obtained. Permitting depends upon the volunteer organizations, known collectively as the Stakeholder Steering Committee, to develop rules acceptable to the city for developing and using the properties. Some activity has already occurred such as thinning of the juniper and planting native grasses. Trail construction should begin as soon as the permit is obtained.

Volunteers from several participating organizations such as the Hill Country Foundation and Austin Ridge Riders will perform most of the work. Circle C Homeowners Association is also a member of the Stakeholder Steering Committee and welcomes Circle C residents to volunteer to assist in creating and managing this recreational resource. There are opportunities for trail construction and maintenance, native plant management, property docents for leading group tours, rules use development, etc. Please contact the Circle C HOA office if you are interested in volunteering.

Submitted by A.E.Martin, Circle C Board Member

Friendly Reminders

- 1 According to City Ordinance 3-4-6 DEFECATION BY A DOG OR CAT
An owner or handler shall promptly remove and sanitarly dispose of feces left on public or private property by a dog or cat being handled by the person, other than property owned by the owner or handler of the dog or cat. Please be sure to do your part in keeping Circle C a beautiful place to live.
- 2 Slow Down! Please be sure to watch your speed limit as you're traveling on Escarpment and La Crosse during school start and end times. Police are out on patrol in these areas. Also, be careful as your driving through neighborhood streets. We are continuing to get reports of high speed where children walk and play.
- 3 Please remember that boats, RV's and trailers are not allowed to be parked in your driveway. The City of Austin also prohibits boats, RV's and trailers to be parked in the street. You can report a violation to the CCHOA office at 288-8663.

Submitted by A.E.Martin, Circle C Board Member

Landscape Update

Happy Holidays to all Circle C residents. Circle C Landscape would like to wish all of you a joyous and memorable holiday season. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, the Circle C Holiday lighting, brought to you by the Circle C Homeowners Association will be up and running.

December is often a catch up month for gardeners, depending on the weather. It is probably best not to get over eager and start pruning anything yet, unless we have had a big freeze. If so, you can cut back all the frostbitten perennials. If not, hang on until the end of January when you can safely trim back just about everything in preparation for the coming spring. Except those Texas Mountain Laurels. If you clip of the pods, you will not have flowers in the springtime.

On the commons areas in December, we will be doing the last mowing of the natural areas until after the wildflowers bloom next spring. We also use this time to clear, clean and chip a lot of brush and other things that have accumulated over the year. And you will see us adding compost to some of the perennial beds over the next month.

Again, have a wonderful holiday season.

Submitted by Susan Hoover, Circle C Landscape



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Girl Scouts Assist in Wildflower Planting Along Escarpment

Through the cooperation of the CCHOA Board, Circle C Landscaping, The LBJ Wildflower Center, Native American Seed, Austin Real Estate Partners and over 50 Girl Scouts from various area troops we should all enjoy a substantial wildflower bloom next spring and for years to come along the hike and bike trails near Escarpment Boulevard!



The annual event, sponsored by Melinda McKenna from Austin Real Estate Partners, invites various Girl Scout Troops in and near Circle C to participate in an educational and service oriented planting project intended to beautify the hike and bike trails in and around Circle C Ranch with a variety of native wildflower varieties.

This year, Flo Oxley from the LBJ Wildflower Center, presented an educational seminar and walking review of native plants on the Wildflower Center grounds. After the seminar and native plant review, the Girl Scouts and Troop leaders returned to the west side of Escarpment Boulevard in Circle C along with Jayson May from Native American Seed to mix and distribute the 10 lbs. of wildflower seed on the trails heading toward the soccer fields.

Jayson has since indicated by email that many of the seedlings have already taken root and are growing well!

Melinda would like to thank the **HOA Board, Susan Hoover, Denise Nordstrom, Flo Oxley, Jayson May**, the numerous **Girl Scout Troop Leaders** for their support and especially all the wonderful **Girl Scouts** for all their hard work in making this year's event such a success. To view pictures from this year's event, go to www.AustinReps.com and use the pull down menu to select Wildflower Stomp 2004.

Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident



Kitty Fowler

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Circle C Area Professional Business Referral Group

Would you like to build your business by referral? Not sure how to get started?

Visit the Live Oak Network business referral meeting this Wednesday morning at the Golf Club at Circle C Ranch. The Live Oak Network is an active and dynamic chapter of BNI or Business Network International, a professional business networking organization with over 24 active chapters in Austin. Being active in a BNI chapter is like having up to forty sales people working for you because your fellow members will be carrying your business cards and referring your business to the people they meet every day. Successful businesses depend on "word-of-mouth" marketing as the most powerful form of promotion there is.

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Want to learn more? Visit us Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 9:30 AM at the Golf Club at Circle C Ranch, 7401 Highway 45, Austin, Texas 78739. Meeting fees are only \$10 for visitors and include a healthy breakfast. Bring at least 35 business cards to hand out to our members! For more information visit <http://www.BNIAustin.com>, email BNI@AustinReps.com, or call Bob at 288-8088.

Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident



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Bowie Band Marches In Circle C!

The award winning, state finalist James Bowie High School Bulldawg Marching Band has submitted to the city of Austin an application for a parade permit in order to hold a parade in Circle C on Saturday, December 11, 2005, from 1-2:30pm.

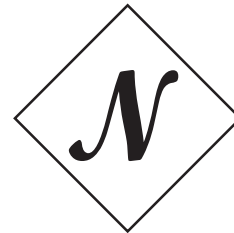
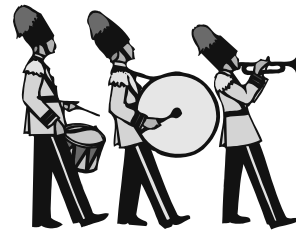
The band is raising money to help fund their trip to Phoenix, Arizona where they will march in the Fiesta Bowl Parade and compete in the Fiesta Bowl Field Show Competition at the end of December.

The band will wind its way through Circle C and end at the Swim Center where it will play music for the Circle C children attending the holiday party held there that afternoon.

Be sure to come out and enjoy the sight of a 240 member marching band marching down our streets on the second Saturday in December! And look for the band parent escorts who will be passing the hat collecting donations to defray the Phoenix travel costs.

Thank you for your support. Go DAWGS!

Submitted by Les Nichols, President of Booster Band



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Submitted by Dee Dee Green, Resident

South Austin Mothers Club

South Austin Mothers Club invites all mothers who want to meet other area mothers, engage in adult conversation, enjoy social time, and hear from speakers with expertise in child, family, and personal growth to join us at our monthly general meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Western Hills Church of Christ (Not Church Affiliated), 6211 Parkwood Drive, Austin, TX 78735. (512) 892-3532. Childcare provided for a fee with advance reservations.

For more info: www.southaustinmothersclub.org or email president@southaustinmothersclub.org

Submitted by Andrea Houdek, Resident

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Submitted by Sandy Flores, Resident



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Campo Public Hearing On Removing The Bridge On Wm. Cannon @ South Mopac From The Regional Toll Plan

6:00 pm Monday, December 13, 2004

LBJ Auditorium
26th and Red River

The past month has seen a number of important developments regarding the proposed Austin area regional toll plan. At its November meeting, several CAMPO directors voiced support for a compromise that removes the proposed toll at the soon to open bridge on South Mopac at William Cannon. In return, the state would need to replace expected toll revenue from that location in order to fund additional improvements elsewhere on Mopac.

At this point, the proposed improvements to Mopac are all north of Town Lake and south of 183. They would include adding sound walls to protect central Austin neighborhoods and creating what are termed "optional" toll lanes (using existing shoulder and right of way) to expand capacity.

If CAMPO and state officials agree on the proposed compromise, the rest of the regional toll plan would still be very much alive. At this writing, there was some discussion of delaying the charging of tolls for up to two years for some stretches of roadway (most of these in northeast and east Austin) – but additional details were not yet available.

CAMPO will hold an important public hearing on removing the Wm. Cannon toll from the plan at its December 13 monthly meeting. The hearing has been moved to the LBJ Auditorium, which can accommodate a larger audience. Residents attending the hearing to express their views may do so by speaking publicly or documenting their comments on index cards.

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Circle C Amenities

The Golf Course at Circle C Ranch

Winter Hours in effect December 1st through February 28th

Tee Times

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Available starting at 9:30am

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Available starting at 7:30am

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9am-5pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - 7am-5:30pm

The Golf Club will be closed on the following days in December:

Monday, December 6th

Monday, December 13th

Monday, December 20th

Monday, December 27th

Saturday, December 25th

Please note: The course will be closed January 3-7, 2005

Winter Rates in effect December 1st through February 28th

Monday-Thursday:

\$49	Regular fee
\$40	Circle C Residents
\$40	Twilight after 2pm
\$20	Twilight after 3:30pm
\$35	Senior/Junior
\$20	Junior Walking
\$15/\$25	Emergency/Replay 9/18 (Walk Up Basis Only)

Friday-Sunday:

\$65	Regular Fee
\$55	Circle C Residents
\$50	Twilight after 2pm
\$25	Twilight after 3:30pm
\$25	Junior Walking
\$20/\$35	Emergency/Replay 9/18 (Walk Up Basis Only)

All golf fees include green fee, cart and range balls.

Tailgate Party, Every Saturday & Sunday – It's that time of year – Football Season is here! Every Saturday and Sunday through December we'll have double tee starts in the morning and afternoon to allow you time to get in a quick round of golf between games. Look for food and drink specials at the turn and the best viewing parties in town on our big screen TV in the Grill.

9 Hole Kid's Kourse, Available Every Day – Did you know we have a Kid's Kourse? Because the regulation course is too long for most young golfers, we've added two new tee locations specially marked for ages 5-12 years old. Now all members of the family - kids, ladies, men, and seniors, can enjoy playing the game together. Kid's play free during the week and only \$10 on the weekend. Call the Pro Shop at 288.4297 to learn more.

Holiday Gift Headquarters – Looking for the perfect gift for the Holidays? Our pro shop is fully stocked with men and women's apparel as well as hats, shoes, sunglasses, golf balls and golf equipment. We'll be happy to special order items for you as well. Or, how about a series of golf lessons or a gift certificate for that special someone? Let us know what you need and we'll help you pick the perfect gift. Call us at 512.288.4297, extension 2.

Special Event/Holiday Celebration Venue – If you're seeking an idea setting for a holiday celebration, wedding, rehearsal dinner, birthday party or any festive occasion the Golf Club at Circle C is the perfect venue. We offer a variety of location options including the recently updated Biergarten, the Live Oak Patio, the Grill and the Rose Garden. We'll handle all the details so you and your guests can relax and enjoy the easy-going elegance of our unique setting. Call Denise Fisher at 512.288.4297, extension 4 to book your event.

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Submitted by Denise Fisher, Director Sales & Marketing, Golf Club at Circle C

Circle C Amenities *Continued*

Circle C Tennis Club

The Circle C Tennis Club is a Private Club. The dues paid to the Circle C Home Owners Association do not give automatic usage of the courts. Residents and non-residents of Circle C Ranch are welcome to join. There is no Initiation Fee or contracts for a period of time. Monthly tennis dues paid allow Members to use the tennis courts on an unlimited basis, plus be able to participate in all the programs that the Tennis Club offers. For membership information, please contact us at 301-8685 or visit us at the tennis facility located across from the Golf Club at Circle C.

Beginners Tennis Lessons

The Circle C Tennis Club is offering lessons for adults who either have played tennis at one time and/or are interested in learning to play tennis. The men's groups meet on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm; the ladies' groups meet on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Thursdays, from 8:30 to 9:30am and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 am. A co-ed group meets on Saturdays, from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity to get back into playing tennis again. Cost of the program is \$60.00 for six one hour sessions.

Junior Tennis Lessons

The third session of Junior lessons will begin the week of January 3. Lessons are offered for children 3-5 years old (Pee Wee); Grand Prix for ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and the Pre-Advanced Tournament Program (PATP) for juniors who are interested in competing in Tennis Tournaments or play for their school's tennis teams. Lessons are open for members and non-members. If you want us to send you a brochure with all the schedules and fees, please call Kathi.

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WTTA Spring League

The Circle C Tennis Club is represented in the Women's Tennis Team of Austin in Flights 3, 5, 9 and 10. Over 50 ladies participate in a weekly basis during the season in taking strategy sessions and playing against the other tennis clubs in the Austin area. .

The Spring season will begin again in the month of March and teams selection will begin in December 2004. Players must be active members of Circle C Tennis Club. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fernando.

Guest Pass

If you are interested in trying out the tennis facilities, please give us a call us to receive a complimentary guest pass for you and your friends. Passes will be provided based on open court availability.

For schedules and fees for all above events, please contact us at 301-8685 or send us an e-mail to: Circle_CTennis@msn.com. You can also visit our website: CircleCTennis.com

Submitted by Fernando Velasco, General Manager & Director of Circle C Tennis

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Circle C Amenities Continued

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Wild Ideas: The Shopping Event 2004

Holiday Shopping at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Friday & Saturday, December 3 & 4, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, noon to 5 p.m.

Admission to the Wildflower Center and Wild Ideas:
The Shopping Event is free.

Come discover a shopping event that combines a beautiful setting with singular artistry, for gifts that not only reflect discerning taste, but also support a good cause.

This year, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center hosts its 14th annual shopping event with artists, artisans, special guest appearances, and an abundance of gift ideas to fit every budget. Come for the serene setting of the Wildflower Center, and enjoy a relaxed shopping experience.

No sales tax will be charged on Friday and Saturday, a special savings opportunity. Additional special offers will be featured each day: 10% off all gifts on Friday; 10% off all apparel, accessories, and jewelry on Saturday; and 20% off all books, cards, stationery, and calendars on Sunday.

On Saturday and Sunday, artists and artisans will show works featuring wildflowers or native plant themes in the Visitors Gallery while the Little House offers an opportunity for little ones to craft beautiful nature-inspired artwork.

Attendees can stroll the beautiful Wildflower Center grounds, enjoy lunch at the Wildflower Café, and find the perfect gift. The Center also asks its patrons to consider giving the gift that gives all year - a Wildflower Center membership.

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to educate the public about the benefits and beauty of native plants. Proceeds from this event will go towards educational programs for teachers and students, programs for landscape restoration, horticulture, and plant conservation.

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's 2005 Docent Training program starts on January 13, 2005. Wildflower Center docents are a special group of volunteers who choose to expand their knowledge of the Wildflower Center's mission and the natural heritage of Central Texas to better represent the Center and serve the public. They answer questions in the Visitors' Gallery, give tours, work with children's groups, and generally serve as the Center's "ambassadors" to visitors from all over the world.

Docent training consists of eight weeks (48 hours) of classroom and field study followed by 24 hours of experiential learning. Core components of the program include: Natural History of Central Texas, Restoration Ecology, The Center's History and Mission, Mrs. Johnson's Legacy, Botany, Native Plant Horticulture, Landscaping and Gardening. The first eight-week portion of training will take place on Thursdays from 9:30am - 3:30 pm. The second experiential portion will have flexible hours throughout the week and weekend. Following graduation, ongoing service hours at the Center are required for docents to remain in good standing.

There is a materials fee of \$65 for members and \$100 for non-members. The non-member fee includes a one-year individual membership valued at \$40.

For more information, visit the Docent Training Page under "Volunteer With Us" at www.wildflower.org <<http://www.wildflower.org>>, call 292-4200 ext. 102 or email megan@wildflower.org <<mailto:megan@wildflower.org>>.

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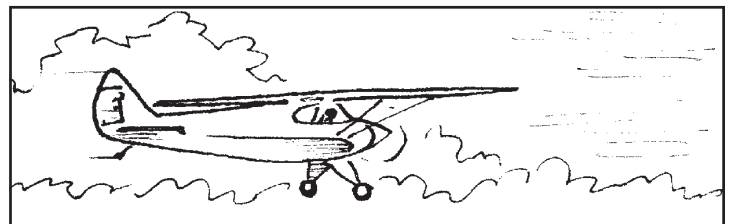
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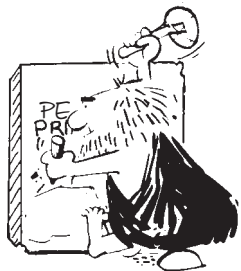


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