



CIRCLE C RANCH NEWSLETTER

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A Letter from your HOA President

Dear Neighbors,

I'm writing this before the annual meeting. When you read this we should have two new directors. This is excellent news, as we'll have more hands to work on CCHOA projects. I hope we have also passed the proposed bylaw amendments. I suggest you go to <http://www.circlecranch.info> for complete election results.

I'll add a big **Thank You** for those of you who voted at and attended the annual meeting. This is one more way (among many others) that we can contribute to the Circle C Homeowners Association. I'd also like to thank all of the neighbors who volunteered to run for the CCHOA board of directors.

We have a special arrangement for solid waste collection in Circle C. As part of the negotiations during the annexation of Circle C Ranch by the City of Austin, we were permitted to contract for solid waste collection independent of the city services. This continues to be a net win for Circle C and here's why: We get more service for less money! This chart shows the important differences.

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Our absolute cost is only 57% of the city fee. Once we factor in the twice-weekly pickup we see that we really have a bargain—we pay less than 1/3 of what Austin charges per pickup. If you want to learn more about the city services, visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/rates.htm>. We have more information about BFI and Circle C at <http://www.circlecranch.info/BFI.asp>.

With that said, BFI just increased their rates for Circle C as allowed by our contract. The rate increased from \$9.63 to \$9.95 per month. The increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index and is specified that way in our contract with BFI.

Believe it or not, I have more to write about solid waste disposal. BFI has a terrible time collecting the monthly fees from people within Circle C Ranch. Their collection rate is approximately 77%. This means that 3/4 of us are paying for the trash collection of the whole neighborhood. I suspect there are several good reasons for missed bills as well as several bad reasons. There may be address mixups, the billing may be confusing, and some folks may not even get the bills correctly.

Please review your bills and pay for the services you receive. You are responsible for setting up an account with BFI and paying for your solid waste and recycling service. These fees are NOT paid through the Homeowners Association. Please call 512-247-5647 to set up your account. You will be invoiced each quarter by Action Disposal (a wholly owned subsidiary of BFI). If you rent your home, please notify your tenants that they are responsible for paying for this service.

Trash collection may be halted for folks who are not paying their bills.

Aaron Kutzer, our swim center manager recently resigned. The board will hire a replacement soon—we should be done by the time you read this. Good luck to Aaron in his move to California.

Last month I complained about the increase in cost for General Liability insurance. We were pleasantly surprised to see that the Directors and Officers policy (a separate policy) did not increase in cost on renewal. The annual cost for CCHOA is \$17,243.

As I write this we have not completed the UT Longhorn Aquatics contract. Unfortunately this was delayed by sickness of a key decision maker at UT. During the interim between the expiration of

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APRIL EVENTS

Community Clean-Up – April 15-17
Community Wide Garage Sale – April 16

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Letter from your HOA President - (Continued from Page 1)

the old contract and the start of the new contract UT is now paying a higher fee. For 2004 it was \$2500/month. For January – February 2005, UT paid \$2500 per month. For March 2005 UT paid \$4500 per month. That rate is close to what I expect that we'll have in the new contract.

You may have noticed that the land between CDC and Kiker Elementary school is up for sale. This is land originally owned by Gary Bradley and now owned by the Federal government as a result of his recent bankruptcy. It is listed for \$595,000 for 5.66 acres. We are researching the possibilities for this land. Ideally it would be purchased by AISD for the Kiker Elementary expansion.

We have heard from AISD that they should start construction this summer on the new Circle C elementary school. It should be open by September 2006. This will be built at the intersection of Lacrosse and Spruce Canyon.

Your Neighbor,
Quentin Fennessy

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CCHOA Announcements

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, Operations Manager

Election Results

Information regarding the March 23, 2005 Annual Meeting was not available prior to the newsletter deadline, however you can log onto www.circlecranch.info for more information regarding election results.

Community Wide Clean-Up

The CCHOA will host a community wide clean-up in Circle C April 15 -17. BFI will be providing 12 dumpsters in the following locations:

- (2) dumpsters in Circle C North at the dead end of Allerton Avenue
- (2) dumpsters in Circle C Ranch at the dead end of La Crosse Avenue
- (2) dumpsters in Circle C Ranch at the dead end of Dahlgreen Avenue
- (2) dumpsters in Circle C Ranch at the dead end of South Bay Lane
- (2) dumpsters in Circle C Ranch in the CDC parking lot
- (2) dumpsters in Circle C West at the dead end of Spruce Canyon Drive

Please **DO NOT** throw away appliances, batteries, paint, tires, oil or any hazardous materials or waste. Please **DO NOT** leave any trash outside of dumpsters as this prevents BFI from picking up the dumpsters on a timely basis and costs the Association extra money for clean-up.

Community Wide Garage Sale

The CCHOA will host a community wide garage sale on Saturday, April 16th from 8am to 5pm. We will have an ad in the Austin American Statesman on Saturday advertising the sale.



CCHOA Website

This month we'd like to bring to your attention the calendar section of our website. From the home page, www.circlecranch.info, you will see a calendar at the bottom right of your screen. This will show the current month and scheduled events will be highlighted, just click on the highlighted date. You can also go to the Circle C News menu button at the top of the home page and click on Calendar. This will take you to the calendar page and you can view events for the entire year. This is a great way to stay up to date on CCHOA events.



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Circle C Swim Center

It has come to our attention recently that there are residents visiting the basketball courts during hours that the Swim Center is not open. Please talk with your family about this and make sure that your children know they cannot access the pool when it is closed to residents. We want to ensure that the swim center remains a safe, fun environment for the families in Circle C.

Swim Center Update

Submitted by Ed Scruggs, Board Member

A number of changes are in the works aimed at making the upcoming spring and summer swim season an enjoyable and comfortable one.

- You may recall the old grill on the south side of the pool as a walled in, impromptu storage area – but last fall the walls were torn down and the cement pad smoothed out in order to create more shaded picnic space. In March, the Board of Directors voted to replace the existing tarp – which had become discolored and torn over the years. The new tarp (a forest green to match the existing color scheme) is on order and should arrive in approximately six weeks.
- New furniture is on the way. After assessing the needs of the complex, more than \$6,000 in high quality aluminum patio chairs and tables have been ordered. These will be placed at various locations throughout the complex, allowing more options for those who prefer an alternative to lounge chairs.
- A series of infrastructure repairs are in progress, including the repair of damaged border tile and replacement of rusted diving platforms.
- Additional shade options are under consideration. We are looking for something cost effective, but more stable and attractive than the white portable tarps which blew apart during last summer's windstorm.
- Current plans call for expanding the summer life guarding crew, especially during early morning swim. We're also contemplating ways to involve neighborhood teens in the guard training process. If you or someone you know has prior guard training and is interested in working at the Circle C pool this summer – please contact the CCHOA office at **288-8663**

Circle C Landscape Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover, Circle C Landscape

By the time you receive your April newsletter, we should be well into spring. For the Circle C HOA commons areas, this means everything should be blooming and flowering.

Over the past month, trimming, mulching, weed treatment and fertilization are some of the things that we have been doing in all areas of Circle C. Near the end of March and early April, we will be adding some annual and perennial flowering plants for color enhancement.

The 2005 landscape improvements are coming along nicely. There were some major trees installed at the front of Wildflower Park, tree installations on South Bay, and major shrub replacement all along Escarpment. As soon as the Escarpment project is finalized, we will be moving on to photinia replacement on Barstow in Circle C North.

The CCHOA Board has approved some modifications to the front entry at MoPac/ Slaughter. This is an area that takes a regular beating from out of control cars. We will be changing the vegetation to something that can be more easily replaced if need be, and a more native design at the front median tip. Since this is the front door to Circle C, we want to keep it as good looking as possible.

For your own yards, now is the best time to enjoy them!!! Everything is growing and greening up. If you have St. Augustine grass, gentle fertilization in April is appropriate. Sometimes seasonal weather changes promote brown patch in St. Augustine. If you are noticing round circles, you can take about 1 cup of milk in a gallon of water and treat the patches for three weeks, one week apart. This helps to control the fungus. Also, is a good time to add a little organic compost to your flower beds.

If you have any gardening questions, please feel free to ask, and have a happy spring growing season.

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Circle C Family Seeks Four-Legged Solution

Submitted by Jessica Walters, Circle C Resident

"Mom, please please please can I have a dog?" Such a typical refrain—heard by a majority of parents. But Tarah and Rick Walter's son Colby is not your "typical" 7-year-old, and the dog in question is not your typical, run-of-the-mill Rover. You see, Colby lives every day with the hardship of Autism and its accompanying conditions. Although he faces these challenges with a courage and strength beyond his years, struggling with awkwardness, low self-confidence, and simply being "different," his biggest wish is for a friend—someone who will, in Colby's own words, "always, always be my friend, even on sad days."

Tarah and Rick are striving to make that wish come true. Working with the non-profit organization *4Paws For Ability*, Colby has been approved for a specially-trained Autism Assistance dog. This is where **you** come in. *4Paws For Ability* specializes in providing service dogs to families and children who are turned away from other agencies. Many charities, for example, will not place a service animal with a child; and autism service animals are rare and require specialized training that other service and guide dogs do not receive. But training these special dogs is not easy, nor cheap, and *4Paws* requires each prospect family to raise a certain amount of donations, depending on the extent of training the dog received. The Walter family must raise \$9800 in donations to the organization before the dog can be placed with the family.

With your help, Colby will not have to face the path ahead alone. Whether a donation of your time, an item for the silent auction, or a direct donation in Colby's name to *4Paws*, every gesture brings Colby closer to that wish of friendship, security, safety and acceptance. Your generosity will help bring a specialized mobility service dog into Colby's life, granting him independence, friendship, and tolerance.

With the assistance of an Autism Assistance dog, Colby will always have a strong companion by his side. Children with autism tend to wander, unaware of environmental dangers such as traffic, bodies of water, and the ill intentions of strangers. Not only do service dogs provide constant companionship and unwavering friendship, these dogs are specially trained in search and rescue skills, and in preventative measures such as stopping their charges from running into streets.

The dogs also provide a point of focus and calm during episodes of stress to which Autism sufferers are prone. "Often, when Colby has his "meltdowns," says Tarah, "I have to put him in a room alone.



Colby Walter

They go to a place where people can't reach them." But studies show that the bond between Autistic children and their Assistance dog provides a calming effect, comforting a child even in these darkest of moments. The presence of their companion, at this time, can pull them from that isolation and fear when no human interaction can.

A wonderful bonus for this child, desperate for acceptance and interaction, would be the social contact encouraged by his companion animal. The service dog would be a connection with other people, something to draw people in, and something to spark their curiosity, encouraging communication and acceptance.

"A magic exists between children and dogs, a magic that can become a life-saving miracle for a child paired with one of our Autism Assistance Dogs," states *4Paws*. If you would like to be a part of this magic, please send your tax-deductible donation directly to *4Paws For Ability*, 253 Dayton Ave, Xenia, OH 45385. Include Colby Rumph's name on the memo portion of the check to make sure the donation is credited to the account created for Colby. To donate time or items for the silent auction, contact Tarah or Rick Walter directly at (512) 301-2056 or twalter1@austin.rr.com. To contact *4Paws* directly, call (937) 374-0385 or browse their website at "<http://www.4pawsforability.org>."



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Kindergartner Parents Info Sheet

Submitted by Angela Schuckle, Circle C Resident

As a new **Kindergarten Parent** two years ago to Kiker, I felt so lost and confused. If not for the gracious help of close friends who had children already at Kiker, it would have been very frustrating.

The following is just a quick list of a few things I learned that may help make your transition easier.

First and foremost – Kiker is a wonderful school and your Kindergarten teachers are exceptional!

Kindergarten Roundup: In April you will begin to see notices in the local newspaper and your home owner news letter announcing “**Kindergarten Roundup**”. And if you don’t see these, don’t worry – we experienced moms will send you e-mail about the event, as was done for us. Kindergarten Roundup invites upcoming Kindergartners and their parents to come to Kiker, on a specified date and time, to fill out paperwork and have a tour of the school. Make **SURE** you have all your documentation when you arrive to do your paperwork. Things will run **MUCH** more smoothly for you if you do. The list of documentation you will need will be on the notice you receive about Kindergarten Roundup. There will be volunteer parents and staff on hand to answer any question you have. The principal typically speaks briefly, and tours are given of the classrooms. It is a **VERY** busy, lot of people and lots to learn. If you have other children, I

would **strongly** recommend getting someone to watch them, so you can focus on your kindergartner and the info you are being given.

Library over the summer: The last couple of years the librarian has graciously and unselfishly opened the library once a week during the summer. The students are encouraged to come by and keep up their reading over the summer. This opportunity is a **GREAT** one for our Kindergartners. The library is usually a quiet, relaxed, organized place to bring your Kindergartner. You get to explain the “quiet” concept before they have to come and do it “for real”. **AND**, the Kindergartner can actually check out books! It’s a privilege they have allowed for upcoming Kindergartners to make them feel “big”. It’s **WONDERFUL!** My little boy was apprehensive about the entire school thing until he met Ms. Ammonhauser, the librarian. We went home and he was **COUNTING** the days until he could start Kindergarten.

Kindergarten school supply list: As part of the paperwork you receive in the Kindergarten Roundup info, there is a supply list letting you know what to get for your kindergartner. You will also notice that many stores like Office Depot, Wal-Mart and Target have folders at their store with schools supply lists for your convenience. Stick to the list – you won’t need anything other than what is on your list. Each grade has a list customized for that grade. (HINT:

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when the list calls for **WASHABLE** Markers – get **WASHABLE** markers! Some markers are cheaper, but believe me, **WASHABLE** is there for a reason!)

Back to school Supply Sale: Around the first week of August, there is typically a “Back to School Supply Sale”. For returning students, this is an opportunity to pick up pre-ordered packages of school supplies ordered at the end of the previous school year. There are also neat things for new students here. Kiker t-shirts, water bottles, PTA memberships, etc. This is yet another opportunity to come to the school before school actually starts.

Kindergarten class list: A few days before school starts, the school will post class lists on the doors at the front of the school. This will show you all the names of the children in your child’s class. It’s fun to see who you know and how many are in the class.

Meet the Teacher: You will also receive a call from your child’s teacher a few days before school starts. They will let you know that you may bring your child’s supplies to the school the day before school starts, during a specified time (typically 3:00 – 5:00). This will give you an opportunity to see the classroom and meet the teacher!

Kiker Website: A good source of info to read up on the school, calendar, events, teachers, etc. – www.austinschools.org/kiker.

Blue Sheet – this is a term you’ll hear a lot! It is a “newsletter” that comes home each Friday in the children’s folder. As a new

Kindergarten parent (or new parent to Kiker), you will enjoy this informative sheet. It is also available via e-mail, which I **HIGHLY** recommend! You may get the Blue Sheet electronically by going to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kiker/>

Drop off and Parking info: You will notice in the front of the school there is a circular driveway. This is strictly used for drop-off and pick-up of children only. Please don’t park here and leave your car...not even for “5 minutes”.

A.M. drop-off – should you choose to use the circular drive for drop-off, please begin to say your goodbyes and ask your children to have all items in hand **as you pull up**. This will keep the flow of traffic running smoothly. There will be a “greeter” to open your door and help the child out. (Greeters are older students who have earned the privilege of this position. They are kids you’ll want to point out to your child. Another positive opportunity as they get older!)

P.M. pickup – should you choose to pick your child up at the circular driveway, please follow the guidelines set for this, even if you see that others don’t! ha Have an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper with your child’s name, grade and teachers name on it. (**This is VERY easily done by using a computer and printer – use LARGE type font.**) Put this in your passenger-side front window. There are parents and students on duty in the afternoon who will “radio” ahead when they see your sign, again, keeping the flow of traffic running smoothly.

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Kindergartner Parents Info Sheet - (Continued from Page 7)

If you park along the street and walk up to the school, just make sure to check the signs around you.

Assembly: This is a WONDERFUL tool by which your kindergartner will begin their new routine at Kiker. The first day of school there is typically no assembly. You will just take your child to class (remember to leave as quickly as you can to make the transition easier on the child!). After that, each day you may walk your child to the cafeteria. All tables are put away so as to create an "auditorium" type room. Each teachers name is taped on the floor down the middle of the auditorium. Find your child's teachers name and lead him or her over to sit in a line parallel to the stage which is at the front of the room. This location will never change. The class lines remain the same. The kindergartners ALL sit in the front, left side of the auditorium (facing the stage). At assembly each morning the student say the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and TX flags, then have a moment of silence. The principal will typically talk to the kids, give any updates or reminders, then they are dismissed. Their teachers will tell them when to get up and they walk altogether to their classrooms. The summer before Kindergarten starts is a good time to being explaining respect for the assembly.

I think that's about it for now. You'll be getting lots of paperwork coming home. Read as much as you can in the beginning. It really will help your transition to the world of Kindergarten. If you are not new to the area, ask your friends. If you ARE new to the area, seek out other parents you see at school with older kids. They will be HAPPY to help.

PTA – your PTA is a great source of experienced parents who will be there to help you.

A few notes to you that are hard at first, but get easier (ask any parent with a former Kindergartner):

- Don't walk your child to the classroom after assembly.
- Don't go have lunch with your child for the first two weeks of school. Give them an opportunity to build their confidence and get used to the routine off going to the cafeteria with their classmates.
- Do walk your child to assembly and leave then in their "class" line. You may stand at the back of the auditorium to watch the assembly if you wish. Refrain from talking and try to leave promptly upon dismissal of assembly so your child won't look for you. It really does make it easier for THEM. (I remember how harsh this sounded to me as a new Kindergarten Parent.)
- Speaking of lunch – At the beginning of school, your child will be given a special "code" all their own. This code will be theirs for the entire time they are at Kiker all the way through 5th grade. The code will be sent home in their folder on a "keypad" looking piece of paper. The purpose of this is for you to help your child begin to learn to punch in his/her own number. <https://mylunchmoney.com/index.asp> is a website you'll want to explore if you think your child may have an occasion to eat in the lunchroom. It allows you to put money on an account for your child. Your child may use the special code each time they eat lunch. This will debit their account so they won't have to carry money each day. You are able to keep track of the account and add money any time it is necessary. Very convenient!
- Do volunteer as much as you want to for school and/or class activities. You'll get to know people and the staff and teachers so much more quickly. The library is a GREAT place to volunteer and they are always in need of dependable parents.

I hope you find some of this information helpful. We all want your experience to be a good one at Kiker. If you would like to see something updated or changed on this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at laerdana@yahoo.com.



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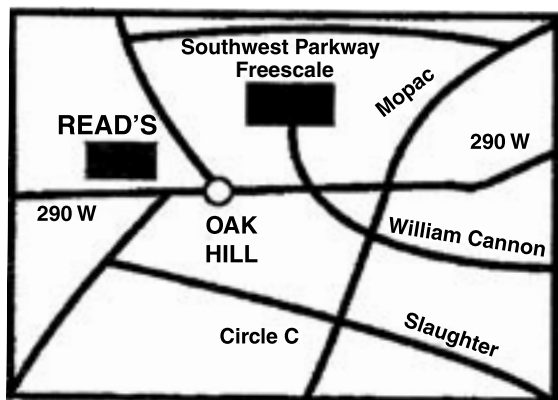


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Green\$ for a Garden

Submitted by Angela Schuckle, Circle C Resident

As you get in the mood for gardening with this beautiful weather upon us, feel the excitement. Remember it. Watch your OWN children help you with the garden – see the joy on their faces. Imagine being an elementary school aged child. You go to a school that ENCOURAGES you to get your hands dirty – in REAL dirt! You plant, care for, learn about and nurture something that is partly your very own...even though you share it with about 721 other kids! This just a smidge of what the teachers at Kiker elementary are hoping for and planning for our children.

Green\$ for a Garden! That's what is needed for a wonderful Butterfly Garden being planned at Kiker. There is a prime spot – currently barren of beauty and overgrown with weeds, just waiting for children's hands to turn it into a beautiful spot for learning! I sent out an e-mail to just my list of friends that I see quite often and we've already generated over \$150.00 of donations to the garden. I wrote to them : My two children will benefit from 12 years at Kiker and even if I donated \$100 dollars that would be LESS than \$10.00 per year, \$5.00 per child. Cost aside the benefits my children would receive are priceless. This garden will not only allow my children to

“get their hands dirty” which they LOVE, but it also teaches, among other things, math and science skills which they won't even realize they are learning. I'm all for fun learning! Sneak it in where you can! Ha”

One of my friends said “Hey, if we are already this excited, why can't we, as individuals, donate a little money to pay for the garden? Well, here we are. This is not a note from Kiker but from me as an excited parent! If you would like to donate \$5.00 (or more if you wish) to get this Butterfly Garden in the air (I'm SO bad at puns!), please contact me at aschuckle@earthlink.net or call me at 658-2741. Checks can be made out to “Kiker Elementary” and in the NOTES section make sure to write “Butterfly Garden” so it will be used expressly for that purpose. I'll send another note to the newsletter next month to let everyone know how much interested (i.e. money! ha) was generated. (Also, if you wanted to donate an actual bag of mulch or dirt or stones or tools, please do whatever your heart moves you to do!)

\$5.00 – that's dirt cheap for the seeds it plants in the minds of our children. Watch them bloom. Thanks for your consideration!

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2005-2006 Kiker Kindergartners Meet & Greet Slaughter Creek Metro Park

Submitted by Karen Syzdek, Circle C Resident

Thursday, April 21 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, July 13 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact ksyzdek@yahoo.com to be placed on a e-mail list for activity updates. Please note that these are not school sponsored.

Other Important Kindergarten Dates

Tuesday, May 3 Kindergarten Round Up
Monday, August 15 Meet The Teacher (subject to change)
Tuesday, August 16 First Day of 2005-2006 School Year

Circle C Play Group

Submitted by Bambi Haley

I'm looking to start a play group for mom's with children under the age of one.
If you are interested, please contact Bambi Haley at 301-4678 or by email bambihaley@austin.rr.com

Kiker Elementary Golf Tournament & Dinner Dance Staring Duck Soup

Submitted by Melinda McKenna, Circle C Resident

Come out and meet your neighbors while supporting Kiker Elementary. Everyone is welcome and the cost of the Salt Lick Dinner and Dance (starring our very own Circle C resident band - DUCK SOUP) May 1st is only \$25 per person.

Kiker Elementary is planning the 2nd Annual Kiker Elementary Golf Tournament and they need your help!

Business / neighborhood sponsors are invited to donate items of value for the silent auction. As a sampler – here are few items that have been donated for auction:

Commemorative 2005 Rose Bowl Watch (Women's)

Limo ride / Texas wine tasting tour

Volunteers are needed to help with planning, organization and other essential tasks related to this wonderful fund raiser – scheduled for the May 1 (Sunday night dinner at the Salt Lick and dancing with music provided by Duck Soup) and May 2 (Golf tournament) at the Golf Club at Circle C Ranch.

If you, a friend, neighbor or business contact would be interested in learning more about the opportunities to volunteer or become a sponsor for the 2nd Annual Kiker Classic - please contact Terry Lord at 414-2584 (ph) or send an email to KikerClassic@yahoogroups.com

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Circle C Open House Update

Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident

The Circle C Open House Sunday (www.CircleCOpenHouse.com) is becoming a very successful event for existing home resellers! Over the past 3 months 4 homes have sold as a direct result of being on the Circle C Open House tour!

On Feb. 27 Agent Valerie W. wrote "... we received an offer for the home immediately following the open house. The home is now under contract. A BIG thanks for the extra help."

The next two Open House Events are scheduled for April 10th and April 24th however deadline for participating is the immediate Thursday prior (April 7th and 21st).

If you or a neighbor would benefit from being on the Circle C Wide Open House Tour (held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month) – contact your Realtor® or if you are selling your home yourself – call Bob at 288-8088.

Circle C Seals Registration

Submitted by Deanne Rienstra

Circle C Seals registration will take place April 2, 2005 (12-4pm) and April 9, 2005 (10am-2pm) at the pool. For additional information parents can call Deanne Rienstra at 301-3753.

(for Circle C Residents Only)

Circle C Area Business Referral Breakfast

Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident

BNI, Business Network International, is a business and professional networking organization that offers its members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts and most importantly referrals. There are more than 26 chapters in Central Texas and 3,600 worldwide. Last year alone, BNI generated 3.6 Million referrals resulting in over \$1.5 Billion dollars worth of business for its members.

The Circle C area BNI chapter (Live Oak Network) began operation on May 12, 2004 and now has 35 referral generating members! BNI is a non-competitive referral organization that allows only one member per professional category – therefore, once you've joined a chapter you've essentially eliminated your competition!

While we are growing rapidly, we still have openings across a wide variety of professions including residential, health care, and commercial business sectors. Our chapter membership should cover it all from plumbers and electricians to Doctors and Lawyers. We are looking for one energetic person from every profession!

If you, a friend, family member or neighbor is interested in learning more about building their business by referral, check us out – there is no obligation to join.

Live Oak Network - Wednesday - 8:00 to 9:30 AM

The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch - 7401 Highway 45, Austin

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Circle C Amenities

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Wildflower Days* continues with the ever-popular Spring Plant Sale and Gardening Festival held on April 9 and 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a special members-only preview sale Friday, April 8, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. This plant sale boasts the largest selection of native plants in Central Texas with some 300 species and 23,000 plants from which to choose. Native plant experts are available all day to help visitors make the best choices for their gardens.

Hours for the Wildflower Center are Tuesday - Sunday 9am - 5:30pm.

From March 14 to April 25, the Center is open on Mondays as well.

Spring admission is \$7 for adults; \$5.50 for seniors and students; and \$2.50 for Children. Children 5 and younger, and members are free.

Directions:

The Wildflower Center is located in southwest Austin: Follow Loop 1 south, turn left on La Crosse Avenue, the first light past Slaughter Lane. The Wildflower Center is two blocks down on the right.

For more information on any of these events or additional information on the Center, call (512) 292-4200 or visit www.wildflower.org



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Monday – Friday 5:30am to 8:30am

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Open Swim

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Tuesday – Saturday 1:00pm to 8:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm to 6:00pm

*These hours are subject to change. Please view posted hours on the Circle C HOA website at www.circlecranch.info

The Circle C Tennis Club

Summer Tennis Programs

The Circle C Tennis Club will be offering lessons for adults and juniors of all ages and abilities during the summer months. Lessons are taught by Fernando Velasco, Darin Pleasant, Mandon Maloney, Brantley Harrison and Brent Smiga. Please log onto the tennis website at www.circlectennis.com for information on schedules. To sign up, please stop by the Tennis Pro Shop or contact us at 301-8685.

General Manager and Director of Tennis Receives Top Texas Award

Fernando Velasco, General Manager and Director of Tennis at the Circle C Tennis Club was selected as the “Texas Pro of the Year” by the Texas Division of the United States Tennis Association during the USTA/USPTA Annual Meeting and Convention at the Woodlands. This is the highest honor that a Texas Tennis Professional can receive.

Velasco was recognized for his many activities in tennis, not only in Texas, but in the United States. Last year, he received the “PTR/TIA National Commitment to Tennis Award” in Hilton Head, and also was a guest speaker during the Texas USPTA Convention in Dallas, IHRSA Convention in Las Vegas, and the USPTA Convention in Palm Springs.

He is also a fierce competitor. He won the USPTA International Men’s 60 Singles Championship, for the second year in a row, and was runner up for the Doubles Championship in Palm Springs. He is presently ranked #24 in Singles and #11 in Doubles in the National USTA, and #4 in Singles and #1 in Doubles in the USTA Texas Division in the Men’s 60 Divisions. He and partner Jim Chaffin were undefeated last year with a 10-0 record and winning all the Major Texas Doubles Championships. Last month, during the PTR International Tennis Symposium in Hilton Head Island, he and partner Ken DeHart from California, won the Men’s 55 Doubles Championship. The symposium was attended by over 800 tennis professionals from all over the world.

Velasco in the past has been selected as Illinois, Midwest and National Pro of the Year in 1976, Southern Pro of the Year in 1995, and was inducted into the Midwest USPTA Hall of Fame in 1995. In 1999 he was selected as the PTR International Pro of the Year. He received his USPTA Master Professional status in 1984, an achievement only accomplished by 100 tennis pros in the United States.

Reflecting on his selection, Velasco is grateful for being in a profession where he can touch so many lives and make a difference on and off the court. Velasco mentions that “having taught tennis over 35 years and having met so many wonderful students, I feel that I had the opportunity to not only teach them the game of tennis, but also given them valuable tools to meet the daily challenges of their lives. Life is just like tennis, you must learn to serve first, and then you can receive. I feel that my family and I received a lot because what we gave, we did it with love and sincerity. It is a great honor to have been recognized by my peers for these efforts”

Velasco has been the Manager and Director of Tennis at Circle C Tennis Club since 2001.

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Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	House Sit	Phone
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Freeman, Jaclyn*	•	•	•	•	288-3243
Freeman, Lauren*	•	•	•	•	288-3243
Janowski, Andrea	14	•	•	•	301-9626
Moreno, Blanco	15	•	•	•	288-1698
Pugh, Lauren*+	•	•	•	•	771-2739
Schaffrath, Melanie	18	•	•	•	288-3399
Tarrillion, Courtney	15	•	•	•	288-7216
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