



CIRCLE C RANCH

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A Letter from your HOA President

Dear Neighbors-

Please see the Circle C Swim Center rules on page 12. There are some changes this year that folks who use the pool should be aware of.

We recently learned some great news for Circle C Ranch. **Advanced Micro Devices plans to move to SW Austin**—at the intersection of Wm Cannon and Southwest Parkway. There are at least 113 AMD employees who live in Circle C (including me.) Moving AMD to SW Austin should be of significant benefit for our home values – AMD is a major Austin employer, and the commute to AMD from Circle C will be very short—perhaps under 10 minutes! The CCHOA board voted 6-0 in favor of an OHAN (Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods) resolution that supports the AMD move. (I abstained from that Board vote, as I am very interested in this topic). AMD and Stratus will exceed all water quality and environmental protections required for construction in Lantana, and will also spend \$5M in support of environmental protection in SW Austin.

Until 2003 we had a large **database of homeowner email addresses** for our homeowners. Unfortunately we no longer have such a large list, and we've had neighbors who did not wish to share their email address with the Association because they (correctly) believed that CCHOA could not keep their email addresses private. Fortunately we passed a bylaw amendment this year that increases the privacy protection for our email database. Short of a court order we will not provide our list of email addresses to anyone. We hope you will submit your email addresses (at http://www.circlecranch.info/Email_Subscription.asp) for use solely by the Association. The benefits of email (speed, efficiency, zero cost) are well known. Please help us rebuild our email database.

Once we have a significant set of neighbors email addresses we can provide more timely updates on neighborhood operations (such as ongoing construction, snake problems and changes in our swim center schedule). We intend to initiate an effort to implement **electronic voting for CCHOA**—and of course email addresses are a key component of this effort.

Many families participated in the **Circle C Community Garage Sale and Clean-up**. We had dumpsters installed in several sites around Circle C over that weekend—so that people could dispose of unwanted items. Unfortunately the dumpsters and surrounding areas were trashed – and I am *not* joking. Circle C folks and (perhaps) others left significant quantities of trash outside the dumpsters. The trash included items that BFI does not collect – such as automobile tires. Check out the photos in this newsletter. We were forced to pay \$800 for the subsequent cleanup. As a result we will not schedule community dumpsters for the 2006 Community Yard Sale. BFI provides an **easy and zero-additional-cost** way to dispose of large items. All you have to do is call BFI at 512-

247-5647 and schedule a pickup for your large items on a regular trash collection day.

BFI is still having significant collection problems with Circle C neighbors. This problem is putting our trash collection at risk – the **500** neighbors who refuse to timely pay their share are making it more likely that a drastic change will be required – such as Circle C using the City of Austin for a more expensive and less frequent and less convenient solid waste service. One option under discussion is publishing the names and addresses of non-paying residents in the Circle C newsletter. If you are a landlord for Circle C property, please notify your tenants that they are responsible for these fees.

We held the **election of officers** at our May meeting (the first meeting with our new directors, Matt Cano and Mike Price!). Mike Price is Treasurer, AE Martin is Secretary, Steve Urban is Vice President, and I am still President... In addition we created a new officer position – Development Officer, to focus on amenities development within Circle C. Ed Scruggs was nominated and elected to that position. We completed several significant projects in 2004 – and I am optimistic that the new board will continue to do well in 2005. I am grateful and honored to be able to work alongside the entire board of directors. I'd like to note that we owe thanks to both Mary Goehring for her service as Vice President, and to Ed Scruggs for his service as Secretary and Treasurer.

One of our neighbors, **Lisa Sun, has threatened a class action suit** against the Association and the directors. She claims that the Travis County DA and the IRS are both investigating the Association. She claims that the Association is illegally funneling money into the pockets of former directors and contractors. Her claims are absolutely unfounded. We have not yet been served with any papers from her attorney related to the suit or from the IRS or the District Attorney related to any investigation. Ms Sun has ambitions to collect penalties from the Association and people associated with the Association. Although Ms Sun's claims are groundless they may result in increases in insurance costs for CCHOA.

Another neighbor, **Sal Costello, has publicly and inaccurately accused the CCHOA board of illegal political donations to the Circle**

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JUNE EVENTS

June 10th, 8pm – **Movie Night at the Pool**, Feature Presentation is *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*

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President's Letter - (Continued from Page 1)

C PAC. In a recent email sent out to many neighbors, Costello stated incorrectly:

Now, our CCHOA has let Ken Rigsbee's Circle C PAC endorse candidates in the CCHOA newsletter - that we pay for. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? These candidates are backed by the Toll Lobby! The Circle C PAC has also illegally accepted a \$5,000 contribution from a corporation. Shockingly, the corporation is our very own CCHOA! The \$5,000 was paid to Archer-Nathan Consulting, the same consultants who are campaign managers of 2 of the 3 candidates they endorsed - Dunkerley & Leffingwell.

Predictably, Sal neglected to inform his neighbors that the donation at issue was made in 2003, before any current director was elected and long before anyone had ever heard of a toll plan. Sal's implication that this donation is connected to the recent city council election or the toll road issue is incorrect.

Sal claims to have filed charges against the Circle C PAC and perhaps CCHOA. You might recall the anti-Walmart effort of the summer of 2003. CCHOA provided this \$5,000 to a public relations firm—with the support of Circle C homeowners. I won't further address Sal's allegations of illegal and even criminal actions here because we (the board) don't think it is warranted. Simply stated, we don't believe any illegal conduct took place. And of course, as I told you in the November 2004 President's letter, we pay nothing for the production and delivery of this newsletter.

On a related but more positive note, the board is currently in discussions with the **Circle C PAC** (which, incidentally, belongs to no one and is made up exclusively of Circle C residents who are elected to its board) to determine the future relationship between the two organizations and we will keep you posted with any results. We also look forward to working with Council Members Leffingwell and Dunkerley on issues relevant to our community.

The May 7th Austin City Council election resulted in a **run-off between two city council candidates**: Margot Clarke and Jennifer Kim. The run-off election will be held on June 11th. Please remember to vote in this

election and every other election. If we improve our voting rates then we may expect local government officials to continue to be responsive to the needs and concerns of Circle C homeowners.

We have established an **online discussion forum** on our website. You can check it out at <http://www.circlecranch.info/forum/index.php>. The board is providing this as a service to neighbors for neighborhood-related discussions. This is not the official way to communicate with the board or the Association, however. Here are our reasons why we will still require you to contact Denise at info@circlecranch.info or at 512-288-8663 for any CCHOA business:

Suppose someone asks the board a question: Can my organization use the swimming pool for a party? Can I build a deck? Can I use the commons areas to access my backyard for pool construction? We try very hard to answer questions clearly, accurately and quickly. And we already have three channels for such communication — email and phone to the office and the time allocated for homeowner concerns at our monthly Board meetings.

There is a real risk in changing that one-to-one official communication to many-to-many. Each request has its own context — but not everyone reading the questions will know or care about that context. Without that context you or I might misinterpret an answer from Denise or a board member and apply the answer to different situations.

For example, we've had to have several hearings and meetings by the board with respect to (believe it or not) the definition of a **treehouse**, all because of unclear communications and subsequent misinterpretation. We will avoid unclear communication to the best of our abilities. In addition, by adding another official channel we would be adding to the workload of Denise (our Operations Director) and to the volunteer directors.

We also expect **neighborly, civil and polite discussions in the forum**. Forum posts that are rude or disrespectful will be deleted. We will remove forum privileges for folks who abuse these rules. You can read the CCHOA Model Code at <http://www.circlecranch.info/Model-Code.asp> for more details on what we expect. If you hold a grudge against a neighbor please find another way to solve your problem. This is not the place to air your personal grievances.

I'll make a bold prediction — very soon now the **Circle C Swim Center will be a hive of activity**. There will be traffic and parking problems. Neighbors will complain and people will be upset. This happens every year. The good news is — our kids and families are making excellent use of the Swim Center. The bad news is, well, the subsequent crowds. The Swim Center, the Grill, the CDC and the mailboxes for 900 homes are all located in the same place. And springtime brings the youth swimming program to our swim center. We cannot completely solve this traffic problem, but perhaps this prediction and explanation will help somewhat. One significant difference this year is that all of the children enrolled in the Seals swimming program are Circle C neighbors—so the crowds that you may encounter are our own crowds! We have met the enemy and he is us...

*Your neighbor,
Quentin Fennessy
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CCHOA Announcements

Amenities Planning Underway

Submitted by Ed Scruggs, Development Officer

By the time you read this, we should have already selected a planning firm for the design and build out of the Circle C Comprehensive Amenities Plan. This partnership will be critical in the creation of a creative, high-quality and cost-effective plan that meets the needs of Circle C Ranch.

The planning firm will be paid by the builders amenities fund. The fund currently has almost \$500,000. The funds will be spent on construction of a new swim center in Circle C West and also help with other projects, including playscapes, parks planning, trails and a community center.

In addition, the Board of Directors allocated \$25,000 from excess operational funds to establish an amenities reserve (similar to our pool reserve). The CCHOA board may increase this fund as necessary to implement additional improvements to Circle C.

The Board and the planning firm will work together with our resident oversight committee to select specific projects and their locations. This task is made more difficult by some required financial and legal wrangling. For example, the recent federal bankruptcy case involving former Circle C Developer Gary Bradley has created

a layer of red tape we must continually cut-through in order to achieve our objectives. The ownership of various commons areas in the neighborhood is currently under review. Some of these (such as the parks in Wildflower and Vintage Place) are owned outright by CCHOA. Others (such as a possible park site in Circle C North at the end of Barstow) are owned by other parties. Any land owned by interests associated with Gary Bradley are currently controlled by the federal bankruptcy court.

This process has taken longer than we expected. However; the deliberate steps we have taken in the past year (the amenities survey and our search for a land planner) will pay dividends down the line. We're doing everything we can to assess needs and move forward in the most cost effective and comprehensive way possible. This up-front planning should save all of us money in the long run.

The Board of Directors expects that we will make progress in the near future. We will keep the neighborhood up-to-date in the newsletter and on the Circle C website. If you have any questions or comments on amenities planning, please forward your comments to the CCHOA office at info@circlecranch.info

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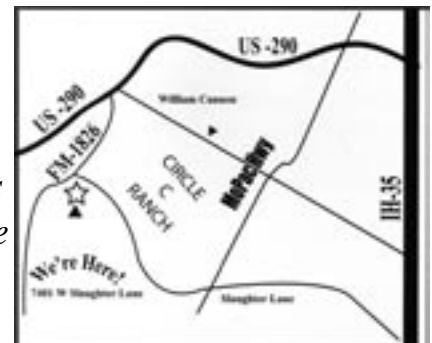
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Friendly Reminders

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom

- The bulletin boards located at the postal centers are for resident postings only. Unfortunately there are many businesses which are posting their flyers and taking up much of the space. By hiring people who deface our boards, we are encouraging their vandalism. Please be aware that these boards are for the exclusive use of residents.
- Please remember to store trash cans and recycling bins OUT OF VIEW from the street. They can be stored in the garage or behind the fence, but should not be visible from the street. Help keep Circle C a beautiful place to live.
- Remember that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times – even in park areas. It is against city ordinance to have your dog loose and the City will enforce this by picking up loose dogs. You can contact Animal Control to report a loose dog by calling 311.
- The CCHOA has trash cans located at the postal centers for the convenience of residents. However, please do not pile trash on or around the trash cans as it often blows all over the grass and causes extra clean-up and makes the neighborhood look trashy.
- Although Circle C is a safe neighborhood, don't forget to lock your home and car. We are still having reports of vandalism and automobile break-ins and in many cases access is through unlocked doors. If you do have a break-in, call 911 immediately.
- If you have a question about your homeowner assessment or past due account, please contact the accounting office at 451-9901.
- Schools almost out and that means we'll have more kids out playing. Please be aware of this increased activity and slow down while driving through the neighborhood.
- The area in front of the Swim Center and Café is designated NO PARKING. As summer arrives and we have more residents visiting the pool, please be aware that this area is for emergency vehicle parking only.

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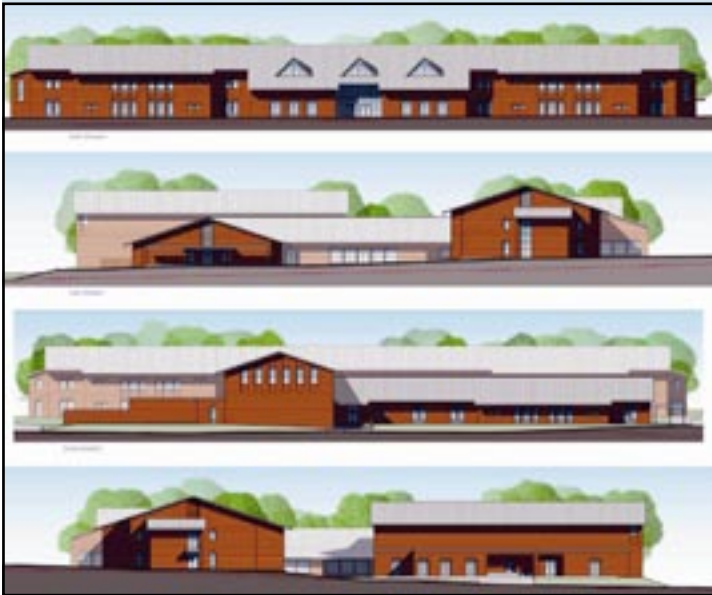
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CCHOA Announcements *Continued* Plans For New Elementary School On Track

Submitted by Ed Scruggs



New Elementary School Elevation

Despite some last minute tussling over impervious cover issues, plans to break ground this summer on the elementary school in Circle C West are still on track. Officials with the Austin Independent School District assure us the bulldozers will be out in force in the coming months. Crews will be working to extend LaCrosse westward to where it will eventually meet up with Spruce Canyon. Pictured here are examples of the design work being done on what will be a two story school with at least 40 classrooms. The site plan illustrates how the school will be situated on the lot and also gives a view of the elevation.

While the construction timeline is tight, the district still plans on opening the school by August of 2006. This also means the district has a lot of work to do in coming months setting attendance boundaries for the new school and adjusting the boundaries for Kiker, Mills and possibly Baranoff. Please look to future newsletters and the CC website for additional updates.



New Elementary School Site Plan



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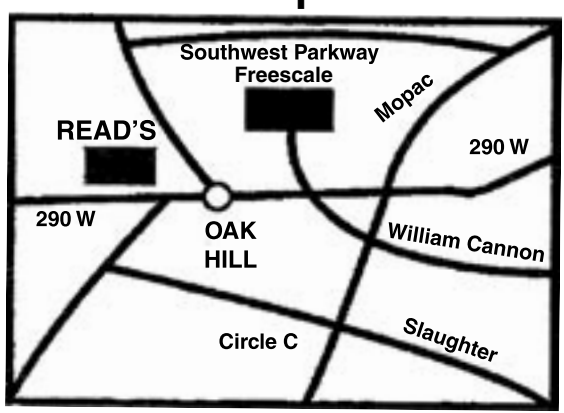
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Circle C Landscape

Update on Circle C Landscape Improvements

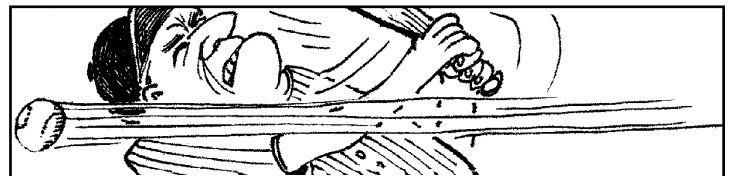
Submitted by Susan Hoover

The CCHOA Board of Directors approved a number of landscape improvements for this year, and many have been implemented. Here is an update on what has been done to date:

- 1) Planting of major trees at Wildflower Park entrance on MoPac. Three live oaks and three tree yaupons were added to the front area as an enhancement.
- 2) Replacement of photinia on Escarpment and Barstow and at utility locations throughout. In an effort to get rid of this variety of shrub that has a constant disease, replacements of eleagnus, burford holly, wax myrtles and native grasses have been used. They are mixed to provide plant diversity, a good horticultural practice to eliminate the spreading of species specific disease. All are drought tolerant and adapted for our area.
- 3) Continuation of native bed plantings throughout. As part of a long term program to save water, fertilizer and other maintenance costs, native, drought tolerant and sustainable plantings are being utilized to renovate areas throughout. When ever an area is damaged, this is the specification for replacement.
- 4) Installation of smaller trees on South Bay. A variety of tree yaupons and crepe myrtles have been installed on a portion of South Bay in order to enhance this treeless area.
- 5) Major shade tree pruning. Certified arborists have evaluated some of the most significant CCHOA trees and implemented a pruning program to enhance their health. Trees in Circle C North, the major tree on Escarpment before the bridge, and a significant tree at the South Bay post office have been pruned.



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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

Snake Information

Submitted by Keith de Solla

Clearly the recent incident of a child being bitten by a rattlesnake indicates the need for caution and education.

Circle C is home to a variety of snakes, some of which are venomous. It is important to teach your children not to attempt to handle any snake. Even non-venomous snakes can bite and a bite wound could become infected.

Non-venomous snakes likely to be seen in Circle C include:

- rough earth snake - small, solid color (silver brown to dark brown)
- rough green snake - up to 2.5ft, thin, bright green
- garter, ribbon and similar snakes - usually have a stripe running the length of the body.

The above snakes are generally small, harmless, and non-aggressive. Still, young children should be taught to respect snakes of all types and not attempt to pick them up.

A larger non-venomous snake is the Texas rat snake which can grow to 5 ft or more. They are beneficial because they help keep the rodent population in check. The rat snake is known to be aggressive.

Texas is home to several venomous snake species including 4 that can be found in central Texas:

- Water moccasin (cottonmouth)
- copperhead
- western diamondback rattlesnake
- Texas coral snake

I am only aware of sightings of rattlesnakes and coral snakes in Circle C. The rattlesnakes can be aggressive but strike only when they feel threatened. And it usually lets you know that by rattling.

The coral snake is small, brightly colored and non-aggressive. However, its venom is highly toxic. Its mouth is very small and the fangs are further back in the mouth than other venomous snakes so an adult may be less likely to get bitten and injected with venom. However, children and small pets could be bitten. The coral snake is easily identified by the color bands around its body: red, yellow, black. ("Red touch yellow, kill a fellow")

Please see these web sites for more information and pictures:

<http://www.austinreptileservice.net/>

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Baranoff Kindergarteners Playgroup

Submitted by Shawn Constant



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Park West Homeowners Association News

Submitted by Carol Buls

The remaining builders in Park west have passed the responsibility of governing the Association to the homeowners. Three new directors have been elected: Dave Maril, Kathy Jedrzejewicz, and Linda Bal. The associations committee chairpersons are Bernadette Tasher, Bylaws: Frank Gilbreath, Roads and Gates: Leslie Russ, Landscape: Mike Hahn, Social: Nancy Oliphant and Communications: Carol Buls.

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1. Pool is open to residents and their guests only. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. No more than two (2) guests are allowed per resident under age 18. Guests will need to sign in with the responsible resident and pay the guest entry fee.
2. Residents will sign in and out of the pool facility per operating procedure in place. At a minimum, this procedure will involve signing in with name, address, and phone number for every person entering the facility. Separate sign-ins will be available for recreational and lap swimmers to facilitate check-in/check-out. All users of the facility must be prepared to show adequate identification while at the facility. This can include but is not limited to driver's license, voter registration, utility bills.
3. Only resident adults (18 years or older) may participate in early morning resident lap swimming. Children will not be allowed in the pool area unless they are actively supervised by an adult not swimming. All swimmers must check in per current practice.
4. All children age **12 and under** must be actively supervised by someone who is at least 14 years of age while using the swim center. All children between the ages of 12 and 14 will be required to take a swim test if they are unsupervised. The 12 to 14 year olds will be allowed use of the facility once they pass the swim test. The test will be to swim 25 meters without stopping and will be administered by the in-charge lifeguard/manager.
5. Lap lanes are for lap swimming only.
6. The pool will close for at least 30 minutes when thunder is heard and/or lightning is sighted. The pool will reopen at some point after the last thunder is heard or lightning seen (as determined by on-duty CCHOA head guard/manager). **ALL** Swimmers must get out of the pool immediately and take cover under a man-made structure during a thunderstorm.
7. Ten (10) minutes before every hour there will be a ten (10) minute safety check when all recreational swimmers will be asked to get out of the pool. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Lap swimmers may also be asked to exit the pool in certain instances.
8. Animals are not allowed at ANY time within the pool fenced area.
9. Diving is never allowed for recreational swimming. Diving blocks are for use by the organized swim team with appropriate supervision during agreed-upon hours.
10. Radios or music players of any kind must be used in pool area with headsets. No exceptions.
11. Fighting or rough horseplay is not permitted at any time. This includes chicken fighting and dunking.
12. SCUBA equipment (tank, regulator and buoyancy control device) is not allowed to be used. Snorkels are allowed if they are used

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Family of the Month

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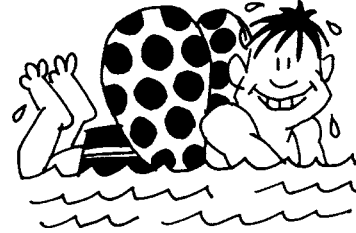


The Hunt Family: Chris, Jennifer, Lexi, Laci and Laurin

Pool Rules - (Continued from Page 12)

- with supervision of parent/adult or swim instructor.
13. No Frisbees, tennis balls, or hard balls will be allowed in the pool. These items may be used in the recreational field area **AWAY** from the pool. Balls used in the pool must be watersport/foam balls.
 14. No profanity or public display of affection is allowed.
 15. Bicycles, skates, or skateboards are not allowed in the pool area.
 16. Water guns are not allowed.
 17. All children who are not yet toilet trained must wear a swim diaper along with their bathing suit. A plastic or rubber diaper cover is highly recommended in addition to a swim diaper. A swim or regular diaper must be worn while out of the water.
 18. No glass containers are permitted in the swim center.
 19. No drugs or alcohol are allowed. Intoxicated individuals will be denied entry or asked to leave the facility. (CCHOA BOD may, at their discretion, permit alcohol at approved events held at the pool.)
 20. No smoking is allowed.
 21. Swim fins/flippers may only be used while **IN THE WATER**.
 22. Baby floats are allowed only if the child is being supervised by **THEIR** parent or qualified adult. The child must remain within arms reach of the supervising adult at **ALL** times.
 23. Non-pool toys are not allowed inside the pool area.

24. No shoulder-sitting/diving is allowed—including with parents and their children.
25. Lost and found items will be kept for one week and then thrown out.
26. Personal property and valuables are not the responsibility of the CCHOA.



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Lap Swim (Adults Only)

Monday – Friday 5:30am to 9:30am

Saturday 6:30am to 9:30am

Please make note of the new Pool Regulations effective immediately located in this newsletter.

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Circle C Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail to info@circlecranch.info.

Business classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$45, limit 40 words, please contact Kelly Peel @ 512-5879-5471 or Kelly@PEELinc.com.

The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch

May Highlight of Events:

- Try an Annual Membership for 30 days for \$300
- "Grow the Game" Range Membership Now Available
- Spring Instructional Programs & Summer Camps
- May is PGA Free Lesson Month
- Men's League, Wednesdays & Weekends
- EWGA, Tuesdays
- Live Music & Family Dining, Fridays – May 6th, May 13th
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th
- Golf Academy Full Day School, Saturday, May 14th
- Tina's Tour of Texas, starts Friday, May 20th
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The Golf Club will be closed on the following days in May: Monday, May 2nd, Monday, May 9th, Monday, May 16th, Monday, May 23rd.

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The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Celebrate the Great Outdoors on Saturday, June 4, with Guided Walks and Talks

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is participating in the American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program, National Trails Day®, on Saturday, June 4. Participants celebrate and support trails throughout the country as hundreds of organizations, parks, retailers, and health providers host events with information and activities that honor trails all across the United States.

During the Center's National Trails Day celebration, avian author Kenn Kaufman, author of Focus Field Guide to Birds of North America and Lives of North American Birds, will lecture in the Wildflower Center Auditorium, and then conduct a book signing at Wild Ideas: The Store. Enjoy birding walks by Travis Audubon during the day and activities for the little ones in the Little House. Visitors can also walk the Center's trail systems and then stop by the Wildflower Café for healthy snacks, cool drinks, or lunch fare.

Scheduled presentations and guided walks include the following:

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| 9am | Birding Walk with Travis Audubon |
| 10am | Presentation with Kenn Kaufman |
| 11am to 1pm | Book signing with Kenn Kaufman |
| 2pm | Habitats for Birds Walk with Travis Audubon |

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4.75 for seniors and students, and \$2.50 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 and Members are free.

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, call (512) 292-4200 or visit www.wildflower.org.

The purpose of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is to educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants.

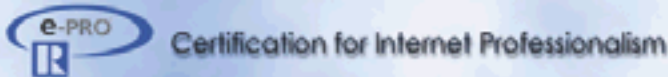
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July 4th Parade

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If you are interested in joining the motorcade with a cool motorcycle or car, please contact the office at 288-8663. In addition we are looking for volunteers to help the kiddos decorate, help judge the contest and to help with clean-up after the event. If you can donate an hour or two of your time, call us or send us an email at info@circlecranch.com

COOL SUMMER SALAD

Fresh Broccoli Salad

- 1 bunch fresh broccoli
- 6 green onions
- ½ lb. fresh mushrooms
- 1 (2 oz.) jar pimentos
- 1 green pepper
- 1 tomatoe
- 1 cucumber
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 (8 oz.) can water chestnuts (drained)
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Texas Events

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1-5—AUSTIN: *Drawn from Experience: Landmark Maps of Texas* Traces the evolution of the shape of Texas through 500 years of mapmaking. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com 512/936-8746

1-26—AUSTIN: *Grandeza Mexicana: Siglos XVI - XIX (The Greatness of Mexico: 16th - 19th Centuries)* Includes artworks and historical objects selected from various prestigious Mexican collections. Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave. www.mexic-artemuseum.org 512/480-9373

1-Aug. 28—AUSTIN: *Signs of the Times: Life in the Swingin' Sixties* Exhibition captures the excitement of the 1960s in every area of American popular culture. LBJ Library and Museum. 512/721-0200

1-Aug. 28—AUSTIN: *Malou Flato Art Exhibit* Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

2—ROUND ROCK: *Main Street Artisan Stroll* Talented artists, musicians and performers fill the sidewalks, displaying wares and entertaining strollers from 5 to 9 p.m. Downtown Round Rock. E-mail: info@mainstreetstroll.com • www.mainstreetstroll.com 512/341-8788

2-5—AUSTIN: *12th Annual Republic of Texas Biker Rally* Features a large motorcycle rally with a concert, camping, bike building, poker run, bike stunts and more. Includes a performance by George Thourogood. Travis County Expo Center. www.roadstarproductions.com 512/441-9015 or 972/387-1883

3-25—ROUND ROCK: *Charley's Aunt* Two young Victorian college gentlemen invite their sweethearts to visit. When the chaperone's arrival is delayed, they force a college buddy into a black dress and wig, then the real chaperone arrives. Sam Bass Community Theatre. www.sambasstheatre.com 512/244-0440

4-5—ROUND ROCK: *Hoop It Up* Dell Diamond. www.hoopitup.com 817/557-3301

5—AUSTIN: *Acoustic Alchemy* Contemporary jazz supergroup returns with a new release. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

5—AUSTIN: *Guanahani* Part of the Kids Series. Join Guanahani on a musical tour through Central and South America. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

7-11—ROUND ROCK: *UIL State Baseball Tournament* 512/471-5883

8—AUSTIN: *Manhattan Transfer* Group is renowned for their dynamic big band harmonies and an astounding 12 Grammy Awards. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

10—AUSTIN: *David Sanborn* Sanborn has played a crucial role in establishing the sound of contemporary pop, as well as pioneering contemporary jazz. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

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18—AUSTIN: Farmers Market Tomato Festival 512/236-0074

18-19—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Includes antiques and collectibles. Palmer Events Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

18-19—ROUND ROCK: Quickfoot Soccer Tournament Old Settler's Park. www.quickfoot.com 817/353-0588

19—AUSTIN: Shadow & Light Hear English composer Michael Tippett's profoundly moving and original work, *A Child of Our Time*. Program closes with the final two movements of Mahler's stirring "Resurrection" Symphony No. 2. Begins at 7 p.m. Riverbend Centre, 4214 Capital of Texas Highway. E-mail: abyars@conspirare.org 512/476-5775

24—AUSTIN: Hal Ketchum Ketchum's heart-felt lyrics, distinctive tenor voice and dynamic live performances have endeared him to fans and critics of rock, folk and country. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

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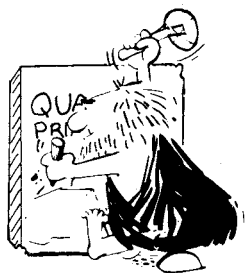
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