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### **President's Letter**

Dear Neighbors,

When you read this school will be back in session. I'd like to start off by thanking the Education Committee for their efforts on our behalf. The most critical issues for education are related to **new school construction**. Read Marian Walsh's article on the **AISD boundary changes** for elementary schools in Southwest and South Austin, especially if you have school age (or younger) children. The Education Committee hosted a presentation by AISD staff and Robert Schneider on the topics of new school construction and boundary changes. Almost 50 people attended that meeting—an impressive number for a mid-August evening.

At our request, ABC and New Screen Entertainment screened (twice) the full 6 episodes of the as-yet-unbroadcast TV show **Welcome to the Neighborhood** for the exclusive benefit of Circle C residents. Steve Urban arranged these events for us. I understand that 315 Circle C residents attended. I've had a chance to review the comment cards from the TV show and they are very interesting. There are 66 comment cards that express strong opinions about the show, and 55 of them express strong support for the merit and production of the TV show. Of course that means that 11 comment cards expressed strong dissatisfaction... I believe that the show will be aired in some fashion but we have no information on when or how that may happen. I suspect this will not be the last time I mention the show in this newsletter. Unfortunately I've not yet seen the show so I cannot comment directly on its content.

Please read Ed Scrugg's article on progress on the amenities project. He has some good news to report.

The **office tract between Kiker and the CDC** has been sold by Gary Bradley's trustee with approval of the Federal Bankruptcy Court. The land was sold for a reported \$625,000 to Grason Communities, Ltd. We don't yet know what plans Grason Communities have for that land.

There has been an unusual amount of **vandalism** in and around Circle C recently. CCHOA continues to offer a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. We are also working with APD and Officer Fred Rodriguez (our Community Policing Officer) to document these incidents. We hope that a complete record of the incidents will increase the priority of APD patrols within Circle C. If you know of an incident whether it is a broken trash barrel or paint dumped on the street or broken signs, please report them directly to APD by dialing 311.

We urge people to form **Neighborhood Watches** in their areas to discourage crime and vandalism. We already have one Neighborhood Watch established in Circle C West. Be aware that open garage doors and unlocked cars are attractive targets for theft.

Several neighbors have suggested that the installation of bat habitats in the Prop 2 land west of Circle C would reduce the flying insects in our area. They are working with the City of Austin on this project. This is a creative idea that I really like. Who says all the bats have to live downtown?

We have several **committees** actively working on projects. I'd like to especially thank the members of the **Amenities Committee**, the **Education Committee**, the **Events Committee** and the **Ad Hoc Electronic Voting Committee** for their work on our behalf. I missed the Back to School Party, unfortunately, but I hear it was a lot of fun, especially for the kids.

One of the primary reasons for existence of the Circle C Homeowners Association is the **enforcement of deed restrictions**. Essentially the deed restrictions exist so that we can enjoy living in a neighborhood that is **at least** as nice as the neighborhood was when we each first moved in. I can distinctly recall the way Circle C looked on the first evening that my wife and I drove in to look at homes in 1993 – and it was very impressive. I imagine that most of you have similar memories of your first impression of the 'hood. Please keep that in mind if you receive a deed restriction notice from the CCHOA office.

You may have noticed that the removal of the red-tipped photinia from Escarpment has revealed some fencing that is in **severe need of repair**. We are working on that now, starting with the area between the Swim Center and Redmond Road. We will be in contact with the owners of the properties that back up to Escarpment to request replacement of the fences as necessary.

Sincerely, Your Neighbor, Quentin Fennessy

Earn \$1,000! See Page 9

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#### **Board Meeting Summary for August 2005**

We held the August BOD meeting at the Wildflower Center Library, for the second month in a row. We really appreciate this no-cost favor provided to CCHOA by the Wildflower Center. We also heard an indepth presentation by Steve Bartlett, former CCHOA director on the status of the amenities fund. YMCA management presented a report on swim center management and answered questions from the board. One of our neighbors, Rich Phillips, is running for the Texas House seat that Terry Keel currently occupies. Rich introduced himself to the board and offered to answer questions on his candidacy. Submitted by Quentin Fennessy

#### **CCHOA Announcements**

#### How To Start A Neighborhood Watch

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager

Participation in a neighborhood watch program can help reduce crime in your area. To be eligible for a neighborhood watch sign, it is preferred that fifty percent of your neighborhood or block must attend one to three meetings where helpful information on personal and property crimes is shared. Tips include how to reduce your chances of being attacked. Contact the Austin Police Department at 974-4736 for more information.

#### **Recycling Bin at Kiker**

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager

As some of you may know, Kiker has a recycling bin for cardboard and paper located in their parking lot that we recommended homeowners use. Kiker would prefer for us NOT to use this recycling bin as it is for their school recycling program. However, the Association has ordered the same size and style bin to be placed in the Swim Center Parking Lot. This bin will be for cardboard and paper products. For a complete list of acceptable items, please go to <a href="https://www.balconesresources.com">www.balconesresources.com</a>. If you have questions, please contact the management office at 288-8663.

## **Volunteers Needed for Special Events Committee**

Submitted by Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee is looking for a few volunteers to join the committee and help with the planning of CCHOA sponsored events. If you are interested, please contact the CCHOA office at 288-8663 or via email at <a href="mailto:info@circlecranch.info">info@circlecranch.info</a>. If you would like to help out, but cannot commit to joining the committee, they still need your help to run the events. If you would like to help for a specific event, please contact the CCHOA office.

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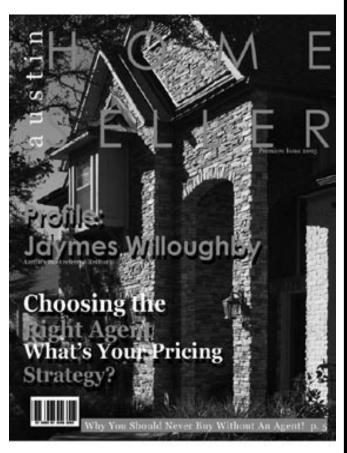
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#### Free Guided Hikes Continue In Slaughter Creek Water Protection Land

Submitted by AE Martin, CCHOA Secretary

Monthly guided hikes are continuing on the Slaughter Creek Tract of the city's Water Quality Protection Land, which is located adjacent to Circle C. Volunteer organizations, including the Circle C Homeowners Association, are working with the city to gain public access to this property and to develop hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. Several Circle C residents have been trained as docents and are participating in opening this property, which will become a valued recreational attraction in our neighborhood.

The focus of the hikes is to learn about "9000 Years of Water for Hill Country Residents" and will be offered on the first Saturday of every month. Participants will enjoy a gentle 1/2-mile interpretive hike that uniquely blends the human history and natural resources of this property in telling the story of why these lands are protected and how they are managed today.

Hikes are limited to 20 individuals and pre-registration is required by midnight on the Thursday before the day of the hike. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Hikes with fewer than 6 registrants may be subject to cancellation. To register, please call 263-6433 or send an email to nancy.didonato@ci.austin.tx.us with your name, daytime and evening phone number, email address and number of people in your group. After registering, you will receive a confirmation with a map and directions to the property entrance.

During the warmer months of May through October, the 1.5-hour hike will take advantage of cooler mornings by starting at 9:00 a.m. In the cooler months of November to April, hikes will begin at 10:00 a.m. For a complete listing of hike dates and times, please go to the Upcoming Events page at www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wildlands.



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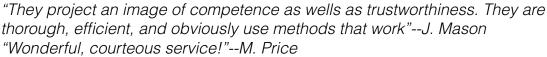


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#### **New Date to Open Fire Station**

Submitted by Ed Scruggs, CCHOA Secretary

After a series of delays, the new Circle C First Station is now set to open in **mid September.** 

Sub-contracting issues are reportedly responsible for the latest delay in opening Circle C's new fire station. According to Austin Fire Department Support Services Manager Greg Hager, installation of cabinetry is the only significant portion of the station pending completion. The cabinets should have been installed in July, but due to a dispute between the contractor and sub-contractor, the cabinets were only recently ordered.

Mr. Hager estimates the cabinets should arrive and be installed in time for the latest target opening date. In the meantime, the fire crew and engine unit waiting to occupy the new station will continue to be based out of Fire Station 29 in Oak Hill.

Once completed, the Circle C station, located near south Escarpment and Highway 45, will house anywhere from 4 to 6 full time firefighters during each shift. Aside from fire protection, the crew will be designated as first responders in the case of medical emergencies. The station is built large enough to house an EMS crew and ambulance – but the City of Austin has yet to allocate the required funds.

Mr. Hager said plans call for scheduling a community wide open house once firefighters have a chance to get the station up and running. Please watch the newsletter and community web-site for additional updates.

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#### **August Busy Month for Amenities Planning**

Submitted by Ed Scruggs, Amenities Committee Chair

Significant progress is being made toward the creation and implementation of the Amenities Master Plan. For starters, the Amenities Over-Site Committee and the CCHOA Board of Directors selected **RVI**, one of most prestigious architectural planning firms in the state of Texas, to help draft the overall conceptual plan. RVI is based in Austin, and their team of planners is responsible for a number of high profile amenities projects, including the master plans of Belterra and Steiner Ranch. RVI's track record of quality, combined with their years of professional experience and knowledge of navigating the local regulatory process will be a good fit for what we are trying to accomplish in Circle C: creating a quality amenities package that will compete with any planned community in central Texas.

While we are just beginning initial kick off meetings with RVI, the full fledged planning process should begin soon. Look to the community web-site and future newsletters for continued updates.

In a related development, the **amenities committee** reviewed its work of the past six months and issued its bi-annual report to the board of directors. The report advises the board to work with RVI to include the following projects in comprehensive plan:

- New Swim Center (in Circle C West)
- · Repair and update the existing swim facility
- At least four playscape / parks plans throughout the community,

- with Wildflower Park and Vintage Place to be given priority.
- Creation and maintenance of trails / trailheads with an overall goal of connectivity to city parks, the veloway and a regional trail system.
- Community Center / Clubhouse (at the planned swim center site or another suitable location).

During the planning process, RVI will help to research these ideas and report back on their feasibility, possible locations and projected cost.

Finally, research into impervious cover issues and available land for amenities development continues. There is an effort to identify not only larger tracts of land, but also smaller locations suitable for low-impact development within various sections of the neighborhood. So far, the results are encouraging and additional details on this will be released shortly.

Unfortunately, it is becoming much more difficult to locate any available open space in **Circle C North**. Originally, the developer was set to deed over to CCHOA two large open tracts (one east of Barstow at Slaughter and another to the north where Barstow dead ends). However; the transfer did not take place prior to last year's Bradley bankruptcy ruling. This means the federal government now controls all of the open space in an around CC North. Current indications are the government is

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intent on selling all of these tracts to the highest bidder – and developers are reportedly expressing interest. CCHOA is drafting a letter to the court and to the trustee of the Bradley estate expressing our concerns with this possible sale and stating our belief that the tracts are the only viable locations remaining to provide CC North with the amenities they deserve. Currently, the board is considering a variety of options and will provide updates on the web site and future newsletters.

For up to date information on the Amenities Committee, please visit the website at: http://www.circlecranch.info/AmenitiesCommittee.asp

#### How does the amenities fund work?

After months of discussions, the CCHOA is making strides in gaining the use of **amenities funds** collected by Circle C's principal developer, Phoenix Holdings. The fund has amassed almost \$500,000 so far by collection of a \$1,000 per lot fee charged to builders when their lots enter the association. Most of these monies were collected on lots located in Circle C West. When anticipated growth is factored in, it is probable this fund could eventually total more than \$1 million.

While the details are somewhat technical, it is important to have an understanding of how the amenities funds work. Many people do not realize that there are two separate amenities funds. The original fund collects fees from lots in the older sections of Circle C and CC North, as well as Vintage Place and Wildflower Park. These monies are earmarked in closing agreements to create and fund the long-term operation of the Child Development Center, which is its own corporation and is in no

way controlled by CCHOA.

While residents certainly benefit, it is worth acknowledging the amenities funds were established and maintained by *the developer* in order to construct facilities that would attract additional home buyers to the area. The developer has the legal right to hold these funds and collect interest until such time as adequate monies have been collected to move forward with a particular project, which is often spelled out in a section of the closing agreement. While homebuilders may or may not pass the cost on to future homebuyers, *the builder* is officially responsible for paying the \$1,000 per lot fee.

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In recent years, builders have paid the \$1,000 fee as their lots enter the association. Typically, lots enter the association long before they are sold or construction begins – so there are advantages to collecting this fee up front instead of waiting until buyers close on individual properties.

The recent federal bankruptcy verdict against Gary Bradley (Circle C's original developer) essentially resulted in the court taking control of Phoenix Holding's assets. This impacted all accounts, including the amenities funds. It has taken several months to determine who would control the amenities funds and how they could be allocated.

The good news is CCHOA is in the midst of negotiations with the trustee of Gary Bradley's estate to take control of the CC West amenities fund. We have retained an outside attorney who is pursuing an agreement, which ultimately must be reviewed by the bankruptcy court. Once approved, the association will take over collection and maintenance of the fees to be deposited in the fund. As part of any agreement, CCHOA will be bound to spend the funds as outlined in the original closing documents.

Administering the fund ourselves will help to reduce the legal and financial red tape. It should also grant us the freedom to proceed with the design of a new swim center and possibly other amenities at a pace that fits into the implementation of our master plan.

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Thank you.



Circle C Homeowners Association

#### Landscape Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Our interesting summer should be winding down this month. First, thirty five days of no rain, and then rain every few days through the end of July and early August.

What does this mean for the plants? During drought conditions, plants will shed leaves in order to try to conserve their food and water and during a lot of rain, they put on a lot more leaves, stems, shoots and blooms. So, our vegetation is changing and always trying to balance itself for the climate conditions we are experiencing.

September is generally a good month to trim back your evergreen shrubs, and clean up your perennials by cutting them back a little. In our weather, they will be able to fill back in before winter sets in.

On the commons areas, we will be continuing our mowing schedule, doing a light fertilization and trimming throughout. We have a lot of new growth due to the rain.

We will also be finalizing the remaining planting on Escarpment for the photinia project, and moving forward with photinia replacement on Barstow in Circle C North. In addition, the medians on Slaughter Lane that were reconfigured due to the Escarpment Village project will be replanted as the weather cools slightly in September.

#### **Home Flooding Helpful Hint**

A homeowner submitted this bit of news that might be of interest

to all Circle C Homeowners. Apparently, the biggest cause of home flooding is a broken water hose from the washing machine. If you have the older form of rubber hoses, they are more likely to burst than the newer hoses which are wrapped in some sort of steel. These are available from plumbers or at local home supply stores. A home flood can cause a lot of damage to everything in the house, so it might be a good idea to check those hoses and change them out.

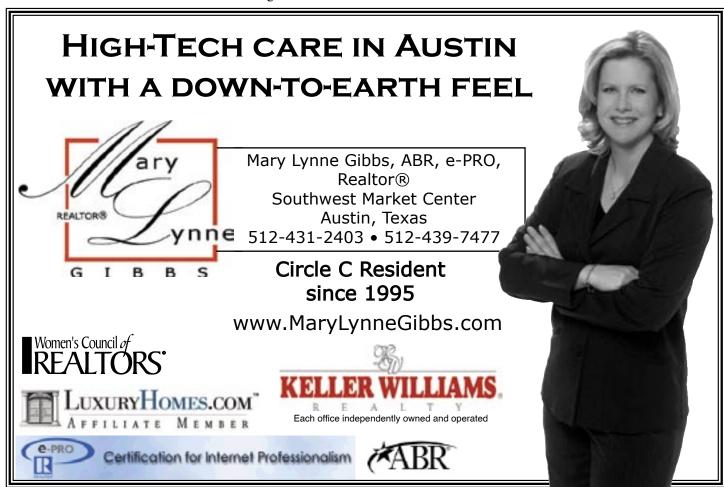


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#### **Education Update**

Submitted by Marian Wallace

School is underway and the campuses in and around our community are bustling with activity. Last month the Education Committee hosted a homeowner's meeting on the bond work being started on the schools in our community. AISD representatives were on hand with an overview of the projects, and the architect of the new elementary school in Circle C West gave a presentation of its design. Go to the Education Committee page on the Circle C website (<a href="www.circlecranch.info">www.circlecranch.info</a>) for a detailed list of the work being done on our area schools and the schedule for completion. Or for a completed listing and update on the bond package and updates, visit <a href="www.theappleatwork.com">www.theappleatwork.com</a>, or call the bond hotline number – 414-BOND.

During the summer the entryway to Kiker Elementary was completely renovated to improve the drainage problem. The new entrance looks great, so drive by if you haven't had a chance to see it. In January 2006 construction will begin on the new 8-classroom addition. Kiker will also receive upgrades to its security, heating and air, and fire alarm systems as well.

AISD also began work during the summer to extend LaCrosse to Spruce Canyon in preparation for the construction of the new

elementary school in Circle C West. Follow the provided link on the web site to see the design of the new school. AISD project managers assure us that the school will be completed and ready to take students in August 2006.

At the homeowner's meeting, School Board Trustee Robert Schneider gave an update on the boundary issues affecting our area. When the new elementary school opens in our area, boundaries will of course be redrawn. But other boundaries affecting our community will be changed by the placement of another new elementary school. The bond package passed last year called for an elementary school to be built in "south central" Austin, to provide overcrowding relief for Manchaca and Baranoff Elementary Schools. However, the District claims that no land is available and is proposing to place this south central school *east* of I-35.

Without a true south central elementary school, Baranoff Elementary will remain severely overcrowded, even with an 8-classroom added to the school, planned for 2006. Currently, Wildflower Park residents are zoned for Baranoff Elementary. Mr. Schneider has assured us that he is committed to fighting for boundary lings that keep our paidly on

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in schools within our community. But with a growing population in SW Austin, Wildflower Park residents in particular may find their children being bussed to other schools farther away.

Wildflower Park residents: When boundary lines are redrawn, this neighborhood will most likely be rezoned. We need to take action now to let the Board of Trustees know we want our children put in schools within our community. Please begin emailing the Board of Trustees now to let them know your desires (<a href="www.trustees@austinisd.org">www.trustees@austinisd.org</a>). Also, email the education committee your preference for which school you would like to be rezoned for – whether to remain zoned for Baranoff or be rezoned for Kiker Elementary (www.committees@circlecranch.com). This will help us determine which school we as a community want our children to be sent.

All Circle C Residents: Please email our school board trustees as well about the new middle school to be built at Slaughter and FM 1826. It is not scheduled for completion until 2010, and given the growth of our community, that is too long to wait. Let the trustees know they need to move up the construction date of this much-needed middle school for our area.

The Education Committee is also seeking additional members who have children at Bailey Middle School and/or Bowie High School. Email us at the above address is you are interested.





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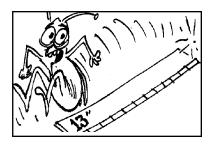
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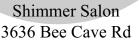


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#### **CCHOA Clubs & Announcements**

#### The MOMS Club of Austin

Submitted by Tracy Letulle

Circle C (MOMS offering Moms support) is an international non-profit organization for the stay-at-home mothers of today. We help you feel good about your decision of staying at home with your children and give you the opportunity to share activities with other stay-at-home mothers and their children. We have monthly meetings with speakers, arts and crafts, book club, lunch, children's playgroups, Mom's night out, field trips, park day, recipe club...etc. We also include a yearly service project to help needy children in our community. For more information please contact Tracy Letulle at tletulle@austin.rr.com.



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#### Park West HOA

Submitted by Carol Buls and Kathy Jedrzejewicz

Park West at Circle C, the gated community at La Crosse and Escarpment, is 96% built-out. Our new homeowner-directed board and committees are working hard to make Park West the best gated community in Austin!

New locked Plexiglas bulletin boards are in place on the street side of Park West's two mail centers. They are for official Park West information. The open bulletin boards on the back side of our mail centers remain for Circle C Ranch and Park West resident noncommercial postings. Rules for bulletin board use are posted in yellow. Many thanks to Dave Hague and Tom Jedrzejewicz for installing the new boards.

The communications committee is looking for five residents to serve as Neighborhood Representatives, to welcome new homeowners and to inform the committee when important events (new baby, illness, etc.) occur. Call Carol Buls at 301-2750 if you are interested.

To keep our gates functioning properly, it is important that residents do not make changes to their operation; the mechanical boxes are now locked to prevent such activity. Please contact Frank Gilbreath at 762-3714 to report a mal-functioning gate, if you need changes to your listing in the gate directory, or if you have other gate-related needs.

Committee chairs should be working to submit their 2006 budget proposals, due October 1, 2005. Please contact board Treasurer Linda Bal at 301-4016.

August is Austin's hottest month with September close behind. Please keep your lawns watered as needed.

Landscape questions should be directed to Jackie Rollins 301-1829. Road & Gate concerns go to Frank Gilbreath 762-3714. Calls before 7:00 PM are most considerate.

The Social Committee is accepting reservations for the Park West Wine Fest at the Wildflower Café & Gardens on September 30th. Space is limited to 50 persons, so sign up quickly—tickets are going fast!

Residents interested in a direct impact on Park West's future should attend specific monthly meetings and contact:

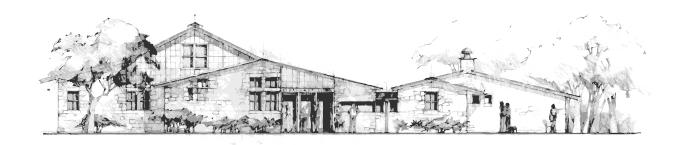
**Social:** meets third Wednesdays, call Mike Hahn 301-5213, or Nancy Oliphant 301-2772

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#### **CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued**

#### Waging War On Oak Wilt

Article Written by: Maggie Ambrosino, Certified Arborist

Skeletons of dead oaks, standing gruesome and gray, are common sightings along the landscape and, closer to home, our neighborhood streets and parks. These images are far too haunting to ignore their existence. Many of our once grand oaks are now canopies of riddled decline, existing to the point of asset vs. liability—and many of the dead are left standing in testament to a dreadful disease too long ignored. Our live oaks are worth saving. Our live oaks are worth protecting. What other trees grace us with their 100-foot canopies of cool, sweet shade, and waylay against our harsh eco system to showcase their majesty for generations of beauty and enjoyment?

The battle against oak wilt is far from over, and the fungal disease continues to progress approximately 80 feet per year. A contaminated oak can infect healthy adjacent oaks underground up to 200 feet away.

Knowing what we now know, or should know, about oak wilt—that it is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States and the lethal fungus, ceratocystis fagacearum, spreads and kills in epidemic proportions by invading and disabling the water-conducting vessels in vulnerable trees—it is evident that pruning oaks should be done with knowledge and vigilance. We also know that oak wilt is spread two ways: by insect vectors that land on fresh cuts or wounds, and through grafted root systems. By acting on what we do know, with due diligence, we can make great strides against the disease.

How do we recognize oak wilt? Look for the telltale signs evidenced by leaf symptoms, patterns of spreading decline, tip dieback, rate of tree mortality and close proximity of other oak wilt centers. Out-of-season browning, leaf drop and veinal necrosis are also warning signs, but words of caution please: Obtain a professional diagnosis. These symptoms are not all strictly indicative of oak wilt, and oak wilt is not strictly limited to these symptoms.

How do we further manage oak wilt? First and foremost, make wise and informed choices on how we prune our trees. The daily buzz of chain saws can seem more like open season than pruning season. When choosing an arborist, make sure they are certified. Ask for that ISA card (International Society of Arboriculture) and ask for insurance! The inability to prove-up such requests should cast doubt. Drive-thru businesses leaving door-hangers and pulling trailers are not always your certified best bet, and though their labor costs are attractive, the value of resistance has a payback in the long run. It is better to save one tree at a time, if that's all the budget allows, rather than accept that rock-bottom price for substandard work and risk spreading the disease. Ensure all tools are sterilized. Do it between every tree. Use pruning sealant on those oaks—on every single wound—whether it is from a saw or weed-eater or lawn mower scuffs across a lateral surface root. Vec tors, which transport the disease from tree to tree, love the fruity smell of sap oozing from a fresh wound. Pruning paint or sealant helps to mask that smell. Prune live tissue from July to the end of January or in the hottest of summer and coldest of winter. Avoid pruning in the spring when the insect population is high and roots are vigorous. The bulk of the infection is transferred below ground, through grafted roots. It is the

healthy oaks, more so than the contaminated oaks, which warrant our attention and protection, and a tree that still retains at least 30% of its canopy deserves any and all attempts to restore its health and vigor.

How do we engage in direct battle with oak wilt? We can fight toward its prevention and suppression. The key to success with oak wilt, as with any disease, is recognition and swift response. Have those valued oaks injected by a professional applicator with an oak wilt-specific fungicide, or propiconazole, and avoid ineffective broad-spectrum fungicides; trench at a sufficient width and depth to sever root systems in areas where streets or utility work has not already done the job for you; and remove, wrap, dispose of or burn dead and dying red oaks immediately and never store the wood for firewood. The white oak family, which includes live oaks, is vulnerable to the red oak family which produces the deadly fungal mats responsible for the spread of the disease. White oaks can show symptoms over many years. The red oaks die quickly and suddenly, harboring lethal fungal mats beneath the bark. If cut wood cannot be removed off-site immediately, it should be covered with a

clear plastic tarp and the edges of the tarp buried below soil level. Lastly, if it's oaks you love, consider diversifying your shade tree plantings to a more oak wilt resistant variety such as the burr oak, Monterrey or Mexican white oak, or chinquapin oak. There are also other natives and adapted species that are well worth considering.

Unfortunately there is no complete cure for oak wilt. But there is a high rate of success in suppressing the disease and prolonging the life and beauty of our oaks for many more years to come if we remain as aggressive as the disease and, like our mighty oaks, hold our ground.

For more information you may contact Maggie Ambrosino, 922-4649 or tjambro@sbcglobal.net, the Texas Forest Service, or check out these websites: <a href="www.isa-arbor.com/">www.isa-arbor.com/</a> <a href="www.texasoakwilt.org">www.texasoakwilt.org</a> <

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#### **Circle C Amenities**

#### The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Submitted by Anne Tiedt

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Friday, September 9

An Empire of Plants: People and Plants that Changed the World Toby Musgrave, Ph.D., Horticulturist and Author

Wednesday, October 12

King Cotton: The Revolutionary Fiber Frank Wilson, Dallas Historical Society.

Wednesday, November 2

The Evil Influence of the Lazy Root: Social History Through the Potato's Eye

Larry Zuckerman, Ph.D., Historian and Author

On September 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Center invites Central Texans to celebrate Austin Museum Day at the Wildflower Center with family activities promoting native plant gardening in Austin. Nationally known children's author Lois Ehlert will have a presentation and sign her newest book, Leaf Man. Families can shop the Center's 20%-off seed sale and learn how to plant next Spring's bluebonnets in a rousing Bluebonnet Seed Stomp. Children can make seed balls and Ecopots that can be planted at home. Admission and activities are free.

Throughout the fall, visitors can enjoy the Center's new Wildflower Pops music series. Performances are at 1p.m. in the Courtyard, free with admission.

Sunday, September 11: Classical music with the Hill Country Strings

Sunday, October 16: Power pop with the Golden Apples Sunday, November 13: Swingin' country with Gina Lee & the Brisket Boys

Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats will be at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center from Saturday, September 24 to Saturday, November 26, 2005. The exhibition dispels popular misconceptions about bats, describes their ecological importance, and gives visitors an appreciation of the true wonders of the bat world. Special effects, multi-sensory interactive displays, and environmentally lifelike settings, such as caves and rain forests, present bats in mythic and real-life settings.

Additionally, all families will be given a fun education booklet created by Center staff. The booklet leads children through the gardens on a learning trek, where information and questions will be posed at five different learning stations. Once all activities in the booklet are complete, children will receive a bat-inspired prize.

Other general information:

Regular Admission: \$6 Adults / \$5 Students & Seniors / \$2.50 Children 5-12/ FREE for Members and children under 5

#### Circle C Amenities Continued

#### Circle C Cafe & Catering

Submitted by Jaime Arevalo Cafe Pool - 288-6058

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#### The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch

Submitted by Denise Fisher

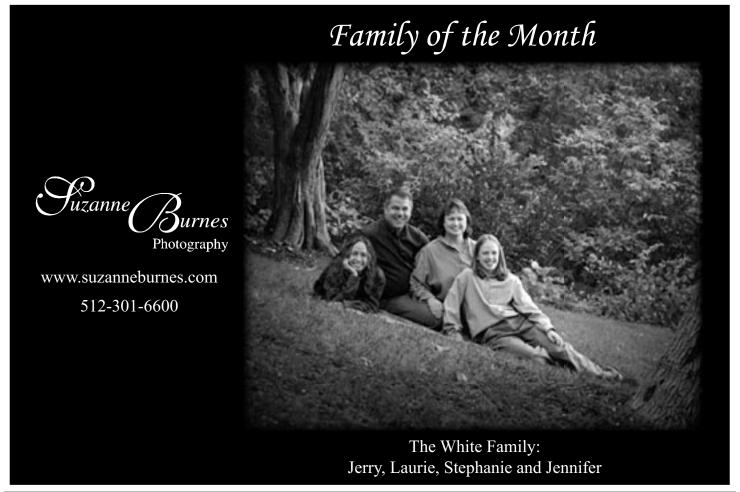
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#### Circle C Amenities Continued

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As you know, the YMCA is currently managing the swim center and pool. Guards who are on the clock wear a Circle C Ranch/YMCA guard T-shirt and whistle. If you have questions regarding the facility, pool usage or concern please notify the staff.



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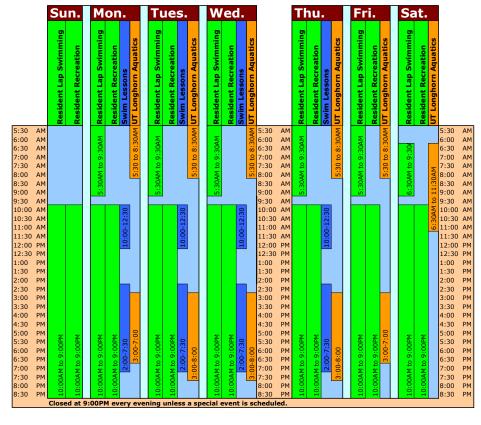
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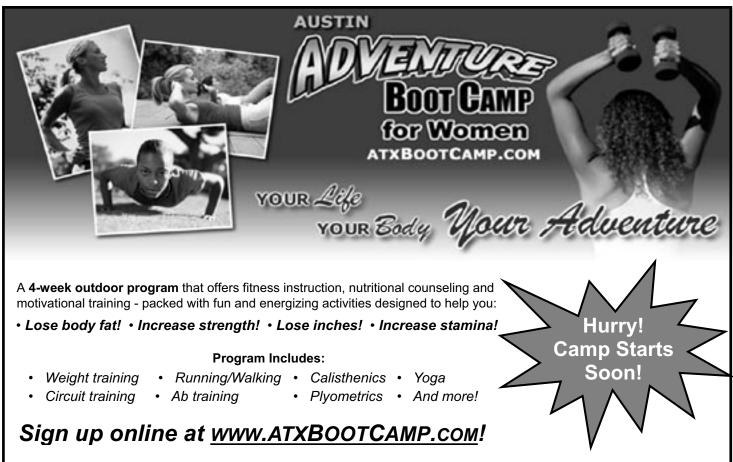
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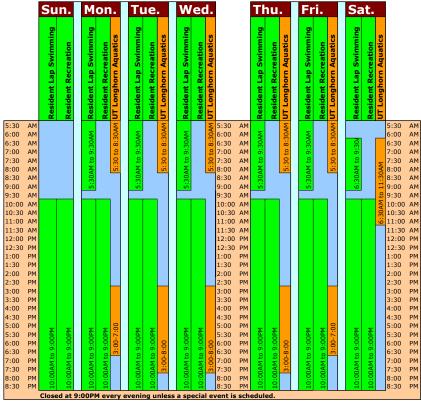
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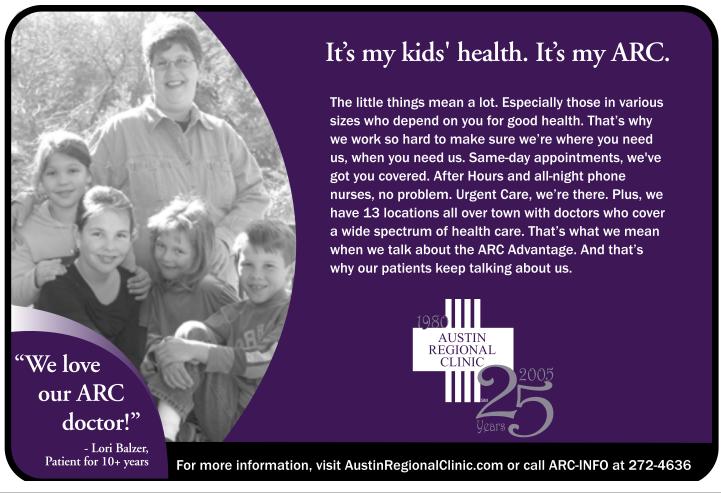
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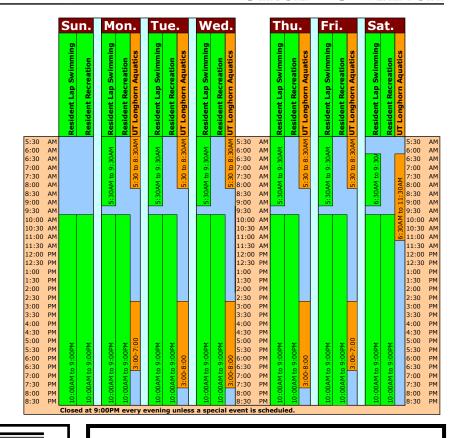


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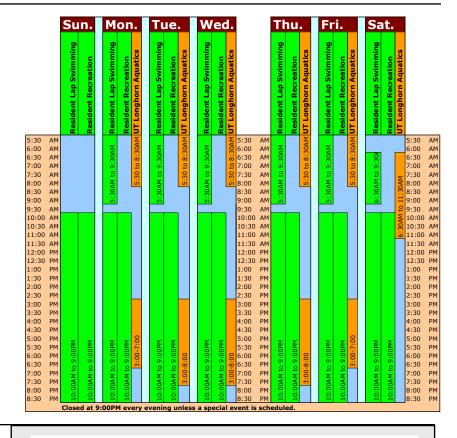
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