



CIRCLE C RANCH NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

The **construction for the Kiker expansion has been delayed until February 2006**. The delay is due to impervious cover issues. The delay increases the risk that the new classrooms may not be completed in time for the 2006-2007 school year. Please email trustees@austinisd.org and let them know that we are watching this construction very closely. We voted for it, we will pay for it, and our kids need it. Kiker was not built under SOS and the Kiker expansion does not have to follow SOS limitations. Circle C Ranch residential and commercial growth is already limited – further limiting school expansion will only hurt the kids who already live here. You can learn more in the discussion forum at <http://www.circlecranch.info/forum/viewtopic.php?t=455>.

The YMCA decided to terminate their pool management contract with CCHOA early (on 1 December 2005). We are actively looking for a pool manager. If you know of any good candidates, please ask them to send their resume to CCHOA at info@circlecranch.info. The job description is posted at <http://www.circlecranch.info>. This is a challenging position and we need an outstanding person to help us redefine how the Circle C Swim Center is managed. The person who is hired will have the additional challenge to help CCHOA plan, build and run the new swim center.

I've recently written that the CCHOA Board of Directors was very much in support of the idea of out-sourcing pool management. If that is true, why are we looking to hire a pool manager? In my opinion, out-sourcing for pool management might work with the right company. Unfortunately we have not found such a company. Pool management for Circle C is complex, and I see no signs that the job will be simplified in the near future. We have a very large neighborhood and only one swimming pool. Many planned communities the size of Circle C have 3 or 4 pools instead of just one. We have a large, heated outdoor pool – and that adds complexity and cost.

The Circle C Swim Center can and should be a showpiece for the neighborhood—something to visually please us as we walk or drive by, or when we visit to swim or to attend a party. The Swim Center should be the **first stop** for realtors when they show our neighborhood to prospective buyers. These prospective buyers should see a pool that is family friendly, clean, up-to-date and attractive. The Swim Center is our main amenity and when it is managed properly it should enhance our property values.

If you accept my position above, you may agree that the Swim Center needs special attention from a talented professional pool manager or aquatics director. This is why we are once again looking to employ a pool manager and pool staff.

We have scheduled extensive renovations for the Swim Center in December. We will have the underwater lights repaired, the pool resurfaced, and the grating around the pool edge replaced. The pool was last resurfaced in 1995. The cost will be \$115K. We expect the pool to be closed from 1 Dec to 3 January. The closure may be extended due to rain or other weather.

The CCHOA Board is working to restructure our contract with UT/Longhorn Aquatics. We plan to complete the negotiations by 15 December. We plan to address homeowners concerns over the current contract, including pool scheduling and the cost of heating the pool in the winter.

The Circle C Kids Holiday party will be on 11 December 2pm to 5pm at the Child Development Center. Admission is one unwrapped new toy for Blue Santa. See the article inside for more detail.

The Circle C Adult Holiday party will be on 17 December from 7pm to 11pm at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The party will include a casino, sit down dinner, dancing, and a cash bar. You may need to watch the dealers very carefully. Admission is \$10 and must be purchased in advance. See the article inside for more detail.

I hope you all have a great holiday season for 2005.

Your Neighbor,
Quentin Fennessy



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CCHOA Holiday Parties

Bring your kids to the Annual Kid's Holiday Event on Saturday, December 10th from 2pm to 5pm. The venue has changed to the Child Development Center. Admission is \$10 and tickets must be purchased in advance by December 5 either at the Wildflower Cafe, Swim Center Cafe, CCHOA Office or online at www.circlecranch.info. Kid's can enjoy face painting, Santa, balloon twisters, Smarty Pants, petting zoo, train rides, games, prizes and more!!

Adults will have their own special event as well on Saturday, December 17th from 7pm to 11pm. Admission is \$10 and tickets must be purchased in advance either at the LBJ Café, Swim Center Café or Circle C Office. Enjoy a sit down dinner, casino with prizes and dancing.

Deed Restriction Update

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (aka Deed Restrictions) are part of the reason that many of you chose to buy a home in Circle C. We routinely drive 2-3 sections of the neighborhood on a monthly basis and have sent out over 350 deed restrictions this year alone. Many of you have expressed that you would like for us to phone owners who are in violation before sending correspondence, but the Texas State Property Code requires that we send certified written notification of violation notice. If you receive a violation notice, please contact our office so that we can discuss with you a plan of action for curing the violation. You can either call the office at 288-8663 or send us an email at info@circlecranch.com

City of Austin Leash Law

We have had quite a few calls recently in regards to unrestrained animals wandering the neighborhood. If you have dog(s) that are kept outside check your fencing to be sure that it is properly maintained so that your pet cannot escape. Also, be sure that your dog(s) have tags so that if they do get out they are easily identified. The City of Austin requires that dogs be kept on a leash, as per the ordinance below:

§ 3-4-1 UNRESTRAINED DOG PROHIBITED.

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- (B) A person holding a dog on a leash or lead shall keep the dog under control at all times.

Source: 1992 Code Section 3-3-2(A) and (B); Ord. 031009-9; Ord. 031211-11.

CCHOA Lighting Contest

It's time to string up those lights! The Holiday Lighting Contest will be December 16th through December 18th (lights must be on by 5pm on Dec. 16th through 9pm on Dec. 18th). The neighborhood is divided into nine sections, with each section having a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Resident volunteer judges will drive the section during the times listed above and submit their choices to the CCHOA office. A final list of all winners will be posted on the website by December 19th and prizes will be awarded by January 31st. In order to make this event a continued success, **we need volunteers!** Grab your family or some neighborhood friends and volunteer to drive a section this year. If you are interested in volunteering please call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 or send an email to info@circlecranch.com



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Circle C Landscape Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover

We hope you are enjoying the holiday season and the holiday lights at Circle C this year. Circle C Landscape puts the lights up. We usually start in October, but this year got a late start and finished anyway. We used about 80,000 lights on the commons areas!! So Happy Holidays.

Circle C Fall Projects are coming along nicely. We have pulled all of the dead photinia out of Circle C North and finished all hedging on Escarpment and Barstow. We have begun restoration of the Circle C North medians. Our next project will be dead tree removal throughout the subdivision, and replanting some areas that have had damage from automobiles.

With the hotter weather, we have had to keep up the mowing throughout November. Hopefully, we will move toward a colder winter season, which helps out the vegetation. As the weather cools, please remember that your plants and trees still need water, just not very much. If you have an irrigation system, you can probably water about every 7-10 days when the temperature is in the 40-65 degree range if we have had no rain.

If you would like the latest and greatest on care of the commons areas, the new Circle C Landscape model, and tips for taking care of your lawn and garden, please visit the Circle C Ranch website where we have a new page for landscape issues.

Circle C Landscape

A few things about Zoysia Grass

If you have a yard that is full sun to moderate shade and you are installing a new yard, you might want to consider a variety of zoysia grass. This is a soft green grass that has some outstanding features like low water requirements, requires less mowing, has fewer diseases, and is pretty easy to keep weed free. Our specification for new grass on the commons area is Pallasades zoysia, which will tolerate a moderate amount of shade.

The installation cost is higher, however, the results are a lower maintenance lawn that uses fewer resources and looks good. If you are planning on installing a yard or having someone do it for you, the following steps should be taken:

Removal of existing sod

Weed treatment if weeds have been a problem

Lay down a good base soil—we would recommend a weed free soil designed for turf grass from a local nursery or soils vendor.

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Girl Scouts Assist Wildflower Planting Along Escarpment

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

Through the cooperation of over 150 Girl Scouts from various area troops, the CCHOA Board, Circle C Landscaping, The LBJ Wildflower Center, Native American Seed, and Austin Real Estate Partners we should all enjoy a substantial wildflower bloom next spring and for years to come on the East side of Escarpment Boulevard!

The years "Wildflower Stomp" event was a great success as over 150 girls came out on October 22nd to participate in an educational and service oriented planting project intended to beautify the hike and bike trails in and around Circle C Ranch with a variety of native wildflower varieties.

The event was a two-fold experience for the Girl Scouts. First, Flo Oxley from the LBJ Wildflower Center, presented an educational seminar and walking review of native plants on the Wildflower Center grounds. Secondly, Jayson May from Native

American Seed, helped the girls mix and distribute 1,000,000 (1 Million) wildflower seeds on the prepared grounds on the East side of Escarpment.

We would all like to recognize all of you who made this years event so successful!

Thank you **Girl Scouts of America, The Circle C HOA Board, A.E. Martin, Susan Hoover, Flo Oxley, Jayson May, Denise Nordstrom, the numerous Girl Scout Troop Leaders** for their support and especially all the wonderful **Girl Scouts** for all their hard work in making this year's event such a great success.

Given the 300% growth of the event year over year, the Girl Scouts and The Wildflower Center are planning to make the event a bi-annual celebration of Wildflowers. The next event is planned for this spring – sometime in March, 2006. Contact your local Girl Scout troop leader for more information!



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Pet Owner Alert: Dog Killed In Greenbelt

Submitted by Robin Cohen

On Saturday, October 22, our friendly, gentle dog, Jack, a husky/shepherd mix, ran away from our home on Wareham Court. We had guests, and apparently someone left a door open. We've always been very careful, but Jack liked to go exploring and visiting, and we didn't immediately notice that he was gone. We posted "lost dog" notices on the community bulletin boards, checked the animal shelter, and drove around the neighborhood hoping to find him. The following Saturday, October 29, we learned why Jack never returned. Another Circle C resident saw our notice and called to tell us that, while riding a dirt bike in the greenbelt area, he had found Jack's body out in the woods. He initially saw our dead dog on Wednesday, October 26, but had not yet seen our poster and so didn't know to whom the dog belonged.

Sadly, Jack's death was not an accident. He had been taken to a remote area where people have illegally dumped trash and tied to a discarded tire. Our vet tried to conduct a post-mortem exam, but between damage done by coyotes and vultures and decomposition, she was unable to determine cause of death. We don't know if someone tied him up and used him for target practice, or just left him to starve or be killed by coyotes.

I called the Austin Police Department immediately, but was told that this was not a police matter. Refusing to believe that, I persisted until, five phone calls later, I was finally put in touch with Detective Chris Lamb in the APD Animal Cruelty unit, who took a report. I later learned that, in Texas, killing someone else's pet is a state jail felony.

We have only lived in Circle C for 7 months, but we have been impressed with the number of people who walk dogs around the neighborhood, and it seems to be a very pet-friendly community. So I am writing this in hopes of warning other pet owners that there is apparently someone nearby who hates dogs and kills them for sport. Here are some things that you can do to help us get this person off the streets, or at least prevent him/her from repeating this crime:

1. My new-found friend, Amy Turner, is organizing a reward fund for information leading to identifying Jack's killer. So far, she has raised \$650, with an additional \$500 donated if the information leads to arrest and conviction of the killer, for a total of \$1,150. Spread the word. And if you would like to contribute, call Amy at 394-9278. Any undistributed reward money will be donated to a no-kill animal shelter.
 2. If you have any information that might be useful—even if you just saw Jack running down the street—please call me at 382-0011. We don't even know in which direction he ran, so being able to place him on a particular street would help. Also, please report any rumors you may have heard, even if you can't substantiate them. They might give us a place to start.
 3. If you know of any similar incidents, please let me know. If others have tried to report abuse or killings and had my experience with dispatchers, such crimes may have gone unreported in the past.
 4. Most importantly, KEEP YOUR OWN PETS SAFE. I know that some dog owners like to let their dogs off the leash in park areas, but this puts your dog in danger of meeting the same fate that Jack met. Be careful with gates and doors.
 5. If you see a stray or roaming dog, report it to Animal Control immediately. This could be a life-saver.
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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

Special Needs Children

Submitted by Anabell Bates

I know they are here because I see the "special" buses drive through my neighborhood. However I don't see anyone other than at school. We are parents of a special needs child, we try to expose him to many "normal" activities in the community (movies, concerts, plays) But hanging out with mom and dad is not so cool anymore says our son. What about us, the parents, sometimes we feel all alone and unsure of the future, or just tired and need a break...how about we form a Circle C Family Support Group and Friend Connection? If you interested, please join us in our home Friday December 2 at 7pm. Call Anabell for directions 636-0559.

About Impact Austin

Submitted by Karen Frost

Do you want to join other women in Austin who are making a positive impact in our community? We sure hope you do!

Impact Austin, a grassroots women's philanthropic organization, was founded in 2003 with the belief that ordinary women can make an extraordinary impact. The idea is simple. Each member donates \$1,000; all member donations are pooled; and each member gets one vote to determine which non-profit receives the grants. We only give grants away in \$100K increments.

So far, Impact Austin has extended 3 grants totaling \$327,000. In 2004, LifeWorks received a \$126,000 grant. In 2005, Communities in Schools and Travis County MHMR each received a \$100,500 grant.

Our membership drive for the third year is now underway and we expect to have 300+ members by 12/31/05 so that we can extend three \$100K+ grants in 2006. Feel free to visit our website: www.impact-austin.org for more information about us and our grant recipients.

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The new Circle C Elementary School groundbreaking took place on 17 October 2005. The school is scheduled to open in August 2006. Pictured are: AISD Board President Doyle Valdez, AISD Trustee Patricia Whiteside, Vince Torres, Circle C Board Member Carolyn Merritt and AISD Staff Randy Baldwin.

After-Christmas Tree Pickup

Submitted by Lesley Dobbins

The BOWIE TENNIS TEAM will be collecting Christmas trees in your neighborhood on:

Monday, January 2nd at 9:00 AM and

Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 AM

Pickup is by reservation only. Please email BowieTennisRules@yahoo.com or call 512-789-9832 and leave your phone number for a call back. Please include your name, phone number, address and pick-up day in your emails or voice message.

Please have your trees outside on the sidewalk, Monday/Saturday morning and the BOWIE TENNIS TEAM will be by to pick it up for you. We will take all the used trees to a recycle location.

We are asking for a \$5-\$10 donation for the team's hard work and efforts which will go towards subsidizing uniforms, upkeep of tennis courts and purchase of new equipment for the team. You may leave a check attached to the tree along with this paper or one of the team members will be glad to collect the money from you at the time of the tree pickup.

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Circle C Area Professionals Business Referral Group

Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident

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The Circle C area BNI chapter (The Live Oak Network) is a non-competitive referral organization that admits one member per professional category – therefore, once you've joined a chapter you've essentially eliminated your competition!

The Circle C area chapter is growing again! A variety of professional categories are open including those in residential home services, personal health care, marketing & branding, event planning and business support sectors. Our chapter membership should cover it all from Plumbers and Electricians to Doctors and Lawyers. **We are looking for one enthusiastic, hard working and honest individual from every profession to join our "lively" group!**

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.

The Live Oak Network

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Our New Escarpment Village Shopping Center

Submitted by Nicole Spradling

(told from the perspective of a Circle C resident as well as a new tenant)

I have been a resident of Circle C for almost three years now. I love everything about this neighborhood. So much so that my husband teases me about being a "Stepford Wife". When we bought our house, our Realtor told us that once someone moves into Circle C, they never move out. We joked about that, saying the water must be addictive here. We never believed him. Since then we have learned of several people who upgrade their house as their family grows and then eventually downsize their house as they become empty-Nester's... all the while remaining here in Circle C. Well, we too have been drinking the water.

After less than three years of living here, I can't imagine why anybody would ever want to leave! We just love the parks, the schools, the community-feel, the family-oriented activities and in general the people here. Many of the people here are so international, often originating from Europe or the U.K., perhaps due to Motorola. We have close neighbors from Scotland and Poland and know of people here from France and Italy as well.

Culture has always been important to me. I have been a Flight Attendant for sixteen years, much of my career traveling overseas.

In April I watched the new Escarpment Village Shopping Center breaking ground. I was so impressed with the design and the buildings and the more I learned about it, the more I decided I had to be in it somehow. I called the number on the sign at the corner of Escarpment and Slaughter. I was a little nervous that the big guys, Trammell Crow, would not take me seriously. Bryan Dabbs, the leasing agent, could not have been nicer. Not only did he not make me feel silly, after all I have no business experience, but he seemed to take every suggestion I made seriously. After living here a total of only twenty-six months, I felt I was the expert on exactly what Circle C needed to complete our living experience. I started out wanting to open a restaurant, then an ice cream store, and finally I asked about a Postal Store. Bryan listened to all of my ideas and never once made me feel flaky or inexperienced.

After learning a little more about the restaurant industry and the risks involved and deciding that after sixteen years, I have worked enough evenings and weekends to last a lifetime, I decided that the Postal Store is what I would do. The problem was that there were several others who had the same idea that I did. Big national chains wanted to

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Kitty Fowler



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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

Shopping Center - (Continued from Page 10)

come here into Circle C and they had all the experience that I lacked. But I was a Circle C resident, I wrote in my convincing cover letter. Circle C people are loyal, and they will be more accepting of a fellow resident owning a store in our new shopping center than a stranger moving into our territory. My store will not be just a business to me, but I will make it a neighborhood store, I said. I can always hire people with Postal experience.

After reviewing my cover letter and my application as well as evaluating our financial situation, Bryan told me that he wanted to meet with both my husband and myself at his office. Once there, he informed us that although we had the least experience, he felt inspired to take a chance on us. He warned us of the risks involved in a retail store and even suggested we reconsider. But we were steadfast. I knew I was meant to do this and I knew that I would give it my all. So he offered to us a lease.

The negotiations were so much easier than I would have expected. Bryan was very fair and gave us most of what we asked for. In August we signed the lease and decided we wanted to be in the "Greenest Building" of all. Our building has a grass-topped roof that will be maintained by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. We also have rainwater barrels that will be used for irrigation. In addition to our Postal Store, there will be Starbucks, Austin Wellness Center, a Hair Salon and a Dry Cleaner. Stratus Properties is going above and beyond on this project. The concrete used in our sidewalks is permeable so as to interfere less with the environment. The Starbucks is two-story so that patrons may look out onto the grass and wildflower roof. To the best of my knowledge, Starbucks has never done anything like this before and this store will be corporate owned, not franchised.

We then received, via courier, a Green Development Guidebook for Tenants. This book is 48 pages and even has some chapters inadvertently left out. It is filled with many standards mostly pertaining to the environment that we must follow in addition to following the specifications of Trammell Crow. Some conflict with Trammell Crow's specs and some even conflict with each other. It is a newly written book and we are currently working out all of the kinks, but it is written with the best interest of our environment and our neighborhood at heart. We have to use mostly recycled materials and all environmentally friendly products. Even all of our wood used has to be "Forest Certified" (we are still learning exactly what that means). Our supplies have to be locally

made. It doesn't count if we purchase it here; the actual supplies have to be made here. It is very strict, but it will one day be the standard by which the future commercial buildings of Austin will be built. If I understand this correctly, this building will be used as an example for the city and we have to document each step of the building process. Our new little neighborhood shopping center is cutting edge, isn't it?

I just thought our residents might find it interesting to know a little of the background of at least one future tenant in our new shopping center. As far as I know all of us are working as hard as we can to make this new shopping center one that we will all be proud of and that we will be happy to spend some time hanging out in. We are going to have a couple of banks there, two dry cleaners, at least five eating establishments, a Day Spa, a Hair Salon, RunTex, a Video Store and a gated Playscape behind the buildings on the west side of the shopping center.

We are hoping to be open in December so that you won't have to wait in line at the U.S. Post Office. I believe that Starbucks and we will be the only ones open then. Most of the rest of the shopping center should be open in the Spring or shortly after. We hope to see you there!



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Park West HOA

The Park West Holiday Celebration is just around the corner! Please join us Dec 11th, 6-8 PM at the Circle C Pool. Enjoy homemade cookies, hot cider, coffee and tea as you visit with your Park West neighbors! The Bowie High School Show Choir will entertain us, presenting "Songs of the Holidays". There is ***no charge*** for this event and we hope to see you all there!

Reminder: Park West HOA's Annual Meeting will be held at Kiker Elementary School on February 7, 2006, with sign-in at 6:30 PM and the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 PM. Homeowners who are up-to-date on their HOA dues are eligible to vote.

Thanks to all who participated in our recent homeowner's survey. We received an outstanding 90 responses! The HOA board wants to represent ***your*** desires and concerns, and truly appreciates the time you put into your responses. To summarize the survey results:

Do homeowner vehicles parked on the street concern you? *Yes 4:1*

Would you approve or disapprove HOA restrictions and fines for homeowner vehicles parked on street? *Yes 3:1*

Do excessive amounts of yard art concern you? *Yes 2:1*

Would you support HOA restrictions and fines for excessive front yard art? *Yes 2:1*

Trash barrels and speeding, were the most common items mentioned in the comment section, followed closely by feeding wild

animals and cats running loose. The HOA Board plans to incorporate your thoughtful feedback and comments into policies and guidelines that will be presented for a vote at the general meeting in February. Our ultimate goal is to foster a community of good neighbors where guidance is welcomed and regulation is not necessary. We encourage and welcome your ideas and suggestions in this effort.

Where is your garbage container? Circle C rules require that all homeowners store their garbage cans out of sight from the street. If you store your container where it is visible, please move it behind your fence or into your garage. The Circle C rules also state that barrels and other garbage are permitted to be placed on the street 2 times per week for 12 hours. If you will be away and need someone to move your garbage barrel out and back in for you, please ask a neighbor—we all understand when travel and other situations make this necessary and we wish to avoid a trashy-looking obstacle course on our narrow streets!

Give yourselves a pat on the back! Over the past few months the number of homeowner cars parked on the street has been reduced by half—not by fines and penalties, but simply because residents asked residents to park in their driveway or garage. Thank-you all for your considerate response to these requests! As a reminder, Circle C parking rules prohibit street or driveway parking for large pickup

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Circle C Family of the Month

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The Wayne and Patsy Holt Family

Park West HOW - (Continued from Page 12)

trucks, commercial vehicles, RVs, trailers, and boats.

At this writing, our contract negotiations for a new landscaper are still in progress. Our current contractor continues with one mowing in December, and the new landscaper is to begin in January 2006. Stay tuned for more details.

The HOA Board has appointed three homeowners to serve as a nominating committee for one expiring Board position and two newly authorized Board positions. To establish the committee we followed the Circle C Bylaws: "The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association." Our committee is chaired by Dave Maril, and its members are Bernadette Tasher and Don Brashear. Nominations for the new BOD will also be taken from the floor at our annual meeting. We seek homeowners who are interested in making Park West the best possible HOA. The term of service is three years. Interested homeowners are encouraged to submit a one-page letter listing your qualifications and why you would like to serve as a board member to Dave Maril at 6014 Tasajillo Trail.

Our committees have stepped up to the plate and selflessly dedicated many hours to getting our HOA organized and running smoothly. Some of their projects have clearly visible results, e.g., lighted mail centers with handicap access, gates that function well and are maintained at minimal cost, neighborhood events and celebrations, community bulletin boards, and the newsletter you are reading! Other projects have required grueling hours of toil with not-so-visible results—yet!—our new landscaper contract, updated bylaws, etc. To show appreciation to all homeowners (and their significant others!) who volunteered as committee members this past year, the HOA Board hosted a reception at Linda Bal's home on Sunday November 13th. True to our neighborhood's enthusiasm, most everybody attended! It was great to see the committee members comparing notes, commiserating a bit, sharing ideas and generally getting to know each other better. If you are not serving on a committee, you are truly missing out! We accept new members on all committees throughout the year—please contact one of the following Committee Chairpersons or a Board member if you are interested.

Committees

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Bylaws	Bernadette Tasher	791-7281
Communications	Carol Buls	301-2750
Landscape	Jackie Rollins	301-1839
Roads and Gates	Frank Gilbreath	762-3714
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	or Nancy Oliphant	301-7227

Board of Directors

Contact

President	Dave Maril	301-8869
Treasurer	Linda Bal	301-4016
Secretary	Kathy Jedrzejewicz	301-9022

This is **your** space! Please contact Kathy Jedrzejewicz, 301-9022, if you have suggestions or if you have information that you would like to share in the Park West HOA section of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter.

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The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch

Submitted by Denise Fisher

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

Monday, December 5th

Monday, December 12th

Monday, December 19th

Sunday, December 25th

"Twilight" is now 3:30pm. "Twilight" is generally 3 hours prior to sunset so please continue to watch the official "Twilight" clock in the Pro Shop as this time will change throughout the year.

"Friday Niners" starts this Friday, October 7th and continues each Friday. There will be a 3:30pm shotgun start and cost is just a cart fee and \$10 for the prize fund. Format is a 4 person scramble with each team having an A, B, C and D player. Just call the Pro Shop at 288.4297 to reserve your spot each week. Join us afterwards for food, drinks and live music!

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Circle C Tennis Club

Submitted by Fernando Velasco

The Circle C Tennis Club is a Private Club. The dues paid to the Circle C Home Owners Association do not give automatic usage of the courts. Residents and non-residents of Circle C Ranch are welcome to join. There is no Initiation Fees nor contracts for a period of time. Monthly dues paid allow Members to use the Tennis Courts on an unlimited basis, plus be able participate in all the programs that the Tennis Club offers. For membership information, please contact us at 301-8685 or visit us at the tennis facility located across the Golf Club at Circle C.

Beginners Tennis Lessons - The Circle C Tennis Club is offering lessons for adults who either have played tennis at one time and/or are interested in learning to play tennis. The co-ed groups meet on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm and Saturdays from 11:30am to 12:30 pm. The ladies' groups meet on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30am and Fridays from 10 am to 11 am. Child Care is provided for the morning and weekend sessions at \$5.00 per hour per child. This is a great way to get back into playing tennis again. Cost of the program is \$60.00 for six one hour sessions.

Junior Tennis Lessons - The third session of Junior lessons will begin the week of January 2. Lessons are offered for children 3-5 years old (Pee Wee); Grand Prix for ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and the Pre-Advanced Tournament Program (PATP) for juniors who are interested in competing in Tennis Tournaments or play for their school's tennis teams. Lessons are open for members and non-members. If you want us to send you a brochure with all the schedules and fees, please call Kathi.



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Circle C Amenities *Continued*

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Submitted by Anne Tiedt

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Wild Ideas: The Shopping Event 2005

Holiday Shopping at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, noon to 5 p.m.

Admission to the Wildflower Center and Wild Ideas:

The Shopping Event is free.

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

This year, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center hosts its 15th annual shopping event with artists, artisans, special guest appearances, and an abundance of gift ideas to fit every budget. Come for the serene setting of the Wildflower Center, and enjoy a relaxed shopping experience.

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

on Saturday; and 20% off all books, cards, stationery, and calendars on Sunday.

On Saturday and Sunday, artists and artisans will show works featuring wildflowers or native plant themes in the Visitors Gallery while the Little House offers an opportunity for little ones to craft beautiful nature-inspired artwork. Also, on Saturday, Miss Spider's David Kirk will be her from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., signing his collection of best-selling books. The newest collection of Miss Spider toys will also be featured.

For a complete listing of vendors, special guest appearances, and specials, visit www.wildflower.org <<http://www.wildflower.org>>, or call 512-292-4300.

Luminations at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 9, 10 & 11, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Away from the holiday hustle and bustle, Luminations celebrates the holiday season through the joy of song, the glow of candlelight, and the laughter of children.

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Circle C Amenities *Continued*

Wildflower Center - (Continued from Page 18)

holiday crafts in the Little House, and have an opportunity to take their photo with Frosty the Snowman. Additionally, a model train will be on display in the Visitors Gallery. All guests will enjoy hot cocoa and cookies amid the Center's beautiful holiday decorations.

Luminations is a fundraiser. Members, Seniors & Students (13-18) will be charged \$7. Adults will be charged \$9; Children 4-12 will be charged \$3; Free for children 0-3.

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

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Texas Events - December

1—ROUND ROCK: Main Street Artisan Stroll Artists, musicians and performers fill the sidewalks each month, displaying wares and entertaining strollers. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Historic Downtown. E-mail: info@mainstreetstroll.com • www.mainstreetstroll.com 512/341-8788

1-3—AUSTIN: The Blue Paintings: New Work by Denny McCoy Peaceful, yet stunning, paintings combine various shades of blue in mystifying combinations that flutter and change before the viewer's eyes. D Berman Gallery. www.dbermangallery.com 512/477-8877

1-18—AUSTIN: A Christmas Carol New version of the holiday classic conjures up the Yuletide world of Victorian London. State Theatre. www.austintheatre.org 512/469-SHOW

1-Jan. 1—AUSTIN: Rockin' Christmas Party The award-winning cast shakes, rattles and rolls down Santa Claus Lane with songs and dance guaranteed to lift your spirits. Zachary Scott Theatre. www.zachscott.com 512/476-0541

1-Jan. 8—AUSTIN: The Face of Texas: Photographs by Michael O'Brien Originally published as a book, O'Brien's photographs have been organized as a traveling exhibition. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com 512/936-8746

1-Jan. 8—AUSTIN: The Santaland Diaries Comedy tells the real-life story of David Sedaris' tour of duty as the elf Crumpet, and what it takes to juggle tots and tottering Santas during a painfully festive time of the year. Zachary Scott Theatre. www.zachscott.com 512/476-0541

2-4—AUSTIN: 15th Annual Wild Ideas: The Shopping Event Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

3, 10—AUSTIN: Farmers Market Homespun Holidays 512/236-0074

4—AUSTIN: Jose Feliciano This international icon and guitarist has enjoyed a legendary career. Shows are at 5 and 7:30 p.m. One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

4—AUSTIN: Victorian Christmas Reception See the former home of short story writer O'Henry decorated for the holidays. An open house from 3 to 5 p.m. features refreshments and live music. O. Henry Museum. www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/ohenry.htm 512/472-1903

4-31—AUSTIN: Trail of Lights & Zilker Christmas Tree This monthlong festival includes a mile-long pedestrian trail of lights and a 155-foot tall Christmas tree. Zilker Park. www.ci.austin.tx.us/tol/tree.htm 512/974-6700

6—AUSTIN: Austin Symphony Orchestra's Messiah Holiday celebration features Handel's masterpiece. Riverbend Centre. www.austinsymphony.org 512/476-6064

9—AUSTIN: Strings Attached with Eliza Gilkyson Gilkyson's songs connect the worlds of folk and modern storytelling. Shows are 7:30 and 10 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church. www.stringsattached.org 512/775-2371

9-23—AUSTIN: The Nutcracker Ballet Austin presents this beloved holiday tradition with live accompaniment by the Austin Symphony Orchestra. Bass Concert Hall. www.balletaustin.org 512/476-2163

11-24—AUSTIN: Armadillo Christmas Bazaar For nearly 30 years, this event has attracted some of the regions best artists to this market of eclectic gift items and local entertainment. Austin Music Hall. www.armadillobazaar.com 512/447-1605

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13—AUSTIN: Austin Symphony Christmas Sing-Along Sing Christmas favorites with the Austin Symphony. Riverbend Centre. www.austinsymphony.org 512/476-6064

13, 16—AUSTIN: Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra Holiday Special Liebert is one of the most talented, influential and creative guitarists today. Begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday. One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

15—AUSTIN: John Longhurst: Holiday Organ Concert Longhurst leaves his helm at the 11,623-pipe organ of the Mormon Tabernacle to tackle Texas' own treasure — the 5,315-pipe Bates Recital Hall tracker organ — in time for a wonderful holiday performance. Begins at 8 p.m. Bates Recital Hall. www.utpac.org 512/471-1444 or 800/687-6010

16—AUSTIN: Blind Boys of Alabama This foot-stomping, roof-raising, soulful gospel performance promises to capture the spirit of the holidays. Begins at 8 p.m. Hogg Auditorium. www.utpac.org 514/471-1444 or 800/687-6010

17—ROUND ROCK: Frosty's 5-K Family Fun Run/Walk Begins at 9 a.m. Starts and finishes at Dell Diamond. E-mail: info@frostys5k.com • www.frostys5k.com 512/255-9885

22-23—AUSTIN: Esther's Follies Christmas Show This comedy-filled show features Esther's classics, topical satire, musical comedy and the best magician in the Southwest. Esther's Follies, 525 E. Sixth St. www.esthersfollies.com 512/320-0553


23—AUSTIN: Bah Humbug! Adapted from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, this one-man extravaganza — brimming with traditional Celtic Christmas tunes — follows the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on his magical whirlwind journey of redemption. Dougherty Arts Center. www.thecompanytheatre.org 512/963-8499

29—AUSTIN: Esther's Follies New Year's Eve Show Along with the usual servings of comedy and merriment, Esther's rings in the New Year with a full buffet and champagne toast at midnight. Esther's Follies, 525 E. Sixth St. www.esthersfollies.com 512/320-0553

30-31—AUSTIN: Five By Design's Radio Days Ride the airwaves through the early 1940s when Five By Design takes the audience on a sentimental journey to a simpler time jam-packed with Big Band sounds and hot rhythms. Begins at 8 p.m. Palmer Events Center. www.austinsymphony.org 888/462-3787 or 512/476-6064

31—AUSTIN: First Night Austin Street corners are transformed into galleries and storefronts into stages as this festival of art, imagination and creativity spreads across downtown. The alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration of the arts includes an afternoon family festival, grand procession down Congress Avenue, family finale at City Hall and a Midnight Finale. www.firstnightaustin.org 512/476-5577

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Get Ready To Hit The Slopes

You don't have to wait for the snow to start falling to get ready for ski season. Start your training now and you'll be sailing past those other ski bums on your way down the mountain.

Dusting the competition or showing off to friends are not the only reasons to get in shape before ski season. Skiing is an activity that requires a variety of skills: strength, endurance, balance and coordination. Hit the slopes without developing these skills and you may be in for more than a little embarrassment - you might even hurt yourself.

Sports specific training

This is where sports-specific training comes in. Generally speaking, sports-specific training programs involve focusing on the



various skills associated with a particular activity.

Depending on the sport, this may include health-related fitness components such as cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

A specific program may also take into account skill-related measures of fitness such as agility, balance, coordination, power, speed and reaction time. Most sports require a mixture of these components.

Skiing is a sport that relies heavily on skill-related fitness. A traditional fitness program, which includes a combination of weight training and cardiovascular exercise, will only take you so far.

A specific training program to develop
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specific skills for skiing will take you from the peaks to the valleys in record time.

Get ready to ski

There are several ways to begin a sports-specific training program. The simplest way is to include several new exercises in your regular workout schedule.

For example, performing wall sits that require you to "sit" against a wall will help build up the isometric strength needed for the tuck position in skiing. Squats and lunges will build lower body strength for skiing tough terrain like moguls.

Exercises such as crunches to work your abdominals are essential in creating a solid "core" for balance and agility.

It is important to train your body to withstand and absorb the impact associated with skiing. Plyometric movements, such as hopping from side to side, develop muscle power and strength as well as improve agility.

Set up your own ski circuit

A great way to integrate these elements

into your existing routine is to create a circuit training program, which involves rapidly moving from one exercise to the next. You can set up a circuit in any large room, or at your club's aerobic studio.

Be sure and place all of your stations before beginning your workout so you don't have to stop in the middle. Set a specific time limit for each exercise, as well as a set period of breaks between each station. Thirty seconds of work followed by 30 seconds of rest are common interval periods.

Then, simply turn up the music and make your way around the circuit. You might even want to create your own music tape with timed intervals of music for exercise and silence for rest periods.

Try these stations to help you gear up for the slopes: use the slide for lateral training, perform one-legged squats to develop balance and strength, and use a step-bench platform to improve power. Try catching a bean bag as it drops off your forearm to improve reaction times or bounce two tennis balls to improve coordination.

To improve agility, create your own slalom by running between cones. In sports-specific training, you are limited only by your imagination.



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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	Sold History (May - October, 2005)					Current Market	
	Average					Total	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Feet	Year Built	Days On Market	Active	Pending
Circle C Central	64	2,684	\$ 94	1993	63	15	8
North	45	2,046	\$ 102	1996	68	4	5
Wildflower	22	2,216	\$ 105	2001	59	5	4
On The Park	9	3,386	\$ 103	1997	58	4	1
Vintage Place	6	3,485	\$ 90	2002	134	3	1
Hielscher	29	3,221	\$ 102	2003	62	10	15
West	4	3,468	\$ 98	2005	65	15	7
Park West	11	2,261	\$ 121	2001	94	3	2
Park Place	13	2,525	\$ 103	2005	112	4	17
Muirfield	3	3,898	\$ 114	2004	53	6	2
Enclave / Lacrosse	8	2,412	\$ 111	2005	50	4	1
Circle C Ranch Total	214	2,617	\$ 101	1998	69	73	63

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