



# CIRCLE C RANCH

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### President's Letter

### *Swim Center Issues Take Center Stage*

As neighborhood issues go, the **Circle C Swim Center** is one of those iconic topics always front and center to the people that care most about it. It's an aging facility with a limited use that (at least for the time being) serves as our only true amenity. Aside from providing a primary source of family recreation and physical fitness, the facility also functions as a centralized open space for meetings, birthday parties, summer movies, etc. That's a big load to carry – especially in a neighborhood where the number of homes has nearly doubled in the past five years.

Many are aware of the debate regarding the swim center and its history of use by outside tenants, most notably **Longhorn Aquatics**. At our August meeting, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to close the swim center this winter unless an agreement is reached with a tenant to help defray the operational costs. **The facility would close no earlier than November 1.** A special committee consisting of directors Ryan Garcia, Michelle Moran and Brendan McEntee recently organized two community **town hall meetings** to seek input from residents regarding use of the pool, possible tenants, pool management and the desire for additional recreational programs. It is hoped the input gathered from these meetings will assist us in moving forward in a manner that will best serve the greatest number of residents.

A primary issue on the front burner remains the future of our **baby pool**, which as many know was closed this year by the City of Austin for safety reasons. We have formed a special task force charged with taking ownership of this issue and moving the ball forward. The combination of directors and members of both the swim facility and amenities committees is already hard at work. The primary goal: **build and open a new baby pool** by the start of next summer's swim season. This is actually a very tall order, considering the substantial design, construction and permitting issues involved. However, I am convinced we can achieve this – as the board of directors and the community are firmly committed to meeting this goal.

In terms of pool management, additional changes are also in the making. Our contract with **Lifeguard for Hire** has expired and we are operating on an interim basis with the combined efforts of our association management staff and head guards. This is an arrangement put together by necessity without much lead time – and in my opinion

they are doing a great job so far, considering the circumstances. In the meantime, the board has already launched a wide scale search for a full time manager with the appropriate aquatics recreational training and experience with a daily on site presence and a strong commitment to customer service. The board is strongly committed to hiring a manager which possesses all of these qualities.

We also remain committed to the eventual construction of a **new pool facility**, to be located in Circle C West at the intersection of Spruce Canyon and La Crosse, but it is going to take some time before we see visible movement on this front. Our master planning firm completed a conceptual design for the facility this past spring (copies are available for review in the CCHOA office). Over the next several months we are going to refine the plan while focusing on other critical elements, such as clearing up our environmental and regulatory obligations with the city and attempting to secure the home builder generated amenities fund (which according to a recent estimate has surpassed the **\$750,000** mark and continues to grow). Only after these critical puzzle pieces are in place may we begin seriously considering timelines, budgets and funding mechanisms.

While August saw the long awaited opening of **Clayton Elementary** in Circle C West, September is a big month for the ongoing list of capital improvement projects at **Kiker Elementary**. The bulk of the \$2.4 million dollar project is going toward completing the desperately needed 8 classroom expansion. Work on the building has picked up steam in recent weeks – with major interior and exterior work in full swing. If enrollment projections for this year hold true, the approximately 12,500 sq. feet of new, permanent space is going to result in the elimination of at least seven temporary portables. While



*Kiker Expansion*

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Small Middle School .....	841.6700
Bowie High School.....	414.5247
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### President's Letter - (Continued from Page 1)

some question whether it is possible, AISD is officially sticking by a projected October completion date.

In other news, I'm glad to report the board of directors, along with CCHOA staff and contractors, held a **management retreat** on August 27. The primary focus was to improve our collective knowledge of operations and establish working relationships. A key in this process was agreeing on a list of both short and long-term **association priorities**. It is a desire to publish and regularly update the priorities list on the resident forum and in subsequent editions of this newsletter.

Surely, most have noted the continuing influx of businesses opening shop at the Escarpment Village Shopping Center. Some may not be aware a new

**playscape**, located between **Austin Scoops** and the planned **Waterloo Icehouse**, is now open to all. It's a moderately sized and attractively landscaped location sure to be a popular with younger children – especially after the adjacent restaurant site (with a large covered patio) is up and running.

One more item: A special note of thanks goes out to community volunteers **Bob and Melinda McKenna**. Their summer movie series at the pool was tremendously successful, encouraging hundreds of families to set out their blankets and lawn chairs on the green lawn and catch a film under the stars. The neighborhood would not be the same without the tremendous volunteer efforts of the McKenna's and others like them.

Best Regards,  
Ed Scruggs – CCHOA President



*New Playscape*

### Want to submit an article of interest?

If you would like to contribute to the HOA newsletter, please send your article to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info). The deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month (October's deadline will be September 12).



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## CCHOA Announcements

### CCHOA General Announcements

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom*

#### Deed Restriction Review

In September we will be continuing our drive of Circle C North and driving sections (3) three and (4) four (please see map). We are looking for inconsistent turf, consistent weeds over 6", dead or dying turf or vegetation, lack of maintenance on the exterior of your home, unauthorized vehicles such as boats, trailers and RV's just to name a few. We are required by Texas State Law to notify owners in writing via certified mail of a deed restriction violation. We also send correspondence via regular mail to ensure that you receive. If you receive a notice and have questions, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or via email at [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) to discuss. You can also view the deed restriction policy on the website at: <http://www.circlecranch.info/documents/AssociationDocuments/DeedRestrictions/CCHOA-DeedRestrictionPolicy2003.pdf>

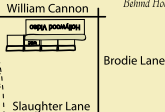


#### Deed Restrictions 2006

Letter Sent	July	YTD
1 <sup>st</sup> Letter	34	237
2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter	7	55
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## CCHOA General Announcements *Continued*

### **Escarpment/Slaughter Traffic Light**

You may have noticed a change in the traffic light at Escarpment and Slaughter with the recent opening of Escarpment Village. According to the City of Austin traffic signal division the light was changed on July 13<sup>th</sup> and is currently still under evaluation. There is a visibility concern for traffic heading west on Slaughter making the left onto Escarpment. For further information you can call 974-2000.

### **BFI Schedule Will Slide a Day for Labor Day**

Due to the Labor Day holiday Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> BFI will slide one day. So Monday schedule will slide to Tuesday, Tuesday schedule will slide to Wednesday and so forth. If you have any questions please contact BFI/Allied Waste at 247-5647.

### **Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park On Slaughter Creek**

We have had recent questions about the City park located off of Slaughter Lane. This park is operated under the City of Austin and all accommodations/reservations must be made through the Parks Department at 974-6797. We've also received several complaints about the park maintenance and those concerns can be reported to Parks Maintenance at 440-5150.

### **Trash Clippings Disposal**

Please be aware that it is against City ordinance to blow your grass clippings into a storm drain. We also ask that grass clippings not be blown into the street. Grass clippings should be swept up and thrown away.

### **Street Sign Missing?**

If you notice a street sign that is missing or damaged, you can report it to the HOA office at 288-8663. Please be sure to include the cross street and exact location.

### **Monthly Board Meetings Open to Residents**

The Circle C Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15pm at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (in the library). At the beginning of each meeting is a Homeowners Forum that residents can sign up for to address a concern. Speaking slots are 3 minutes each and you can sign up by calling the HOA office at 288-8663 or sending an email to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info)

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### **Circle C Landscape**

*Submitted by Susan Hoover*

We are looking forward to fall. In general, September remains a hot month for landscaping, and on the Circle C commons areas, we do our best to try to keep everything alive while conserving water. Most areas look parched this time of year, but the watering schedule is adjusted to keep the soil moist enough that any rainfall will be absorbed rather than run off a hard cracked soil, and all vegetation will flush out as soon as cooler and wetter weather returns. At the end of September, we enter a period where the St. Augustine grass is subject to brown patch. This is a seasonal disease and is a fungus. Preventative measures include fertilizing your St. Augustine minimally, watering deeply but less often, and watering in the morning rather than at night. The City of Austin encourages residential users to not water between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. due to high evaporation. If you get brown patch, one organic way to treat it is by applying 1 cup of milk dissolved in one gallon of water and spraying the areas about every 10 days for a few weeks.

As far as landscape plants, you will notice that with the exception of a few very hardy plants, flowering plants produce fewer blooms during the hot summer months. As soon as the temperature drops about 10 degrees and we have a few cooler nights, they pick right up.

September is a good month to dig beds and get ready for more planting. Container trees planted in the fall (usually after September 15) usually do great. Some of the flowering perennials you might want to consider adding to your landscape for fall blooming (tried and tested in Circle C) include the following:

Gold star Esparanza (Yellow Bells)

Firebush (red/orange flowers)

Lantana (all forms, including New Gold, trailing)

Purslane (many colors)

Two varieties of roses: Knock Out (reds) and Marie Daly (pinks) —both have been adapted to resist disease and take very little care)

Mexican Bush Sage (blue/purple spike flowers)

Blue Princess Verbena (shear off those blooms and you will get more)

Fall Aster (purple)

Salvias—these perennials come in many colors and do great in the fall

Skullcap (pink or white, small border plant)

Coral honeysuckle (vine like, will bloom in spring and fall)

So, happy fall gardening. Remember, put some good soil down and cover up with mulch when you are done, and you plants will be very happy.

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

### Get Us The Dawg-Gone-Outta-Here!!!

*Submitted by Diane Clayton*

On Saturday, September 9, 2006, at 10:00 am, the Bowie High School Band will be marching through the neighborhood, hoping to raise funds for the Grand National Bands of America Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. The trip will be in November and funds are needed to make this special opportunity a memorable trip for the students. This organization has worked hard to qualify for this event and it is a great honor to be invited to participate.

The march will begin at the intersection of South Bay Lane and Back Bay Lane. It will loop around to Rickerhill Lane, to Readville Lane and end at Pebble Garden Lane and South Bay Lane. Parents will be walking alongside of the band collecting donations. Cash or checks payable to the Bowie Band will be greatly appreciated.

Please come and hear the band play and support all of the hard work these amazing students are doing, as well as their directors and families. If you are unable to attend the march, please consider the option of mailing a donation to the school, 4103 West Slaughter Lane, Austin, Texas, 78749, attention to Band Department. Visit our website, [www.bowieband.org](http://www.bowieband.org)



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### Cycling 101- Does Your Bike Fit You?

*Paul Murphy, resident and member Circle C Ranch Cycling Club (CCRCC)*

If you just cannot seem to get comfortable on your bike, or realize some pain after riding, then a word or two about bike fit might be useful. (And if you haven't ridden in a while, cycling has probably changed somewhat from what you remember.) Every bicycle component is customizable, adjustable (and fashionable) and a poorly adjusted bike is not only uncomfortable but is the most frequent cause of cycling related back and knee pain and the most common reason for bikes collecting dust in the garage.

Cycling is a great way to get fit; it avoids the pounding of running which is attractive for many but it should be remembered that cycling is bio-mechanically demanding on the body whether you do 10 miles or 100. Even a leisurely family ride on Sunday afternoon for an hour will likely have you bending your knees 4000 times as you ride, so correct adjustment is important.

BEFORE buying a bike, you should be measured, then the appropriately sized bike for you can be fitted and adjusted to your body. In case you did not do that, or you find yourself the recipient of a bike, here is a quick tutorial on fitting your bike to you. This is geared toward adults and older children, is somewhat generic and many experienced riders will have variations on this theme. It in no way replaces having a bike shop fit you for your bike, but it is a

good home starter. I would strongly recommend having your bike professionally fitted; it is inexpensive, quick and can:

- reduce the stresses and strains experienced by the body
- perhaps make you faster and able to go further
- make cycling an all round better experience, and riding more enjoyable.

There are many bike shops around, almost all of them offer this service and I would be happy to recommend to readers a couple, should they ask.

However, back at home, start with your bike on level ground, have to hand:

- a spirit level, (long or short- see next item)
- a yard stick, small plank of wood or straight edge a couple of feet long (a long spirit level)
- a piece of string with a weight attached to it about 2' long (plumb line),
- appropriate allen keys and wrenches for your bike (typically these are metric sizes),
- some electrical tape and a marker pen.

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**Cycling 101 - (Continued from Page 8)**

### The seat of the issue the Saddle

#### **Seat Level**

First things first. The saddle should generally be level (check with a spirit level). A forward sloping a saddle will tend to push you off it, increasing the pressure on arms, shoulders and back. Too rearward sloping can be anatomically excruciating for men and women alike plus strain the lower back. How to choose a seat is a separate article however for now, unless you are racing, comfort is key.

#### **Seat Height**

With your **heels** on the pedals, seat height is just right when your legs are completely extended as the pedals reach the bottom of the pedal stroke. If your hips rock sideways, the seat is too high. If there is bend in the knees, then the seat is too low. With the seat at this height, you will have a slight bend in the knees when riding with the balls of the feet over the pedals (where they belong)- which should be the most comfortable, efficient and injury-free saddle height.

#### **Seat Fore and Aft**

To set the seat fore and aft (forwards and backwards), sit on the bike, bring the pedals level with the ground (one will be at the 3 and one at the 9 o'clock position). Have someone assist with the plumb line if you can. Holding the string at the bony bit of the knee just below the knee cap, let the plumb bob dangle. For most riders, the

plumb line from the knee should be directly over or slightly behind the **pedal axle**. If it is forward of the axle, loosen the seat clamp and slide the saddle back just a fraction of an inch; it is behind, then slide the saddle forward slightly (make sure you keep the saddle level when you clamp it back up). Then check the plumb line again to make sure the position is correct. Continue to adjust as necessary. Mark with the pen or the tape the positions of the clamps on the seat post and the saddle rails.

### Steering the Course

#### **Handlebar Height**

Many cyclists start off with a bar position that is about the same height or slightly higher than the saddle. More experienced riders, who are typically maintaining a faster pace and are generally more flexible, usually have their handlebars below the height of the seat. The lower the bars, the more aggressive and aerodynamic the position but if unused to this position, the greater the likelihood of back issues- so approach this with caution if you are new to or getting back into cycling.

An upright position can be comfortable but is very inefficient for cycling as about 70% of cycling effort is given to overcoming aerodynamic drag and an upright position will increase the surface area you present to the wind making pedaling more difficult and

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tiring. For less experienced riders, handlebars on a road or hybrid bike should be about level or slightly lower (less than an inch) than your saddle, on a mountain bike a little more- anything from level to two inches below. The greater your experience and fitness, the lower you can go (generally). As you become used to your chosen position, you can try lowering the bar slightly, by about a ¼ inch at a time.

To check the handlebar height, keeping your bike upright (lean it against a wall), place a long spirit level or long flat piece of wood on the seat such that the end of the wood or level reaches over the bars- check the level of it. You can then see how high the handlebars are in relationship to the seat height. Space for this article precludes instructions for adjustment so unless you know what you are doing, have a bike shop look at it and do any adjustments.

### **Handlebar Fore and Aft (Stem size)**

To check the position, sit on your bike, place your hands on the brake hoods, (the top of the brakes) and leave your arms in a natural, unlocked position, in this position, if you look to see the hub of the front wheel it should be obscured by the handlebars (you should not be able to see it). If you can see the front hub in this position, you will need a different stem. If your handlebar is too far forward, your back will be strained- a shorter stem is the remedy and can be a problem for women who often have shorter torsos than men. If your stem is

too short, your position will be upright (back to the wind resistance and aerodynamic drag again).

The above bike fitting guide is somewhat rough, but will serve as a good starting point to a more comfortable or efficient riding position resulting in a more enjoyable ride. The best solution would be to be professionally fitted, of course.

The next meeting of the CCRCC will be on Wednesday September 27 at 6:30 PM at the swimming pool, on the right near the baby pool.

Please feel free to email questions to [paul19may@hotmail.com](mailto:paul19may@hotmail.com) and join us at the Yahoo Group <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/CCRCC/>

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Cycling 101 - (Continued from Page 10)

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- Any medicines if you need them

##### On the bike/ in the seat bag

- Pump (and/ or CO2 cartridges)
- Puncture repair kit
- Tire levers
- A bike multi-tool
- You might take a spare inner tube also

Enjoy your rides, be safe, come and join Circle C Ranch Cycling Club.

### Oak Hill United Methodist Church News

Oak Hill United Methodist Church invites you to join us for an exciting, six-week exploration of the most important ethical choices we face daily, regarding money, sex and power. Based on the groundbreaking book by Richard J. Foster, the sermon series will uncover how the gospel message relates to these powerfully intertwined subjects. The series runs September 17 through October 22. Oak Hill United Methodist Church is located across from the ACC Pinnacle campus on Highway 290. Worship services are held Sundays at 9:30am and 11:15am.

Look for Oak Hill United Methodist Church members in your neighborhood. We'll be stopping by September 10 to invite you to join our church family as we worship and explore the ways in which God is moving in our lives and community.

For more information, please contact Rev. Valerie Sansing at 288-3836 or [vsansing@oakhillumc.org](mailto:vsansing@oakhillumc.org).

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## CCHOA Announcements *Continued*

### Park West Association News

Don't forget—we hope to see you at the Park West Fall Pot Luck BBQ: **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM!** Plan to bring beverages and meat (or other entrée) to grill for your family, and a dish to share pot-luck style. BBQ grills will be available; paper products will be provided by the HOA. Check the bulletin boards for additional details.

Some of our front yards still show brown areas that result from low watering. Grass, trees and bushes are all stressed this summer. Some residents are watering for only 7 minutes twice weekly—we suggest doubling or tripling that amount if the grass is to prosper and spread. We'd like to remind you please to continue to email your front yard comments and concerns to [parkwestlandscape@yahoo.com](mailto:parkwestlandscape@yahoo.com).

In July, one acre of common area behind our West postal center was cleared of dead trees and limbs, abandoned builders' materials, and other potential fuel in order to reduce the danger of fire. Before the maintenance work began, all residents living adjacent to the lot were contacted; we thank six of those neighbors for responding with their thoughts and suggestions. Two members of Park West HOA's Board of Directors worked at the site along with City of Austin representatives to insure environmental requirements were met and that no live trees were damaged.

The last two lots in our neighborhood are still under construction, with hopes to be complete by Christmas! Some delay has been experienced as we await City of Austin approval to remove what's left of the downed trees on one of the lots. These lots are odd-shaped and will result in different floor plans, however similar exterior materials are being used to insure the houses aesthetically complement the neighborhood.

The "Park West Greeter" program is up and running! As new people move into our neighborhood, one of these volunteer residents will personally greet them and provide information that will help them settle into their new homes. We also hope during these visits to gather information for our resident directory. Check the bulletin board for a list of new arrivals each month!

**Resident question of the month:** *How is my \$100 monthly Park West HOA dues payment used?* Approximate figures are:

\$70.00 Landscape maintenance for front yards and common areas

- 4.00 Fee to Goodwin Management for property management services
- .30 Office supplies and mailings
- 1.50 Utilities
- .50 Gates maintenance
- 1.75 Taxes and Insurance
- 21.95 Escrow and expenses for repair and maintenance of roads, gates, mail centers and common areas

\$100.00

### Kiker Elementary's PTA Gift Wrap Sale

*Submitted by Karen Syzdek*

Kiker's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will hold its annual gift wrap sale October 2-13, 2006. This year's sale features high quality products by Sally Foster. Items include festive gift wrap and accessories, creative gifts for the home, and delicious edibles. Packets will be sent home with Kiker students on September 29th. Brochures, samples, and order forms will be in Kiker's front office for the general public beginning October 2nd. Kiker PTA receives 55% of all orders placed between October 2nd & 13th. You may also purchase product online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) beginning now through December. Please be sure to enter Kiker's code - 288067.

### Circle C Area Business Owners and Marketing Professionals – Grow your Business by Referral!

*Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident*

Hey friends and neighbors, do you know a reliable and trust worthy professional who places their customer's needs first? A professional who really goes the extra mile for his/her clients? A business owner you know, like and trust? If so, let them know about The Live Oak Network @ Circle C.

We are professional networking organization that offers our members the opportunity to share ideas, contacts and most importantly referrals.

Last year, The Circle C area BNI chapter (The Live Oak Network) was rated #1 in referrals generated, and we're widely known as the most enthusiastic group in the city!

The Live Oak Network is a non-competitive referral organization that admits one quality individual or company per professional category – therefore, we need your help to find the "best of the best" in Circle C and SW Austin!

Interested in learning more about us or how to build your business by referral? Feel free to visit, we meet each Wednesday morning, and there is no obligation to join.

The Live Oak Network

Every Wednesday - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch

7401 Highway 45, Austin, Texas 78739

The \$10.00 meeting fee is tax deductible and includes a healthy breakfast.

Bring at least 35 business cards to hand out to our members. For more information email [Bob@AustinReps.com](mailto:Bob@AustinReps.com), or call 288-8088.

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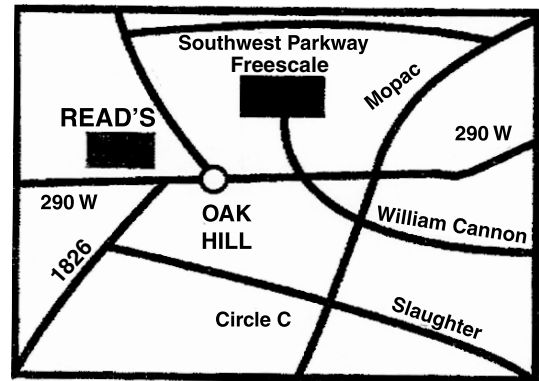
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Saturday 7:00am to 10:00am

#### *Recreational Swim*

Mon – Thu 4:00pm to 8:00pm  
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Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm  
Sunday 1:00pm to 7:00pm

### Circle C Cafe & Catering

[www.circleccatering.com](http://www.circleccatering.com); 288-6058 Pool Cafe

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## Circle C Amenities *Continued*

### 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. At this present time, there is neither Initiation Fees nor contracts for a period of time. Types of Membership available are: Family, Single Adult, Senior Family, Senior Single and Junior. 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.

**Fall Tennis Programs** - The Circle C Tennis Club will be offering lessons for adults and juniors of all ages and abilities during the Fall months. Lessons are taught by Fernando Velasco, Darin Pleasant, Beverly Bowes-Hackney, Mandon Maloney, Joanna Suskic, Brent Smiga, and Danny Rodriguez.

#### Fall Schedule

##### Juniors

- Pee Wee for ages 3-5 (half-hour sessions) - Monday and Wednesday 4:00-4:30 pm

- Pee Wee for ages 3-5 (one-hour sessions) - Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 6-8: - Monday and Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 9-11: - Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 12-15: - Mon. and Wed., 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Pre-Advanced Tournament Players I (By Invitation Only) – Tue/Thu, 5:30pm-7pm
- Pre-Advanced Tournament Players II (By Invitation Only)- Mon/Wed 5:30pm-7pm
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##### Adults Beginners

- Monday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Co-ed)
- Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30 am (Ladies)
- Friday, 10:00 – 11:00 am (Ladies)
- Saturday, 11:30 – 12:30 pm (Co-Ed)

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## Circle C Amenities *Continued*

### September Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

*Submitted by Saralee Tiede*

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#### Labor Day Sale at the Store -

Saturday through Monday, September 2, 3 and 4

#### Fall Lecture Series

- The Buzz About Bees. Bee Biology with John Neff, Ph.D. 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 29
- Austin Museum Day 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 10 Free Admission Women In Science program. Seed planting demonstrations.
- Dies y Siez at the Store - Taste our jalapeno jelly and salsas Saturday, September 16
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## Circle C Amenities *Continued*

### The Golf Club at Circle C

*Submitted by Denise Fisher*

#### *NEWS From the TOP - A message from Chip Gist*

These are exciting times at The Golf Club at Circle C! We are happy to announce that the irrigation renovation is finally complete. You'll start to see the golf course maintenance team buttoning up all the loose ends on the course over the next few weeks. You'll also be happy to know that we're working on getting the course properly marked now that the new sprinkler heads are in place. We appreciate the patient support of all our members and guests throughout this project and we look forward to providing a superior golf product for you!

Speaking of a better golf product we have converted our tee time intervals from 8 minutes to 10 minutes to enhance the overall golf experience. This should make your round more enjoyable and ensure a good pace of play everyday!

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these FUN EVENTS**

Labor Day Celebration & Blues Crawlers Concert

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-10:30pm

End the summer with a blast and put your dancing shoes on for a rockin' family concert featuring the Blues Crawlers, minimal cover fee.

#### **Live Music & Family Dining - Every Friday Night, 6-9pm**

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September 1<sup>st</sup> Blues Crawlers

September 8<sup>th</sup> Richard Wetzel

September 15<sup>th</sup> Duck Soup

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#### **Men's League - Wednesdays, 6pm**

Play competitive events, network with fellow golf nuts and ensure the future of the great game of golf. Your first visit is free, so come on out and see what all the talk is about! Call the Pro Shop for more information at 288.4297.

#### **Executive Women's Golf Association - Tuesdays, 5:30pm**

The mission of EWGA is to promote and foster a spirit of acceptance, dignity and respect of career-oriented women golfers. For more information or to register, call the EWGA Hotline at (512) 707-4402 or go to [www.ewga-austin.com](http://www.ewga-austin.com).

#### **Armadillo Golf Players - Next League starts Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### ***What are the rules on trash can and recycle bin storage?***

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions states that trash containers and recycle bins may be outside a maximum of two times each week for 12 hours. Trash cans and bins are to be stored in an area not visible from the street at all other times.

### ***Are basketball goals allowed in Circle C?***

Permanently installed goals must go through the Architectural Control Committee process for approval. City of Austin code states that only motorized vehicles are allowed to be parked on public streets and all public right-of-way (10 feet back from curb) must remain clear and open for pedestrians.

### ***Are cars allowed to be parked on the street?***

The CCHOA does not have jurisdiction over the streets in Circle C; they are the responsibility of the City of Austin. Non-operating vehicles may not be parked or left on public streets for more than 72 hours. Please call 974-8119 to report an abandoned or obviously disabled vehicle.

### ***What should I do about barking dogs and stray animals?***

Stray Animals may be picked up by animal control by calling 311. The City of Austin states it is unlawful for dogs to make frequent noise disturbing to persons in the neighborhood and violations should be reported to the City. You may also call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 with specific date and time for excessive barking. The staff will send a cooperative letter to the homeowner.

### ***How do I report a street light outage?***

Every light pole has an assigned number mounted on the pole. Jot down the number and call the City of Austin at 505-7617.

### ***Are boats, trailers and recreational vehicles allowed in Circle C?***

The Deed Restrictions require that any vehicle or trailer other than a conventional automobile be stored, placed or parked in an area concealed from view of other Homeowners. In addition the City of Austin does not allow non-conventional vehicles to be parked in the street and violators can be reported by calling 311.

### ***What are the rules on maintenance?***

Homes are to be kept in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Lawns and garden areas should be kept alive, free of weeds and attractive. Lawn mowing is required on a regular basis. Trees and shrubs are to be pruned. Litter, trash, dead vegetation and debris should be promptly removed.

### ***Do I have to submit plans for improvements and/or additions to my home?***

All improvements such as decks, patio covers, pools, playscapes, change in fencing or any other permanent structure must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. You may download an application form as well as a fee schedule on our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) under the "ACC" quick link section.

### ***What are the rules in Circle C on walking with your dog off leash and what about picking up after your dog?***

Both of these issues fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Austin. It is against CoA ordinance to have a dog off leash except on your private property. It is also a requirement by the City that dog owners pick up and properly dispose of their dog's feces. In this regard, we recommend dog walkers carry a plastic grocery bag or newspaper sleeve. Slide it on like a glove, pick up the offensive matter, pull the bag back over your hand, knot it and throw it in your trashcan when you return home. Please keep our landscaped commons areas beautiful and clean for the enjoyment of all.

### ***What do I need to visit the Swim Center?***

Currently you will need to give your name and address at the front desk for admittance. The Association is working on a more permanent resident verification system, but in the meantime your name and address will be checked to be sure the association dues have been paid. Guests may accompany you to the swim center (one guest per resident) for a fee of \$2 per person, per visit.

### ***Are door to door solicitors and door flyers allowed in Circle C?***

Both of these issues are governed by the City of Austin. By City ordinance, solicitors must abide by "No Soliciting" signs on private property. It is our suggestion that you place a small "No Soliciting" sign near your doorbell and/or a small staked sign near your front porch.

### ***Why do the sprinklers go off in the rain in some of the open fields in Circle C Ranch?***

The City of Austin has a re-irrigation program and after it rains the sprinklers re-circulate this water through the sprinkler system which is why you see the sprinklers turned on after a rain. This is recycled water.

### ***How do I report a violation of the Deed Restrictions?***

To report a violation of the deed restrictions you can either send an email ([info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info)) or call the HOA office at 288-8663. You MUST have the specific address and violation when reporting.

### ***Who is responsible for replacing the fence between neighbors?***

The HOA does not regulate whose responsibility it is for replacing shared fencing between neighbors. However, the common rule of thumb is to split the cost of the fence 50/50. Any changes in size, color or materials should go through the Architectural Control Committee.

### ***Who should I report traffic light timing and malfunctions to?***

The City of Austin is responsible for all traffic lights within Circle C Ranch. Malfunctions or problems with timing should be reported to 974-2000.

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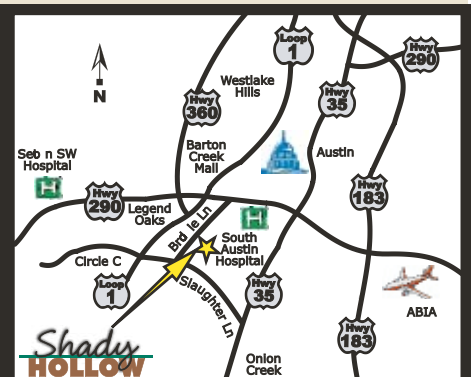
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## 50 Ways to Save Water

(article provided by Austin Water Utility WaterWise Newsletter)

Whether you're in an older home or a brand-new one, you can still save water. Most of these suggestions cost little or nothing, and don't require a major lifestyle shift — just a little change in your normal routine.

1. Replace older toilets with low-flow models to save up to 50%. You could qualify for a \$100 rebate.
2. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering. Be sure only to water plants when necessary. If you use more than 25,000 gallons per month during the summer, get a free irrigation system evaluation by calling 974-2199.
3. Install FREE water-saving showerheads that use 2.5 gallons per minute or less.
4. Report water waste from malfunctioning irrigation systems — call 974-2199.
5. Use a grease pencil to mark the water level of your pool at the skimmer. Check the mark 24 hours later. Your pool should lose no more than 1/4 inch each day.
6. Make your next clothes washer a water-saver, and get up to \$100 in rebates.
7. Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops of water and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
8. When washing dishes by hand, use a sink full of soapy water — don't let the water run.
9. Water lawns during the early morning when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This reduces evaporation and waste.
10. Place an empty tuna can on your lawn to catch and measure the water output of your sprinklers.
11. Scrape food from your plates instead of rinsing. Newer dishwashers and detergents get dishes just as clean without the need to pre-rinse.
12. Hand-water with a hose where possible. Homeowners who water with a handheld hose can use one-third less water outdoors than those who use automatic sprinklers.
13. Cook food in as little water as possible. This will also retain more of the nutrients.
14. Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of load you are using.
15. Fix toilet leaks. Plumbing leaks as a whole account for 14 percent of water consumed in the home, according to a study sponsored by the American Water Works Association.
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## 50 Ways to Save Water - (Continued from page 20)

17. Buy a rain gauge to track how much rain or irrigation your yard receives.
18. Fill your pool a few inches lower than usual.
19. Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.
20. Chill drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water is cold
21. Clean your driveway or sidewalk with a broom, not a hose.
22. Purchase a rainbarrel to capture rainwater for use on your landscape. Or, consider installing a larger rainwater harvesting system. With City rebates, larger systems can pay for themselves in less than five years.
23. Choose drought-tolerant plants when landscaping, and group plants with similar water needs together (hydrozoning).
24. Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
25. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
26. Position sprinklers so they're not watering driveways and walkways.
27. Make sure you know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save gallons of water and damage to your home if a pipe were to burst.
28. Fix leaky faucets. A steady faucet drip can waste 20 gallons of water a day.
29. Adjust your lawnmower to cut grass to a height of 3 inches or more. Taller grass encourages deeper roots and shades the soil to reduce moisture loss.
30. Encourage your employer to promote water conservation in the workplace. Call 974-2199 for commercial and industrial water-saving programs and incentives.
31. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
32. Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.
33. Start a compost pile or scrape food into the trash instead of running your garbage disposal, which requires a lot of water to work properly.
34. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
35. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for use on plants.
36. Don't install or use fountains or other water ornaments unless they use recycled water.
37. Avoid overseeding your lawn with winter grass. Once established, ryegrass needs water every three to five days, whereas dormant Bermuda grass needs water only once a month.

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## 50 Ways to Save Water - (Continued from page 21)

38. Stick to the 5-Day watering schedule during the summer, and turn off your irrigation system in winter.
39. Wash vegetables and fruits in a bowl or basin using a vegetable brush; don't let the water run.
40. Use a timer on hose-end sprinklers to avoid overwatering. If you're an Austin Water customer, call 974-2199 for details on getting your free hose timer.
41. When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
42. Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.
43. Take a 5 minute shower or a 6-inch-deep bath.
44. If you own a pool, use a cover to reduce evaporation.
45. While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.
46. Aerate your lawn. Punch holes in your lawn about six inches apart so water will reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
47. Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
48. Turn the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair and you can save more than 50 gallons a week.
49. Support projects that will lead to an increased use of reclaimed waste water for irrigation and other uses.
50. Get involved in water management issues. Voice your questions and concerns at public meetings conducted by your local government or water management district.

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## PARENTS, EAT YOUR WORDS!

Are you pleased with your progress toward healthful nutrition and fitness habits but frustrated with your children's? Do you suspect that the lunches you send to school are traded or thrown away? Do you shudder at the sight of your pantry shelves displaying high-fat snacks and sugary cereals that you vowed you would never buy? Can you really win the battle against advertising, peer pressure and kids' love affairs with sugar and fat?

### THE BAD NEWS AND THE GOOD NEWS

Kids today are fatter and less fit than previous generations. Between the mid-1960s and the late 1970s, obesity increased 54 percent among young children (ages six to 11) and 39 percent among adolescents (ages 12 to 17). Recent studies show that obesity has continued to increase into the '90s.

Food companies spend millions of dollars on television advertising to convince children that high-fat, high-sugar, processed foods are worth eating. Food is consumed because it's cool, fun or comes with a free toy rather than for its impact on health or even for its taste!

So what's a parent to do? Eat your words! The fact is that parents who have adopted a lifestyle that includes healthful foods and regular exercise are living role models for their children. We know that the behaviors children see most often at home are the ones they will be most likely to adopt for themselves and parents' efforts to promote healthy food habits do make a difference.

The first step is to stop battling with your kids about food. You may need to slow the rate of change in your children's food choices and offer reasonable alternatives as you gradually reduce those high-fat, high-sugar foods. Be sure to include some of their favorite foods in daily meals.

### STACK THE DECK

Family Goal Chart				
Mom Dad Billy Sally				
Exercise				
M	★	★	★	★
T			★	★
W	★	★	★	★
T		★		★
F	★		★	
S	★	★	★	★
S				
Good Food				
M	★	★	★	★
T	★	★		
W	★	★	★	★
T			★	★
F	★		★	
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Much of nutrition is common sense. For instance, stock the kitchen with a majority of healthy items, keeping in mind that kids want some of their favorite foods, which may be sweet and/or salty. Buy pretzels, which are low in fat, instead of greasy chips. Keep cut-up vegetables and ready-to-eat mini-carrots in the refrigerator. Sprinkle air-popped popcorn with grated parmesan cheese instead of butter.

A good way to get kids involved and committed to healthy eating habits is to involve them with the food shopping and preparation. There are lots of children's cookbooks on the market; select one that emphasizes ways to modify many favorite foods rather than eliminate them. Children who feel competent to select and prepare food will make more intelligent food choices.

### BALANCE IS EVERYTHING

The key to keeping kids happy and healthy is to strike a balance between foods that are good for you and those that just taste good, between leisure or TV time and physical activity.

Which brings us to the other side of the healthy living equation. The most obvious impact of inactivity on kids is the strong association between the number of hours spent watching TV and the level of obesity among youngsters.

Make physical activity a family affair. Go for walks, fly kites, rollerblade around the neighborhood, play miniature golf or other sports. Anything that gets you moving together will no doubt be good for you, too.



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## Texas Events - September

1—AUSTIN: Austin Symphony Season Premiere: Joshua Bell, Violin Bass Concert Hall. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org) 512/476-6064

1-2—BRADY: World Championship Barbecue Goat Cook-Off 150 cooking teams compete in the cook-off and other competitions. Includes arts & crafts fair, tug-of-war, 5-K run, street dance and more. Richards Park. E-mail: [chamber@bradytx.us](mailto:chamber@bradytx.us) • [www.bradytx.com](http://www.bradytx.com) 325/597-3491

1-3—BANDERA: Celebrate Bandera Includes a cattle drive and parade on Saturday, plus arts & crafts, historical re-enactments, Indian powwow and more. On Sunday, enjoy a cowboy church and arts & crafts show. National Professional Bull Riding occurs Saturday and Sunday evenings. Downtown Bandera. [www.celebratebandera.com](http://www.celebratebandera.com) 800/364-3833

1-3—BOERNE: 101st Annual Kendall County Fair Includes parade, queen contest, rodeo, live entertainment, carnival, arts & crafts, and more. Kendall County Fairgrounds. [www.kcfa.org](http://www.kcfa.org) 830/537-5315

1-3—KERRVILLE: Wine & Music Festival Celebrates national songwriters and Texas wineries. Quiet Valley Ranch, Hwy. 16 S. [www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com](http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com) 830/257-3600

1-4—LUCKENBACH: Labor Day Weekend Celebration [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 888/311-8990

1-4—ROCKSPRINGS: Camp Eagle Classic Mountain Bike Festival Includes rock climbing, kids events and races. Super D Mountain Bike Event, Texas Fall Cup Mountain Bike Cross Country Series and more.

Camp Eagle. [www.tmbra.org](http://www.tmbra.org) 830/896-6864

1-10—AUSTIN: *It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True!* The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. [www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com) 512/936-8746

1-24—KERRVILLE: Photo Quest 2006 — Kerr Arts & Cultural Center This is the annual Camera Club show and sale. 228 Earl Garrett. [www.kackkerrville.com](http://www.kackkerrville.com) 830/895-2911

1-30—NEW BRAUNFELS: Photography & Three-Dimensional Art Show Features strong color and black-and-white photography, plus exciting works of sculpture and pottery. New Braunfels Art League Gallery. [www.newbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.newbraunfelsartleague.com) 830/629-8022

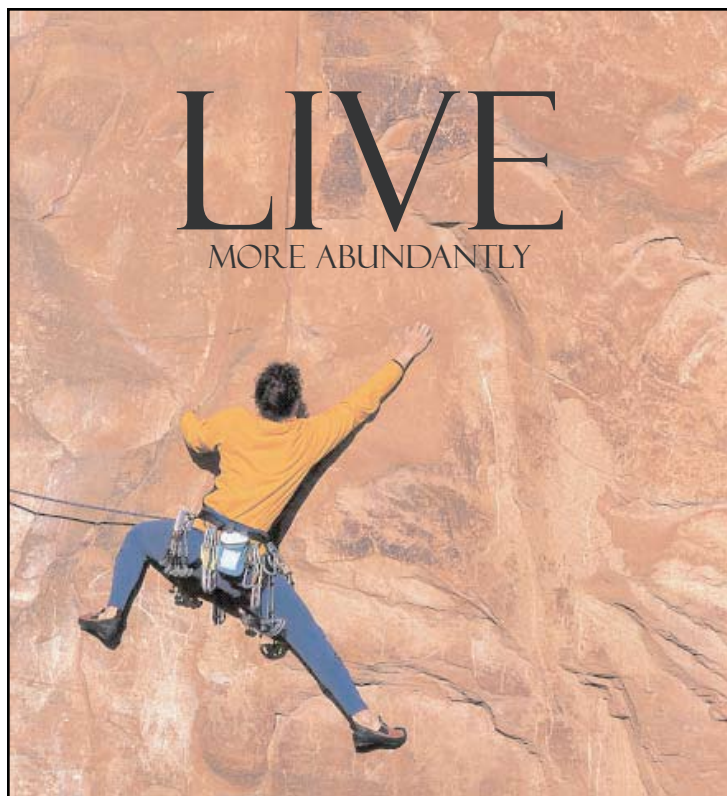
1-Oct. 15—KERRVILLE: *Window on the West — Views from the American Frontier — The Phelan Collection* Museum of Western Art. [www.museumofwesternart.org](http://www.museumofwesternart.org) 830/896-2553

1-Oct. 15—NEW BRAUNFELS: Art Stein Parade Features 40 4-foot tall decorated steins. Map available. Art Stein Auction & Gala is 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26. [www.newbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.newbraunfelsartleague.com) 830/629-8022

1-Nov. 15—AUSTIN: *Big Bugs* Learn the roles of these intriguing "little" creatures through activities, special events, guided tours and gardening classes. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) 512/292-4200


2—FREDERICKSBURG: Fourth Annual Jelly Jamboree Includes a recipe contest, live music, art & craft vendors, poetry reading and

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contests, free children's face painting, cooking demonstrations, picnic and more. Das Peachhaus. [www.jelly.com](http://www.jelly.com) 803/997-7194

2—KERRVILLE: Rio Triathlon Includes 800-meter swim, 20-mile bike race and 5-K run. Kerrville Schreiner Park, Hwy. 173. [www.rogersoler.com](http://www.rogersoler.com) 210/366-3701

2—STONEWALL: Cotton Ginning A 1900s Crop Learn about cotton gins and products made from cotton. Interpreters, dressed in period costumes, tell of days gone by. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park. 830/644-2252

2-3—AUSTIN: BatFest Includes more than 150 art, crafts and food booths, as well as music performances, bat education displays and bat watching. Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez Street. [www.roadwayevents.com](http://www.roadwayevents.com) 512/441-9015

2-3—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. [www.cwgs.com](http://www.cwgs.com) 512/441-2828

2-3—FREDERICKSBURG: Fritz Fest Includes live musical entertainment and concessionaires. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. Enjoy music by Jon Dee Grahow and Omar and the Howlers on Saturday and The Copy Cat Trio and Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88s on Sunday. Marktplatz. [www.fritzfest.com](http://www.fritzfest.com) 830/997-6982

2-3—STONEWALL: Grape Stomp Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Becker Vineyards. [www.beckervineyards.com](http://www.beckervineyards.com) 830/644-2681

2-3, 16-17—PFLUGERVILLE: "Another Man's Treasure" Flea Market Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. U-Haul Facility, 1617 Three Points Road

& Vision. 512/636-2466

4—TAYLOR: Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. 512/365-2380

8—AUSTIN: Funk Brothers One World Theatre. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

8—AUSTIN: UT Performing Arts Center's 25th Anniversary Season Kicks off with the Salvage Vanguard Theater's tour of *Intergalactic Nemesis*. The show mixes sci-fi, live sound effects, audience participation and great characters. [www.utpac.org](http://www.utpac.org) 512/471-1444

8-9—LUCKENBACH: Tex-Americana Fandango [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 888/311-8990

8-10—BANDERA: Gathering of Friends Bring your own horses and join in the ride. State Natural Area. E-mail: [bandera@hctc.net](mailto:bandera@hctc.net) • [www.hcsnap.org](http://www.hcsnap.org) 800/364-3833, 830/393-7037 or 830/796-4413

9—AUSTIN: Annual Iris Sale Includes a huge selection of prize-winning specimens in Spuria, Bearded and Louisiana varieties. Begins at 9 a.m. Zilker Park Botanical Garden Auditorium. [www.irisarian.com](http://www.irisarian.com) 512/327-0401

9—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Concert under the stars features Alamo City Jazz Band, with New Orleans-style jazz. Cibolo Nature Center. 830/537-9184

9—BURNET: Bluegrass in the Park Begins at 7:30 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

9—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Features arts & crafts, plants and food booths from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Houston Square on Angelo Street.

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9—CASTROVILLE: Volksmarch Regional Park. [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) 830/538-3142

9—KERRVILLE: Second Saturday Art Trail Thirteen art galleries in Kerrville and Ingram present special exhibits and receptions. [www.artinthehills.com](http://www.artinthehills.com) 830/895-5184

9—LLANO: Llano County Opry: Jody Nix & Tx Cowboys 325/247-5354

9-10—BOERNE: Market Days Shop arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and food booths. Main Plaza. [www.mainstreetboerne.com](http://www.mainstreetboerne.com) 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193

9-10—GRUENE: Texas Metal Arts — A Festival at Gruene Includes demonstrations, exhibitions, fine jewelry, decorative art pieces, sculpture, funky garden pieces and functional objects. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gruene Historic District. [www.texasmetalarts.com](http://www.texasmetalarts.com) 903/852-3311 or 830/629-5077

9-10—KERRVILLE: Texas Gun & Knife Show Youth Exhibit Center, Hwy. 27 E. [www.texasgunandknifeshows.com](http://www.texasgunandknifeshows.com) 830/257-5844

9, 16, 23, 30—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main Features cowboy entertainment from 1 to 4 p.m. Main Street Bandera. [www.frontiertimesmuseum.com](http://www.frontiertimesmuseum.com) 800/364-3833

9, 23—BURNET: Concert Series — Longhorn Cavern Includes just the musician, instrument and the acoustics of the cavern. Longhorn Cavern. 877/441-CAVE or 512/756-4680

10—AUSTIN: Lake Travis Underwater Cleanup Join the biggest

scuba and shoreline cleanup in Texas. [www.keepeaustinbeautiful.org](http://www.keepeaustinbeautiful.org) 512/391-0617

10—FREDERICKSBURG: Bed & Breakfast and Cuisine Tour Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. E-mail: [dmittel@kfc.com](mailto:dmittel@kfc.com) • [www.fredericksburgarealodging.com](http://www.fredericksburgarealodging.com) 830/997-5612

10—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Gruene Hall. [www.gruenehall.com](http://www.gruenehall.com) 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

14-24—KERRVILLE: *Winnie the Pooh* — Playhouse 2000 Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. [www.caillouxtheater.com](http://www.caillouxtheater.com) 830/896-9393

14-30—INGRAM: *Streetcar Named Desire* The Point Outdoor Theater, Hwy. 39. [www.hcaf.com](http://www.hcaf.com) 830/367-5121

15-17—AUSTIN: *Austin City Limits* Music Festival Features more than 130 musical performances offering fans a mix of rock, gospel, bluegrass, hip-hop and other genres. Includes a crafts market, local food vendors and more. Zilker Park. [www.aclfestival.com](http://www.aclfestival.com) 877/337-8225

15-17—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. [www.fbtradedays.com](http://www.fbtradedays.com) 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

15-Oct. 7—NEW BRAUNFELS: *Comical Drama: Lake Effect* This is the finale in the trilogy about the Pazinskis — this time snowbound in the family bar during the blizzard of 1977. Circle Arts Theatre. 830/609-3092

16—BLANCO: Blanco Cemetery Sesquicentennial Celebration Day At 10 a.m. markers for four Texas Rangers will be unveiled. Guided  
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16—BLANCO: Market Day [www.historicblanco.org](http://www.historicblanco.org) 830/833-2211

16—BURNET: Texas Indian Hobbyist Powwow Includes authentic Indian attire, Indian dancing, vendors and more. Galloway-Hammond Recreation Center. [www.burnetchamber.org](http://www.burnetchamber.org) 512/756-6180

16—BURNET: Tri-Hard Triathlon Inks Lake State Park. E-mail: cgazette@tstar.net 512/756-6640

16—MOUNTAIN HOME: Y.O. Social Club Includes music, dancing and food. Hwy. 41. [www.yoranch.com](http://www.yoranch.com) 830/640-3222

16—SAN MARCOS: Junior Texas Water Safari This 16-mile water adventure begins at City Park and ends in Staples. Offers an exhilarating opportunity for avid, young canoeists and kayakers. [www.sanmarcoscharms.com](http://www.sanmarcoscharms.com) 888/200-5620

16—TAYLOR: Diez y Seis Includes softball and soccer tournament, talent show, color guard, breakfast and bingo. 1323 Welch St. 512/365-7139

16-17—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.gruenemarketdays.com](http://www.gruenemarketdays.com) 830/832-1721

16-17—HONDO: Medina County Fair Includes a cowboy breakfast, parade, vendors, arts & crafts, animal exhibits and prospect show. Medina County Fairgrounds. E-mail: [hondochamber@ev1.net](mailto:hondochamber@ev1.net) 830/426-5406

17—MASON: Fifth Annual Historical Symposium Begins at 1:30 p.m.

Mason High School Auditorium. 325/347-5446

17-Jan. 17—AUSTIN: Luca Cambiaso Blanton Museum of Art. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org) 512/471-7324

20—NEW BRAUNFELS: Comal Country Music Show New Braunfels Civic Center. E-mail: [nbcc@nbcham.org](mailto:nbcc@nbcham.org) 830/629-4547

22—AUSTIN: Kramer on Seinfeld A hilarious romp through the world of Seinfeld as told by the person who inspired the popular Kramer character. One World Theatre. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

22-23—TAYLOR: SPJST Sixth Annual BBQ Cook-Off 512/864-9183

22-24—FREDERICKSBURG: Renewable Energy Roundup & Green Living Fair Consists of exhibits, lectures and demonstrations on renewable energy, organic growing, green building and more. Market Square. [www.theroundup.org](http://www.theroundup.org) 512/326-3391

23—AUSTIN: Magikhana featuring Arsene Dupin — Kids Series Dupin delights the entire family with mime, magic, juggling, clowning and more. One World Theatre. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

23—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Saturday Night: American Music in the Texas Series of live Roots music concerts. The Pioneer Museum. [www.pioneermuseum.com](http://www.pioneermuseum.com) 830/997-2835

23—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Days Kerr County Courthouse Square. [www.kerrmarketdays.org](http://www.kerrmarketdays.org) 830/895-7962

23—LAKEHILLS: 26th Annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival Lakehills

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Civic Center. [www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com](http://www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com) 830/751-3130 or 800/364-3833

23-24—AUSTIN: *Not Afraid of the Dark — The Show that Glows* Paramount Theatre. [www.balletaustin.org](http://www.balletaustin.org) 512/476-2163

23-24—JOHNSON CITY: Arts Encounters The Benini Foundation. [www.artscountersatbeninis.com](http://www.artscountersatbeninis.com)

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23-24—ROUND ROCK: A Sami Arts & Crafts Show Dell Diamond. [www.samishow.com](http://www.samishow.com) 512/441-7133

23-Nov. 26—HONDO: South Texas Maize Includes cornfield maze, children's play area, fresh cut flowers, vegetables, food and more. Three miles east of Hondo on Hwy. 90. [www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com) 830/741-3968

24—MARBLE FALLS: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Fall Festival Parish Activity Center. 830/693-5134

24-30—FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Woodcarvers Guild Fall Roundup & Show Includes four days of lessons and a two-day show. Gillespie County Fairgrounds. [www.texaswoodcarversguild.com](http://www.texaswoodcarversguild.com) 432/563-2517

26—AUSTIN: *Laughter & Reflection with Carol Burnett: A Conversation with Carol where the Audience Asks the Questions* Begins at 8 p.m. Bass Concert Hall. [www.utpac.org](http://www.utpac.org) 512/477-6060

26—MASON: Country Opry Features Justin Trevino. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theater. [www.hillbillyhits.com](http://www.hillbillyhits.com) 325/597-2119

27-30—AUSTIN: The Amateur Golf Classic 2006 Played on different courses using the Stableford scoring system. [www.hillcountryamateurgolf.com](http://www.hillcountryamateurgolf.com) 877/676-9449

28-Oct. 22—KERRVILLE: Kerrville Art Club Show & Sale Features works of art in all mediums. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center. [www.kackckerrville.com](http://www.kackckerrville.com) 830/895-2911

28-Nov. 18—LAMPASAS: *Herb Rather: Master Watercolorist* Fourth Street Gallery, 508 E. Fourth St. [www.fourthstreetgallery.com](http://www.fourthstreetgallery.com) 512/556-6997

29—AUSTIN: Little River Band One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

29-Oct. 1—CONCAN: Fall Fly Fishing Fest Fly fishing experts teach casting, tying and how to read the rivers for successful fishing. Hosted by the Texas River Region, House Pasture Cattle Company and Oasis Outback. [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com) 800/210-0380

29-Oct. 1—MONTELL: Dutch Oven Statewide Big Dog & Paddlefest 2006 Learn about Dutch oven cookery, share recipes and enjoy the river. Includes instructional programs and demonstrations of paddlesports and equipment. Hosted by the Texas River Region and Bare Pots Chapter of the Lonestar Dutch Oven Society. Chalk Bluff Park. [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com) 800/210-0380

29-Oct. 2—CONCAN: Fall Nature Quest Features birding, butterflies, dragonflies, wildflowers, native plants, champion trees, river ecology,

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29-Oct. 7—AUSTIN: Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival Includes more than 50 films. Arbor Theatre. [www.agliff.org](http://www.agliff.org) 512/302-9889

30—BULVERDE: Taste of the Hills — A Night in Hollywood Includes food, wine and beer tasting, live band and more. Clyde Johnson Ranch. [www.bulverdechamber.com](http://www.bulverdechamber.com) 830/438-4285 or 866/285-8373

30-Oct. 1—AUSTIN: 25th Anniversary of the Old Pecan Street Fall Festival Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively street fair. East Sixth Street. [www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com](http://www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com) 512/443-6179

30-Oct. 1—ROUND ROCK: Texas All British Car Day Open to all British Marques. Rally leaves from Springhill Suites on Saturday. Car show is Sunday at Old Settlers Park. [www.txabcd.org](http://www.txabcd.org) 512/834-0579

30-Oct. 1—UVALDE: Sage Brush Sal Melodrama Uvalde County Sesquicentennial event includes chuck-wagon dinner on opening night. E-mail: [uaacoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uaacoffice@sbcglobal.net) • [www.uvaldeaac.org](http://www.uvaldeaac.org) 830/278-9571

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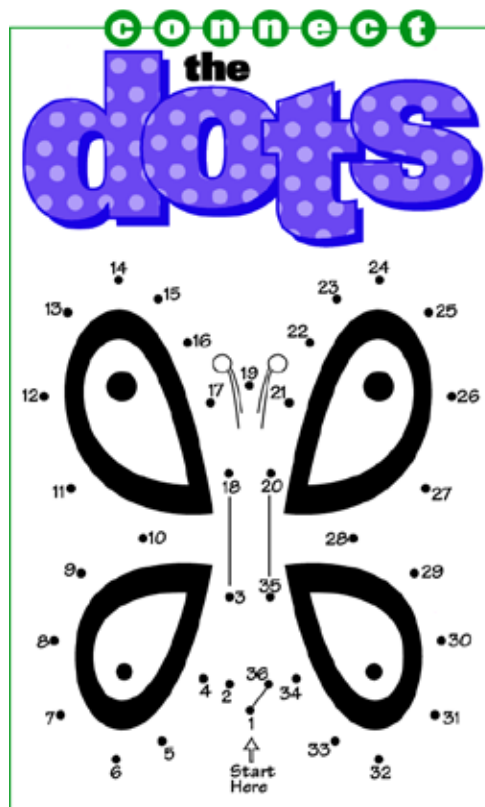
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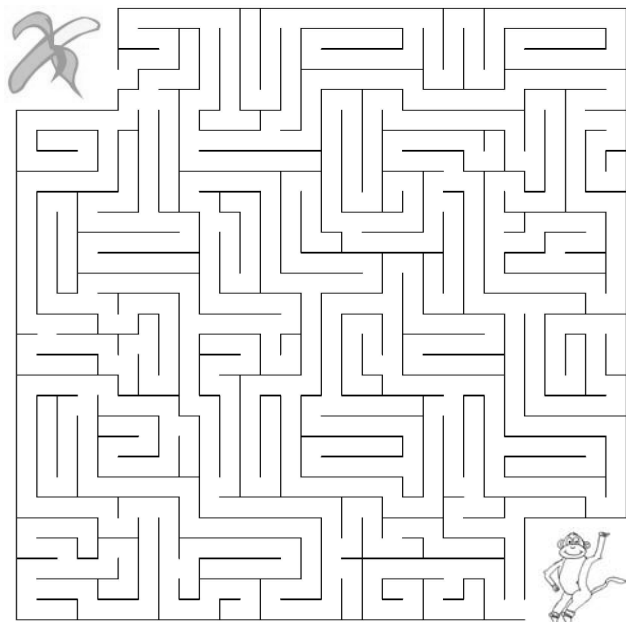
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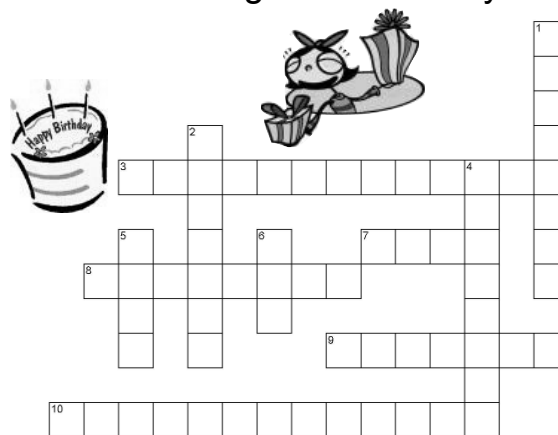
Help Billy find his food!



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## Kidz Crossword Puzzle

Hint: 10 things at a Birthday Party



### Across

3. Fancy paper used to wrap
7. Fun to eat its icing
8. Helium makes them rise
9. The people you invite
10. Friends and relatives send or give them to you

### Down

1. A cold treat
2. Make a wish & blow them out
4. You unwrap them on a Birthday
5. Worn on your head
6. Decoration put on your presents to make them pretty

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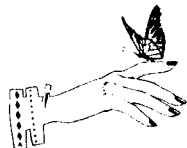
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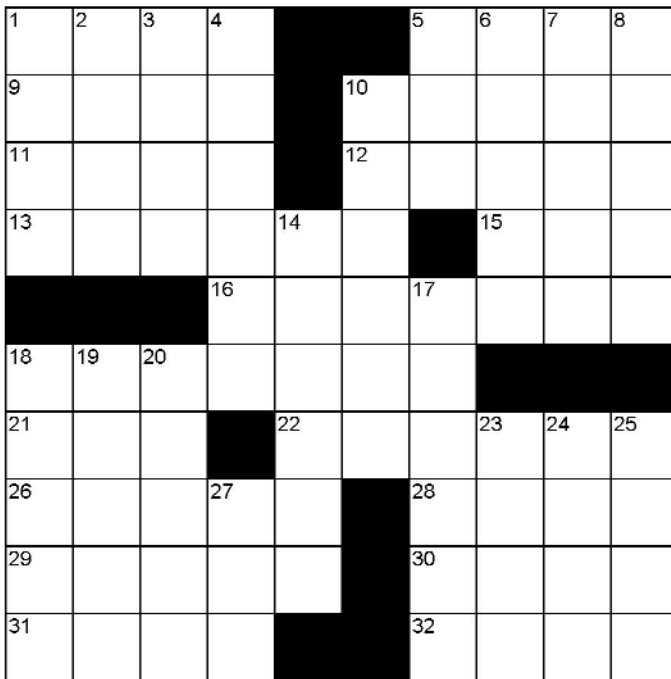
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## Crossword Puzzle



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1. Charge
5. Syrian bishop
9. Against
10. Landing
11. Leaves
12. Boom box
13. Allure
15. African antelope
16. Polite
18. Leafy green
21. Marry
22. Esophagus
26. Woken
28. Goad
29. Type of tooth
30. Refer
31. Posttraumatic stress disorder
32. Sieve

### DOWN

1. Nativity scene piece
2. Competition at the Greek games
3. Capital of the Ukraine
4. Symbol
5. Expression of surprise
6. Emblem
7. Pickle juice
8. A ball out of bounds (2 wds.)
10. Twist violently
14. Ripper
17. Strums
18. Slough
19. Ross \_\_\_\_, philanthropist
20. Gods
23. Brand of sandwich cookie
24. Seaweed substance
25. Cabana
27. Blue

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- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 4 4-inch long rolls, split or 8 slices of bread
- ½ cup prepared pesto sauce
- 8 jarred roasted red pepper halves
- 8 lettuce leaves
- 8 thin slices provolone cheese

In separate shallow bowls, place egg and breadcrumbs. Dip each catfish fillet into egg, then coat in breadcrumbs, shaking off excess. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook the fillets, a few at a time, until golden brown and opaque in the center, 3 to 4 minutes on each side; drain on paper towels. Spread cut sides of the rolls with pesto. On bottoms of rolls, layer roasted red peppers, lettuce leaves and provolone; top each with a catfish fillet. Place roll tops on fish.

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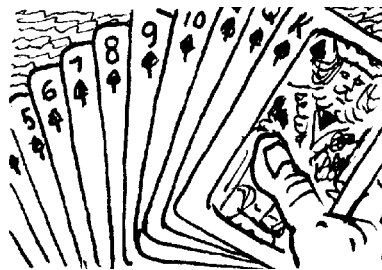
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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (Feb '06 - Jul '06)					Current Market	
	Total	Average				Total	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Feet	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	57	2,858	\$ 99	1993	35	14	13
North	22	2,020	\$ 112	1996	29	2	3
Wildflower	15	2,191	\$ 117	2000	24	4	7
On The Park	9	3,561	\$ 108	1997	33	0	1
Vintage Place	11	3,099	\$ 103	2003	77	2	1
Hielscher	39	3,007	\$ 112	2003	45	9	7
West	20	3,450	\$ 118	2005	88	6	2
Park West	13	2,372	\$ 136	2001	43	5	4
Park Place	4	2,636	\$ 110	2004	16	2	1
Muirfield	4	3,215	\$ 116	2005	240	6	3
Enclave / Lacrosse	12	2,533	\$ 116	2005	67	0	1
Alta Mira	3	2,503	\$ 116	2005	74	3	4
Circle C Ranch Total	209	2,798	\$ 111	1999	49	53	47

#### Corresponding Neighborhood Map on AustinReps.com

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