



# CIRCLE C RANCH

## NEWSLETTER

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### Letter from the Board of Directors

The board of directors held a Board Retreat this past month in order to discuss the short term and long term goals of the Association. After much discussion the board came to a consensus on a list of priorities which are listed below (in no particular order). The list will be included in each newsletter as projects are added and completed. Several of the projects listed have been included as separate articles in this newsletter to give residents a more detailed outline of that specific process. As always, if you have any questions you can contact the board of directors by emailing [directors@circlecranch.info](mailto:directors@circlecranch.info)

#### **2006 CCHO Priority List (in no particular order)**

- Amenities Transfer Agreement
- 2007 Budget
- Landscape Contract Re-Bid
- New Baby Pool
- One House/One Vote
- ACC/Deed Restriction Position
- Management Review Plan
- Park Playscapes Plan
- Solid Waste & Recycle Contract
- Other Pool Renovations
- Insurance Policy/Agent Review
- Annual Report
- Assessment Analysis
- Designation of capital projects

### Board President, Ed Scruggs Resigns

On September 18, 2006 Board of Directors President Ed Scruggs announced his resignation from the Board effective that date. By the time of this publication the remaining Board members will have started (and possibly completed) the process of appointing a resident to serve out the remainder of the term (set to expire in 2007). The Board will also appoint a new Board member to serve as President for the remainder of the term. Additional information will be posted on the website as it is available. We thank Ed for his many years of hard work and service to the community and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ryan Garcia,

CCHOA Board of Director's Vice President.

### Amenity Update

*Submitted by Ryan Garcia & Brendan McEntee*

One of the most common questions the Board receives concerns the plans for the new community pool. As our community continues to grow we all recognize the need for an additional pool to accommodate the ever increasing number of families in our neighborhood. Many people saw RVI's Master Plan presentation at last year's Annual Meeting, which included a section on the new pool and a potential design for the pool. Last year's Annual Meeting spoke of the Amenities Fund and how the Circle C Board has been working to get that fund transferred to the Homeowners Association. We hope that this article will clear up a number of points regarding the land, the new pool, the funds for the pool and the efforts the Board is making to help speed up the process. Please feel free to contact us if you still have questions.

The duty to construct the new pool belongs to the developer. This is not the HOA, but rather the company that sold land to individual builders. As part of many of the later developments, one condition attached to the land was that builders had to pay \$1,000 for each house sold into a fund that would be used to construct a new pool. That fund is controlled by the developer, who also has the land to build the new pool.

Unfortunately, the developer is now in bankruptcy meaning that all assets are controlled by the bankruptcy court. This includes the constantly increasing fund that is set aside for the new pool. Knowing that they have an obligation to build the new pool with the money, but also knowing that attempting to build a new pool while being controlled by the bankruptcy court is a difficult situation at best, the Board and the bankruptcy court have attempted to work on an agreement that will transfer the fund to the Homeowners Association so that we can expedite the new pool's construction. However, before this agreement can be finalized and the money transferred, some key issues need to be addressed regarding impervious cover.

For those unfamiliar with the intricacies of developing in South Austin, the Save Our Springs ordinance mandates that all development over our local aquifer be limited to a certain amount of impervious cover. Normally impervious cover travels with the land, so that, for example, a 1 acre piece of land can have up to a quarter-acre of impervious cover. However, because of a Settlement Agreement between the City of Austin and the Bradley's parties, the

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Stop Signs .....	457.4885
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### Amenity Update - (Continued from Page 1)

land in Circle C is actually a separate entity from the impervious cover. The land covered by the Bradley Settlement Agreement must be conveyed with an "Impervious Cover Allocation" which amount will be deducted from the IC bank maintained by the City of Austin Environmental Officer. Thus if you are given a 1 acre piece of land without an associated impervious cover allocation, your development options would be non-existent unless you could contribute impervious cover from another source.

The Board is currently trying to hammer out an agreement with the bankruptcy court to allow that fund to be transferred to the HOA. The difficulty here is that since the HOA would be taking on the duty that the developer currently owes to us, we want to make sure that we are given the same tools that the developer would have. For example, the developer is currently obliged to build the pool using the fund that builders have been paying into. The developer has already set aside land for the pool, and it also has a bank of impervious cover it can draw from in building the pool. The developer and bankruptcy court have already addressed the land and fund, but impervious cover still needs to be hammered out. We are not sure how much impervious cover they are giving us, if any, and should we take just the land and money and be obliged to build the second pool we may be forced to use any impervious cover the HOA currently has that we plan on using for building additional parks, playscapes, trails, or other community amenities.

Rest assured that we will do everything we can to help expedite the process, but at the same time we don't want to obligate the HOA to take on responsibilities it shouldn't and can't afford to accept. As this continues to develop we will send out updates via the Web site and the newsletter, so stay tuned.

### Want to submit an article of interest?

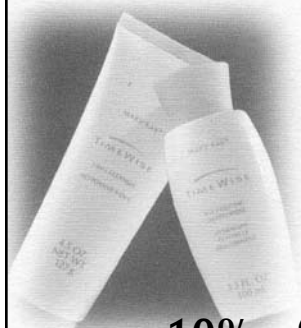
If you would like to contribute to the HOA newsletter, please send your article to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info). The deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month (November's deadline will be October 12).



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## CCHOA Announcements

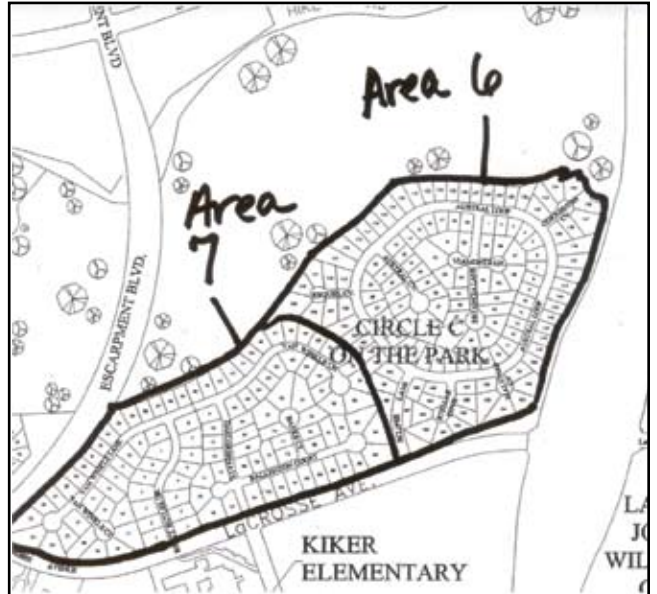
### CCHOA General Announcements

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom*

#### Deed Restriction Review

In October we will be driving sections (6) six and (7) seven (please see map). We are looking for turf with excessive weeds, turf that is not mowed or edged, lack of maintenance on the exterior of your home, unauthorized vehicles such as boats, trailers and RV's just to name a few. \*Due to the extreme temperatures this summer there are *many* yards that have suffered considerably and it is difficult to determine at this point whether grass will come back or has died completely. Due to this, we will be driving the entire neighborhood at the beginning of March 2007 to look at turf conditions *only*. If at that time we find yards that have areas of dead turf we will require that these area of turf be replaced.

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>



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### Deed Restrictions 2006

Letter Sent	Aug	YTD
1 <sup>st</sup> Letter	25	262
2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter	10	65
3 <sup>rd</sup> Letter	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>331</b>
Total Cured		183

### Mark your calendars for the Circle C Holiday Events!

It's time to mark your calendars for the Annual Holiday Kid's Event (December 9, 3pm to 5pm at the CDC) and the Annual Holiday Adult Event (December 15, 7pm to 12pm at the Wildflower Center). Ticket sales will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> through the CCHOA office *only*, prices are \$3/child for the Kid's Event and \$20/person for the Adult event (maximum 4 tickets per household). There are a limited number of tickets so purchase early! For more information on either event, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663.

### Official CCHOA Communication or Not?

We have had recent communications sent out via email to residents that many thought came from the CCHOA. This is not the case. The CCHOA currently does currently utilize an email program. We have also been notified about letters that have been sent to residents about portable basketball goals that appear to be from the CCHOA. This is not the case. All written communications from the CCHOA will be on letterhead and if we utilize an email program in the future it will say "official communications from the CCHOA". If you do receive mail or email and are unsure whether it's from the CCHOA, give us a call at 288-8663.

### 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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### **Please Slow Down!!**

We are getting lots of calls about speeding cars now that school is back in session; specifically on La Crosse, Escarpment and Nusser. Please be sure to obey school zones and to stop for school buses.

### **School Crossing Guard Position Available**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for the position of Crossing Guard at the corner of LaCross and Escarpment OR Spruce Canyon and Doswell, the position is available immediately, pays \$8.00 per hour and is for 2 hours per day, from 7:00 am - 8:00 am and again from 2:30 pm-3:30pm. Please contact Mr. Herschell Esquell at [heschell@austin.rr.com](mailto:heschell@austin.rr.com), or phone him at 892-2139 or 589-4006.

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### **Swim Center Tenant Update**

*Submitted by Ryan Garcia*

Last month's President Letter described how a special committee of three Directors was formed to investigate whether Circle C could find a tenant for our pool so as to defray some of the operating costs and potentially keep the pool open year round. Michelle Moran, Brendan McEntee and I looked at potential tenants and the one name that emerged as the most serious possibility was Longhorn Aquatics. There is a spirited history between Longhorn Aquatics and Circle C, and it was very obvious that changes needed to be made from the previous contract if a relationship was even going to be possible.

As of this writing, no final contract has been agreed upon to present to the Board for a final vote. But a number of issues were addressed at the September meeting to establish some make or break provisions in the contract. Negotiations are still ongoing, but we are taking into account many of the areas that caused concern with the last lease. For example, we are including language to spell out each side's responsibility in terms of maintaining the deck area and restroom cleanliness and also making sure communication channels stay open between both sides. We're looking at renting less than half the lane lines from the previous arrangement, and 75% of those lane hours take place in the winter—the smallest percentage take place in June, our busiest month at the pool. There are a number of other provisions we're looking at, all geared towards improving the relationship so that both Longhorn Aquatics and Circle C can have a fruitful relationship. However, we are also including a provision that allows for termination without cause if all else fails.

Although no final contract has been presented, the Board has voted to at least continue negotiations to see if we can reach an agreement. If a contract can be reached that meets our minimal terms then it will still need to clear an independent legal review and be voted on by the Board. Once such a contract has been reviewed we will post a summary of its terms to the Web site prior to voting on it. Our efforts are geared towards finding the right balance in a tenant relationship that will allow us to keep the pool open along the lines of August's Board vote to close the pool come November if we do not have a tenant to defray the costs. We are all interested in keeping the pool a noteworthy amenity, but we also are considering the numerous other projects the Board is undertaking this next year.

There are passionate people on both sides of the Longhorn Aquatics debate. The Board is striving to take input from both sides, but ultimately we as a neighborhood must come together to work with each other. Dealing in absolutes only ensures one side will lose. Instead, we should all try to find a middle ground and work towards improving relationships with a potential tenant if that comes to pass. And we will hold the tenant to do the same. Both sides have much to gain through a tenancy agreement—and both sides have much to lose. Remaining positive and trying to be constructive as we enter the next era with our existing pool is the key.



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## CCHOA Announcements *Continued*

### Baby Pool Update!

*Submitted by: Michelle Moran*

As we all know, this past summer was a tough one without our baby pool. The baby pool Task Force is committed to insuring the creation, the building, and the opening of our new Circle C Baby Pool for next summer. The Committee is made up of homeowners that have stepped forward to make this the best baby pool ever.

The Volunteers for this Task Force are the following:

Michael Coley  
Jeanne Irwin  
Gwen Rubenstein  
Melinda McKenna  
Ryan Garcia  
Michelle Moran

Trent Rush and Ronnie Stafford, both Homeowners, have also graciously stepped up to offer their professional services. They both work for TBG Partners, which is a local landscape architect firm. They have done many amazing projects in the Austin area and we are very grateful for their assistance. Our current Swim Center Committee is also assisting with the legwork phase of this project.

As many of you know there was a master plan completed by RVI.

We are using that plan as a guide to assist in this process. Each month I will update everyone with our progress. At this point, a small group of us went on a "Baby Pool Tour" where we observed and took pictures of many local pools. We then made a needs and wants list. Currently Trent and Ronnie have created a conceptual drawing that we will discuss and then use for the bidding process. The goal is to have at least three bids to present at the October Board Meeting. The HOA Board will then vote, and we will begin the construction phase. At this point, our goal is to have the Baby Pool up and running by May 2007! Please send any comments, concerns, or ideas to the Circle C Directors account at [directors@circlec.info](mailto:directors@circlec.info). I want to commend everyone who has decided to offer solutions and help with this project. I thank you and so do all of our current and future Circle C Babies! It is going to be a FUN summer!

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

### Dear Santa..... a road bike, please.

(Most of what you need to know for survival this season)

*Submitted by Paul Murphy, Circle C Ranch Cycling Club, CCR Resident*



Are you are exploring the purchase a bike this season? Upon walking into a well stocked bike shop do you say to yourself, "there's more to this than I remember from when I last had a bike, I don't know where to start".

Welcome to "Most of what you need to know." In this issue road bikes will be covered.

#### Up Front- Some Shopping Guidelines

- After reading this and doing some more research, decide upon the features and components that best meet your needs and then see what the price is.
- It is generally less expensive to get the frame, wheels and components you want at the outset than to buy cheaper and upgrade later.
- Proper fit is the most important consideration. A great deal on a phenomenal bike that fits you poorly will become another dust collector in the garage. You will recall bike fit from the last issue, so have the shop advise you on frame size and have them fit it.
- Budget for helmet, lights, water bottles, cycle computer, shorts,

gloves, etc.

- Buy a bike with growth in mind- buy a model one up from what you need now.

#### Is the bike for:

- A new cyclist?
- Wanting to improve fitness? (Will this be 2007 New Year's resolution?)
- Starting road cycling again after some years off?
- Wanting to enter road races or triathlons?
- Looking forward to enjoying the camaraderie, training and learning that the Circle C Ranch Cycling Club (CCRCC) has to offer?

#### Plus

- How many miles do you think you will ride per week?
- What is your budget?

#### Frames and Forks

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### **Cycling 101 - (Continued from Page 9)**

rush to the exotic to buy a really good bike. Weight is, of course, a consideration but more important is ride quality and these 4 materials affect the quality of ride, as does frame geometry and tube shape- a good reason to test ride bikes you are considering. How can you tell the material under the paint? Inspect the decals on the tube leading down from the seat (the downtube)- it will often be displayed there. Or ask the assistant in the store.

#### **Steel**

Old fashioned and somewhat back in style, steel is the easiest to shape, work and repair plus it has some 'give' to it- so it has great ride quality. It is also the most widely available material and, ceteris paribus, the least expensive. Higher quality steel frames are generally made from chrome molybdenum (chromoly) and are significantly lighter weight, more robust and less prone to rust than lower quality tubes (typically found on department store bikes).

#### **Aluminium**

Aluminium is probably the most popular frame material. Aluminium tubes tend to be stiffer and larger than their steel counterparts and the ride is somewhat harder. This can be overcome with seatposts, handle bars and forks made of a more absorbent material (typically carbon fiber- but more of this anon). Typically, the more you spend the higher the quality of tubing and construction,

just like steel, although unlike steel aluminium will not rust.

#### **Titanium**

Titanium (or "T.I." to those in the know) is one of the more exotic and expensive frame materials. Allegedly it combines the best of the previous two; light weight like aluminium, yet giving like steel. Titanium is challenging to work with and commensurately expensive.

#### **Carbon Fiber**

Carbon fiber frames are extremely light, stiff and durable; they are non corroding and can be built into extraordinary and beautiful designs. Like titanium, prices are high as construction is complicated and materials costly. Repairs can also be challenging to the wallet.

Carbon is a very popular material for forks and seatposts because of its shock absorbing characteristics, and when used on the stiffer aluminium framed bikes can ease the ride considerably.

#### **Wheels And Tires**

Good wheels can improve a marginal bike by a lot. Wheel weight affects climbing, acceleration and handling because of the inertia of the rotating weight.

#### **Wheel Rims**

Wheels generate a surprising amount of turbulence and therefore drag. (The rim is the portion of the wheel the



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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

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

spokes attach to and the tyre fits into.) The two basic rim designs are named after their cross sections: box-section (square or rectangular) and aero (triangular).

Box-section rims are more conventional, lightweight and provide the most comfort. Aero rims have less wind drag but are stiffer and therefore less comfortable. Ask about wheel options when test riding the bike. Your weight and how you intend to ride will also be considered.

### Tyres

Depending on your weight and riding style tyres can last for many miles. The bead of the tyre is the part that holds the tyre in place on the rim. Less-expensive tyres use wire beads, which add weight (what you are trying to lose with those expensive wheels!) Better tyres have kevlar beads and are lighter weight.

### Component Groups



"Components" are just about else mechanical on the bike: cassette, crankset, brakes, shifters (gear change levers), derailleur's (front and rear gear changers), wheel bearings, bottom bracket (the bearings the crankset

revolves on) and, yes, the chain. The two principal companies are Shimano and Campagnolo and each offers 5 levels of components.

Quality is tagged to price and as price increases, the parts get lighter and bearing quality improves (bearings are what the hubs, headset, pedals and crankset spin on).

### Chainrings and Cogs

Front cogs are called "chainrings" and are attached to the cranks (the arms the pedals attach to) making a "crankset".

The crankset has 1 (single), 2 (double) or 3 chainrings (triple). Typically race bikes have a double chainring and triple cranksets have a small, inner chainring (often called a "granny") that makes light work of hill climbing.



Rear cogs are, perhaps surprisingly, called cogs and the collection of rear cogs on the wheel is called a cassette. A cassette will typically have 8 to 10 cogs on it - remember when 7 was a lot?

To help decide, test ride the same bike with different components and see how you like the difference in feel and responsiveness, then consider the price.

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Cycling 101 - (Continued from Page 13)

#### Overview of current component groups

Level	Brand	Group	Drivetrain	Comments
entry	Campagnolo	Mirage	double or triple w/9 cogs	some steel parts
	Shimano	Sora	double or triple w/8 cogs	some steel parts
enthusiast	Campagnolo	Veloce	double or triple w/9 cogs	less steel
	Shimano	Tiagra	double or triple w/9 cogs	better finish
serious	Campagnolo	Daytona	double or triple w/9 or 10 cogs	less steel
	Shimano	105	double or triple w/9 cogs	more interchangeability
race	Campagnolo	Chorus	double or triple w/9 or 10 cogs	most affordable
	Shimano	Ultegra 600	double or triple w/9 or 10 cogs	10-speed group
pro	Campagnolo	Record	double or triple w/9 or 10 cogs	great value for \$
	Shimano	Dura-Ace	double or triple w/9 or 10 cogs	hollow crankarms
				almost Record
				quality and finish
				almost Dura Ace quality
				hollow crankarms
				lightest groupset
				Lance's groupset

### Conclusion

Buy once, buy a quality machine with growth space and you will be unlikely to be disappointed. It is far from necessary to have a full Dura Ace equipped, carbon race machine with wheels that alone cost as much as a small car. But nor is it likely that you will enjoy a lifetime of riding pleasure, durability and dependability a big box store branded bike. The appropriate blend of cost and quality will result in a bike that will not only be comfortable but also provide years of riding enjoyment for you. Who knows, this new year you might actually stick to the 'get fit(ter)' resolution with a new bike! CCRCC is there to help you with your riding, too. Come and join us.

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Tips on Recycling

*Submitted by Elisa Kissinger*

If you are like me, lately you have been giving thought on ways you can lessen your family's impact on the environment. I've always recycled some, but recently decided that I was going to put more effort into it.

However, I've never exactly been sure about what can and can't be recycled through our curbside program. I realized walking through the neighborhood past all those blue bins that other residents must have the same misunderstandings that I have. So, I recently visited the Allied Waste/BFI recycling facility to get the straight scoop from Matt Myers, Recycling Consultant for Allied/BFI. The tour was interesting and here is what I found out.

Mr. Myers says that the main problem they have is confusion over plastics. The items you recycle are sorted several times. At the curb, paper is thrown in one compartment of the truck and plastics and metals in another. At the plant, the plastics and metals go through a mechanical sorter. The steel is removed by a magnet, aluminum is removed by an "eddy" current and that leaves the plastics that are sorted by hand. They have a giant dumpster filled with non-recyclable plastics that are headed for the landfill.

You need to check three things to find out if a plastic item

is recyclable at the curb: the shape, the type of plastic, and the contents.

1. Shape: **Only plastic bottles can be recycled.** If the neck isn't smaller than the bottom, it will not be recovered.
2. Type of Plastic: Once you've determined that your item is a bottle, check the bottom for a number with the recycling arrows around it. **Only bottles made from #1 or #2 plastic can be recycled.**
3. Contents: If the bottle contained motor oil, bug spray, weed killer, adhesives, paints or solvents, it cannot be recycled.

#### Examples of BFI Recyclable Plastic

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk jugs
- Shampoo, conditioner & liquid soap bottles
- Detergent bottles
- Bleach and all-purpose cleaner bottles

#### These Plastics Go In Your Garbage Cart

- Yogurt & margarine tubs
- Plastic bags (#2 and #4 can be recycled at HEB)

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### **Recycling - (Continued from Page 13)**

- Microwave trays
- Styrofoam
- Disposable plates, cups & utensils
- Containers used to hold bakery products, produce and take-out food
- Lids and caps

### **Paper**

For recycling paper, the main thing I learned was that paper products must be kept dry or it cannot be recycled. If it is raining, do not put out your paper. The problem is that paper becomes moldy when wet. Mr. Myers asked for us not to put the paper in plastic bags, paper bags are okay.

When Allied/BFI Recycling stopped recycling glass, they promised to recycle more paper. They now take paperboard. Paperboard was one of the most common items in our trash. It is pressed paper that makes up cereal boxes, containers that sodas come in, cake mixes, etc.

### **For Paper, BFI will recycle (please keep dry):**

- Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc)
- Junk Mail
- Soft Cover Books with white paper
- Phone books
- Notebook paper (pen/pencil/crayon/paint marks okay)
- File folders
- Self Adhesive Notes
- Fax/Copy Paper
- Computer Print Outs
- Copier Paper or Cardstock (any color)

### **These Paper Products Go In Your Garbage Cart**

- Anything above that is wet
- Cardboard (can be recycled behind the pool at Balcones Recycle Bin)
- Wax covered containers (orange juice comes in)
- Paper contaminated with food waste (paper plates, food wrappers)
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Tear resistant papers (flimsy Fedex envelopes)
- Spiral bound books (plastic or metal)

### **Other items that BFI will Recycle:**

- Steel cans that were food/beverage containers
- Aluminum beverage cans and containers

### **Other items that BFI will NOT Recycle:**

- Tin
- Scrap metal
- Aluminum food trays
- Aluminum foil
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cardboard

*All of the above can be recycled at Ecology Action downtown\**

### **Tips to recycle better:**

- Don't let paper get wet – it becomes moldy and not recyclable
- Remove plastic lids – they are often a different type of plastic from the container
- Rinse out items with food in/on them
- Do not place paper in plastic bags; paper bags are okay

I have also found out that there are two locations in or near Circle C where you can drop off items to be recycled that Allied/BFI will not recycle. I have noticed that many residents leave cardboard in their curbside bin. Allied/BFI does NOT take cardboard boxes. However, there is there is a Balcones Recycling bin behind the swimming pool that is for cardboard materials. Please flatten your cardboard boxes prior to putting them in.

The new HEB accepts plastic bags (HDPE #2 and LDPE #4) in blue bins located at the entrance. Common plastic bags #2 are plastic grocery bags. Common plastic bags #4 are newspaper wrappers. If you choose to look, you will find that many bags and wrappers are #4. I have found bread bags, carrot bags, toilet paper wrappers that are #4. Remember, these need to be free of food residue before recycling.

If you are interested in recycling more Ecology Action downtown takes a long list that can be seen at [www.ecology-action.org](http://www.ecology-action.org). Ecology Action is located at 9<sup>th</sup> and IH-35, on the west side of the highway.

Mr. Myers said that Circle C as a community has increased the weight of what is recycled even since glass has been eliminated. This is a significant increase because glass is very heavy.

The more we increase the volume and efficiency of our recycling efforts, the more Allied/BFI can afford to expand its operations. Expansion might allow new types of equipment to increase the number of items they can accept at your curb.

I think we can all be proud that collectively we're already making a big difference in the environment by reducing landfill use and reusing resources when we can.

### **Balcones Recycling Bin (behind the swimming pool)**

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Any paper that tears

### **HEB at Escarpment Village – Blue Recycling Bins**

- Plastic Bags HDPE #2 (grocery store plastic bags)
- Plastic Bags LDPE #4 (bags from newspapers)

### **Ecology Action Downtown 9<sup>th</sup> and IH-35**

- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Cellular Telephones
- Tin
- Scrap metal
- Aluminum Foil and Containers

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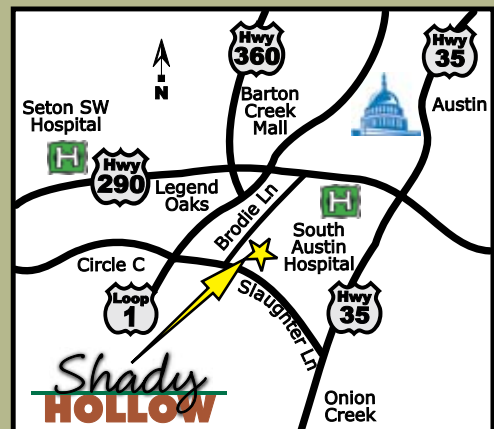
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Park West HOA News (specific only to Park West)

*Submitted by Kathy Jedrzejewicz*

Is your property adjacent to the City Park and/or Park West Common Areas? Unauthorized development of these areas is illegal according to the City of Austin. This includes all landscaping, installation of watering systems, addition of outdoor furniture and playground equipment, and removal of vegetation. Some *maintenance* is allowed immediately behind residences, including mowing of grass, removing hazardous plants such as poison ivy, removal of dead vegetation and trash that could fuel a fire, and planting native wild flowers. Residents who develop land that belongs to the City of Austin or to Park West HOA are subject to fines and removal of the improvements at the resident's expense.

Some of you have asked what the orange markings, colored flags and piles of dirt at the east mail center were all about. We needed to provide water access to this area. The plants at the mail center have certainly shown the stress of recent drought conditions! Before digging to install pipes, water meter and hose bib could begin, the utilities companies had to mark the location of their underground wires and cables. As of this writing, we await only final inspection by City of Austin before the dirt can be filled in. The landscapers are now able to connect a hose and water these plants as part of their routine.

Mark your calendars: the 2007 Park West Annual HOA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 6:30 PM, in the auditorium at Kiker Elementary School.

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Park West HOA Board of Directors are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The first 30 minutes of each meeting are available for homeowner concerns. As the meeting location rotates among board member homes, contact Dave Maril, 301-8869, for the next site.

Committees and clubs are always looking for new members—you can join at any time! Please contact the chairperson of the committee or group if you are interested in joining. Park West meeting schedules and contact information are permanently posted on each mail center bulletin board.

Park West is grateful for the space that Circle C Ranch has provided in this newsletter each month and we are glad to hear that so many of you are utilizing this source of communication; however, due to publishing space and schedule limitations, please make a habit to check the mail center bulletin boards for timely information that might not be included in this publication.


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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Park West - (Continued from Page 16)

Resident question of the month: *Where is "Lot 103"?* When PWHOA Board members refer to Lot 103, they are talking about the Park West HOA common property containing drainage easements and retention ponds located behind homes at 6328-6428 Tasajillo Trail, and 10404-10428 Tasajillo Cove. Park West HOA is responsible for maintenance of this property (mowing, keeping the drainage and retention ponds clear of obstructions). Officially, Lot 103 also includes 6601 ½ Tasajillo Trail, but *not* 6110 Tasajillo Trail.

Which leads to a second question of the month: *Where are 6110 and 6601 ½ Tasajillo Trail?* In order to obtain a permit to install the water meter at the east mail center (any development of common property requires a city permit), City of Austin required a street address, and they assigned 6110 Tasajillo Trail to that lot. At that time we proactively obtained assignment of the west mail center's street address, which is 6601 ½ Tasajillo Trail!

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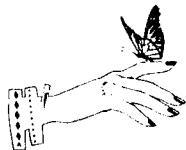
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Austin Newcomers Club October Luncheon

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Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 (Reservations by October 12)  
Brief description of Program: The Three R's of Strokes: REDUCE THE RISK OF STROKE, RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS, RESPOND IMMEDIATELY presented by Dr. Darryl Camp, Director of Neurology at Seton and Brackenridge Hospitals and leader in the field of stroke research.

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### Family Fun at the Oak Hill United Methodist Church Fall Festival

*Submitted by Michelle Moon Reinhardt, Circle C Resident*

Members of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church are holding an old-fashion fall festival on Saturday, October 28, from 5pm to 9pm at Camp Ben McCullough – 10 miles south of Circle C Ranch on FM1826.

Ideal for families, the festival will feature a children's carnival with pony rides and games. Bring a side dish to share for the huge potluck dinner that begins at 6pm. Or experience a one-of-a-kind karaoke hayride. As the sun sets, a bonfire will be lit for roasting marshmallows. S'mores, anyone? We'll cap off the night by handing out prizes for best costume and best pre-carved pumpkin.

Entry is \$2 per person, with unlimited access to the children's carnival for an additional \$5. Tickets are available at Oak Hill United Methodist Church, located at 7815 Highway 290 West, across from the ACC Pinnacle Campus. Guests are also welcome to pay at the door. Call (512) 288-3836 or [www.oakhillumc.org](http://www.oakhillumc.org) for details.

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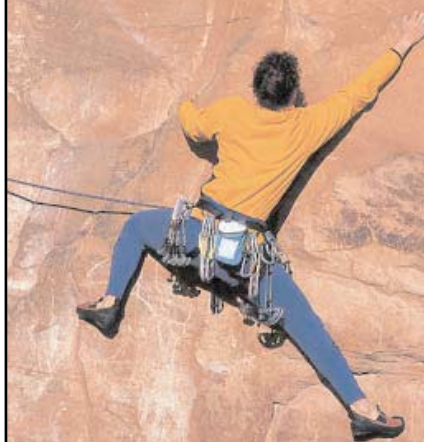
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### Southwest Austin Inclusive Networking Group "Swing"

**Inagural Meeting- Thursday October 19, 2006**

*Submitted by Peter Berardino, Circle C Resident*

A new networking leads group is being formed in Circle C. Modeled after another successful group in Austin, our group will be inclusive for all small business owners, sales people and professionals in the Circle C, Western Oaks and Legend Oaks neighborhood. We will share leads, business ideas and contacts. But we will **NOT** restrict membership to a non competitive environment. We welcome competition within industries in a non threatening, fun atmosphere. Our group is not affiliated with any local or national leads group.

There are no dues. There is no requirement for attendance. The more you attend. The more we get to know you. The more comfortable we will be in providing leads to you. The only requirement for joining our group is that you be a resident or have a business serving either Circle C, The Meridian or Legend Oaks. There is no meeting fee. The only thing you will be asked to pay for is your share of the cost of breakfast.

Interested in learning more about our group? Please join us. We will meet every Thursday morning for breakfast at the Golf Club at

Circle C. 8:00 AM to 9:30AM. Our first meeting will take place on Thursday, October 19. Bring plenty of business cards. For more information call Peter Berardino at 482-9026 or email to [pjberardino@austin.rr.com](mailto:pjberardino@austin.rr.com). or Laura Walton at 921-4901. [laurawaltn@aol.com](mailto:laurawaltn@aol.com).

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## Circle C Amenities

### The Golf Club at Circle C Ranch News

*Submitted by Denise Fisher, Circle C Resident*

**A message from Chip Gist** - It's cooling off and the Golf Club is gearing up for a busy season. We have lots of happenings and items to help you enjoy the Golf Club at Circle C. Please help me welcome Tom Campbell as the new Club Manager. Tom comes to us from the Barton Creek Resort and Spa. He has 18 years of food and beverage experience and 12 years of management experience. Tom is responsible for making sure your overall experience in the golf and food and beverage departments is exceptional. Tom has a very positive attitude and will be a great compliment to our existing team.

The driveway and parking lot are being improved. We have already fixed the potholes, but there is more to come. We will straighten the "S" curve, put in a ribbon curb, repave the entire top, stripe and seal all driving surfaces. The project is scheduled for completion October 31st. We are trying to make it easier for you to get here!

Hole #11 has been renovated. Escarpment Boulevard will be extended and cross our property where the old green was. Therefore we moved the green forward to make an exciting Par 4. Improvements to the tee box and fairway were also made to make this hole fit this fine Jay Moorish layout. We plan to open this hole in mid October.

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**LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS** are in FULL SWING and everyone is welcome! Join us each week Friday from 6-9pm for family fun in a great setting. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a special **HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN FEST** October 27th featuring **DUCK SOUP!** In addition to the concert there will be lots of fun games, moonwalks, slides and a haunted hayride! The event will benefit the Circle C Child Development Center so come out for a grueling good time!

It's **TAILGATE TIME** and The Golf Club at Circle C is your **GAME DAY HEADQUARTERS!** Whether it's finding the perfect Longhorn shirt for the game, entertaining guests for the weekend or just looking for a place to view your favorite team with a cold beer look no further than your own backyard.

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## Circle C Amenities *Continued*

### Circle C Tennis Club News

*Submitted by Fernando Velasco*

#### Circle C Tennis Club

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 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, visit our website [www.circlectennis.com](http://www.circlectennis.com), 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 Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am, Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30am, and Fridays from 11:30 to 12:30 pm. 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 \$75.00 for six one hour sessions.

**Junior Tennis Lessons** - The second session of Junior lessons will begin the week of October 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*

### October Events

#### at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower

*Submitted by Saralee Tiede*

##### Fall Lecture Series

***Dying to Know What's Bugging You?*** Forensic Entomology with Dr. Don Tuff

Thursday, October 12, 6 to 8 p.m.

##### Fall Plant Sale & Gardening Festival

Friday, October 13, Noon to 7 p.m., Member Preview Sale

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##### Nature Nights: Silent and Deadly Insect Predators

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##### The Art and Science of Garden Photography: An American Horticultural Society Garden School

Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27

Learn garden photography from the best. Featuring guest horticulturist Robert Bowden of Orlando's Harry P. Leu Gardens; Van Chaplin, garden photographer at Southern Living Magazine, and award winning garden photographers Allan and Linda Detrick and Brian and Shirley Loflin. For schedule, prices and registration, visit the American Horticultural Society's website, at <http://www.ahs.org>.

##### Goblins in the Garden

Sunday, October 29, 4 to 7 p.m.

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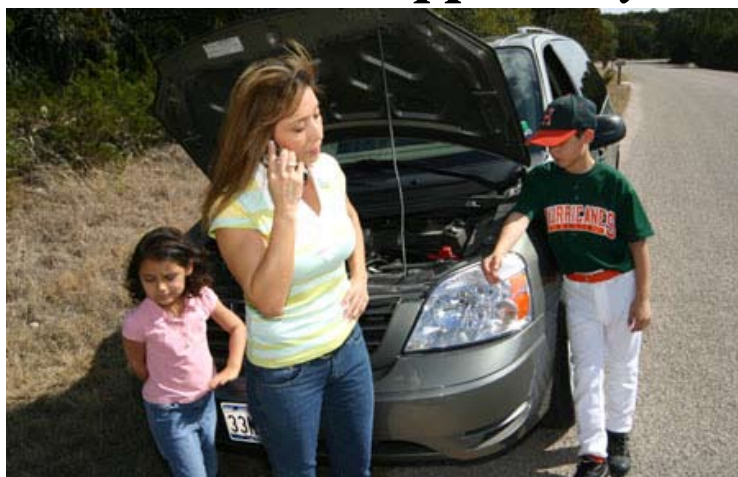
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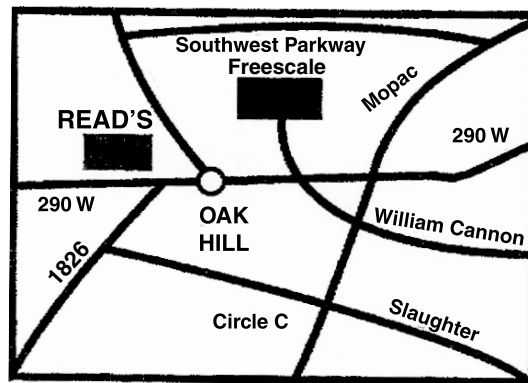
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*Adopted by Director Resolution March 22, 2004*

### Homeowners Have the Right To:

1. A responsive and competent community association.
2. Honest, fair and respectful treatment by community
3. Participate in governing the community association
4. Access appropriate association books and records.
5. Prudent expenditure of fees and other assessments.
6. Live in a community where the property is maintained according to established standards.
7. Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options with the association before foreclosure is initiated.
8. Receive all documents that address rules and regulations governing the community association-if not prior to purchase and settlement by a real estate agent or attorney, then upon joining the community.
9. Appeal to appropriate community leaders those decisions affecting non-routine financial responsibilities or property rights.

### Homeowners Have the Responsibility To:

1. Read and comply with the governing documents of the community.
2. Maintain their property according to established standards.
3. Treat association leaders honestly and with respect.
4. Vote in community elections and other issues.
5. Pay association assessments and charges on time.
6. Contact association leaders or managers, if necessary, to discuss financial obligations and alternative payment arrangements.
7. Request reconsideration of material decisions that personally affect them.
8. Provide current contact information to association leaders or managers to help ensure they receive information from the community.
9. Ensure that those who reside on their property (i.e. tenants, relatives, friends) adhere to all rules and regulations.

### Community Leaders Have the Right To:

1. Expect owners and non-owner residents to meet their financial obligations to the community.
2. Expect residents to know and comply with rules and regulations of the community and to stay informed by reading materials provided by the association.
3. Respectful and honest treatment from residents.
4. Conduct meetings in a positive and constructive atmosphere.
5. Receive support and constructive input from owners and non-owners residents.
6. Personal privacy at home and during leisure time in the community.
7. Take advantage of educational opportunities (i.e. publications, training workshops) that are directly related to their responsibilities, and as approved by the association.

### Community Leaders Have the Responsibility To:

1. Fulfill their fiduciary duties to the community and exercise discretion in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the community.
2. Exercise sound business judgment and follow established management practices.
3. Balance the needs and obligation of the community as a whole with those of individual homeowners and residents.
4. Understand the association's governing documents and become educated with respect to applicable state and local laws, and to manage the community association accordingly.
5. Establish committees or use other methods to obtain input from owner and non-owner residents.
6. Conduct open, fair and well-publicized elections.
7. Welcome and educate new members of the community – owners and non-owner residents alike.
8. Encourage input from residents on issues affecting them personally and the community as a whole.
9. Encourage events that foster neighborliness and a sense of community.
10. Conduct business in a transparent manner when feasible and appropriate.
11. Allow homeowners access to appropriate community records, which requested.
12. Collect all monies due from owners and non-owner residents.
13. Devise appropriate and reasonable arrangements, when needed and as feasible, to facilitate the ability of individual homeowners to meet their financial obligations to the community.
14. Provide a process residents can use to appeal decisions affecting their non-routine financial responsibilities or property rights-where permitted by law and the association's governing documents.
15. Initiate foreclosure proceedings only as a measure of last resort.
16. Make covenants, conditions and restrictions as understandable as possible, adding clarifying "lay" language or supplementary materials when drafting or revising documents.
17. Provide complete and timely disclosure of personal and financial conflicts of interest related to the actions of community leaders i.e. officers, the board and committees.

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1—CONCAN: Fall Fly Fishing Fest (Began Sep. 29.) [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com) 800/210-0380  
 1—MONTELL: Dutch Oven Statewide Big Dog & Paddlefest 2006 Chalk Bluff Park. (Began Sep. 29.) [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com) 800/210-0380  
 1-2—CONCAN: Fall Nature Quest (Began Sep. 29.) [www.thcrr.com](http://www.thcrr.com) 800/210-0380  
 1-7—AUSTIN: Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival Arbor Theatre. (Began Sep. 29.) [www.agliff.org](http://www.agliff.org) 512/302-9889  
 1-Nov. 26—HONDO: South Texas Maize Three miles east of Hondo on Hwy. 90. (Began Sep. 23.) [www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com) 830/741-3968  
 3—NEW BRAUNFELS: McKenna Children's Museum Taste of the Town Enjoy incredible tastes from area restaurants. McKenna HealthLink/Children's Museum. [www.mckennakids.org](http://www.mckennakids.org) 830/620-0939  
 3—UVALDE: Tree Day This Uvalde County Sesquicentennial event includes programs and tours celebrating the big and historic trees of Uvalde County. [www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm](http://www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm) 830/278-2017  
 4—AUSTIN: Burt Bacharach Paramount Theatre. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org) 512/472-2901  
 4—UVALDE: Nueces River Canyon Tour This Uvalde County Sesquicentennial event includes a prayer breakfast, Sesquicentennial welcome, historic Blewet Mine tour and lunch, and a tour of Montell, Texas. [www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm](http://www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm) 830/278-2017  
 4-Nov. 4—INGRAM: Extraordinary Small Works Exhibit The Gallery at the Point, Arts Foundation. [www.hcaf.com](http://www.hcaf.com) 830/367-5121  
 5—SABINAL: Sabinal River Canyon Tour This Uvalde County

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 6—CONCAN: Frio River Canyon Tour Day Uvalde County Sesquicentennial event includes tours of Garner State Park, Regan Wells and Concan. [www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm](http://www.visituvalde.com/sesquicentennial.htm) 830/278-2017  
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 7—AUSTIN: Christopher Parkening This classical guitar icon presents solo recital program Masterworks for the Guitar. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. [www.austinclassicalguitar.org](http://www.austinclassicalguitar.org) 512/300-ACGS  
 7—BOERNE: Cibolo Celebration This is an annual fund-raiser gala. Cibolo Nature Center. [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org) 830/249-4616  
 7—CASTROVILLE: Home Tour/Quilt Show Tour historic homes and enjoy a quilt show. Barnyard Peddler, 309 Lafayette, and Landmark Inn State Historic Site. 830/931-2614, 210/677-8979 or 830/931-2262  
 7—FREDERICKSBURG: Volkssport 10-K Walk Begins at 7:30 a.m. Walkers must finish by 3 p.m. Grapetown Hall, on the Old San Antonio Road. 830/997-2533

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7—JOHNSON CITY: Wild Game Dinner Begins at 5 p.m. Blanco County Show Barn. 830/833-5335

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7-8—BUDA: Fine Arts Festival Features more than 50 artists, live music, children's art area, demonstrations and more. Greenbelt in downtown Buda. [www.budachamber.com](http://www.budachamber.com) 512/295-2022

7-8—SAN MARCOS: Central Texas Seniors Golf Tournament Open to men age 50-plus. Participants play on four courses in Seguin and San Marcos. [www.sanmarcoscharms.com](http://www.sanmarcoscharms.com) 888/200-5620

7-8, 21-22—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

7-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31—MEDINA: Great Pumpkin Patch Includes live entertainment, scarecrow building, hay maze, pumpkin painting and more. Love Creek Orchards. [www.lovecreekorchards.com](http://www.lovecreekorchards.com) 800/449-0882

8—AUSTIN: Austin Symphony Children's Halloween Concert Features music from the Harry Potter movies and other seasonal favorites. Paramount Theatre. [www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org) 512/476-6064

8—CASTROVILLE: Heritage Day Includes barbecue plate, arts & crafts and desserts made by the sisters of Divine Providence, children's games, live music and more. Moye Center. [www.moyecenter.org](http://www.moyecenter.org) 830/931-2233

8—CASTROVILLE: Lantern-lit Dinner in the Gristmill Celebrate the grand unveiling of the restored Haass-Quintle Gristmill. Advance tickets required. Landmark Inn State Historic Site. 830/931-2133

8—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Gruene Hall. [www.](http://www.)

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11—NEW BRAUNFELS: Comal Country Music Show New Braunfels Civic Center. E-mail: nbcc@nbcham.org 830/629-4547

11-29—AUSTIN: *Women on Fire* State Theatre. www.austintheatre.org 512/472-2901

12—NEW BRAUNFELS: Legends Begins at 6 p.m. Civic Center, 380 S. Seguin St. 830/625-2385

12-29—BULVERDE: *TLC — A Comedy* by Scott Still KrauseHouse - S.T.A.G.E. E-mail: stage@gvtc.com 830/438-2339

13—BURNET: Bluegrass in the Park Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

13-15—BOERNE: Key to the Hills Rod Run Features more than 500 pre-1949 street rods. Main Plaza. 830/755-8226

13-15—FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Mesquite Art Show Features collections of sculpted wood from the world's finest mesquite craftspeople. Marktplatz. www.texasmesquiteassn.org 830/997-8515

13-15—JOHNSON CITY: Pig Roast Includes poker run, bike show, camping, barbecue on Saturday, bands on Friday and Saturday night, and more. Blanco County Fairgrounds. www.jcpigroast.org 830/864-4832, 512/556-5579 or 830/868-7693

13-15—MONTELL: Fall Fly Fishing Contest Opening program features a barbecue supper, seminars on Fishing the Upper Nueces River and Reading the Rivers for Fishing, and a campfire with cowboy entertainment. Check the Web site in August for contest rules. E-mail: ken@thcrr.com • www.thcrr.com 800/210-0380

14—BURNET: Fort Croghan Day Festival Includes demonstrations of how life was back in the 1800s — bread making, butter churning, tatting,

make your own corn husk dolls and entertainment. Fort Croghan. E-mail: info@burnetchamber.org 512/756-8281

14—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Features arts & crafts, plants and food booths from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Houston Square on Angelo Street. 830/538-2316 or 830/931-2161

14—DRIPPING SPRINGS: 12th Annual Dripping Springs Chili Cook-Off and Salsa & Pumpkin Carving Contests Sports Park, Ranch Road 12. www.dscookoffclub.org 512/858-7725

14—NEW BRAUNFELS: Second Annual New BraunFit Walkfest 5-K Enjoy a stroll through historic downtown New Braunfels. www.newbraunfit.org 830/606-2162

14-15—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

14-15—AUSTIN: Fall Plant Sale & Gardening Festival Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

14-15—BOERNE: Market Days Main Plaza. www.mainstreetboerne.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193

14-15—CASTROVILLE: Medina Valley Art Society Fine Art Show Exhibits paintings and includes a judged art competition. Landmark Inn State Historic Site. 830/931-3743, 210/673-1865 or 830/931-2133

14-15—LAGO VISTA: 2006 Refuge Week Features live animals, guided nature walks and nature demonstrations. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. 512/339-9432 ext. 70

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21—LUCKENBACH: Harvest Classic & European Motorcycle Rally [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 888/311-8990

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21-22—BOERNE: Festival of Arts & Music Includes art exhibits, art sales, food, drinks, music and fun. Cibolo Arts Council. [www.ciboloarts.org](http://www.ciboloarts.org) 210/507-5053

21-22—CANYON LAKE: 11th Annual Moving Waters Powwow Features American Indian dancers, musicians, storytellers, artists, foods, and authentic arts & crafts. 125 Mabel Jones Drive. [www.rioraft.com](http://www.rioraft.com) 830/964-3613

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28—KYLE: Halloween Carnival Includes free carnival events for children, costume contest and more. City Square Park. [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com) 512/262-3939

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28-29—JOHNSON CITY: Arts Encounters 2006 Series The Benini Foundation. [www.artsencountersatbeninis.com](http://www.artsencountersatbeninis.com)

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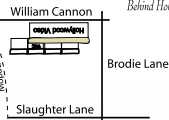
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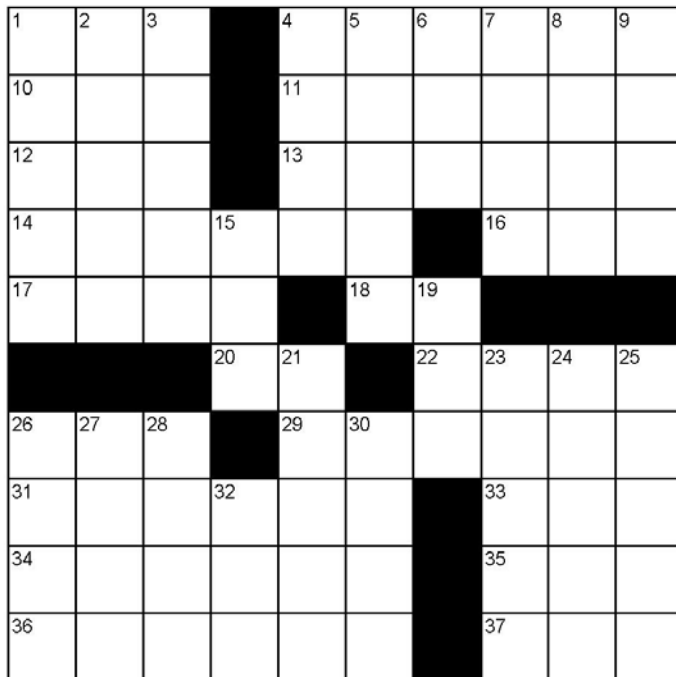
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4. Beats it!
10. Hotel
11. Flower child
12. Certified public accountant
13. White fur
14. Breath mint
16. Rescue
17. Opposed
18. Scottish "one"
20. Acidity
22. Corn syrup brand
26. Insane
29. Angry
31. Relating to horses
33. Kimono sash
34. National capital
35. Reverend (abbr.)
36. Bath powder
37. East northeast

### DOWN

1. Formal statement
2. Remove pins from
3. Playact
4. Popular stadium
5. Approximate date
6. Revolutions per minute
7. Capital of Western Samoa
8. Short
9. Origination
15. Lean
19. Stretch to make do
21. Large eastern religion
23. Before
24. Hot sandwich
25. \_\_\_ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)
26. Soften cheese
27. Greenish blue
28. Twofold
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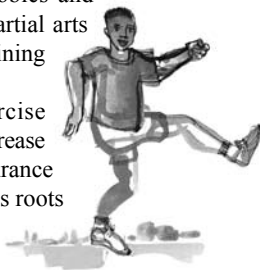
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### Kick Your Way to Fitness

#### Are you bored with your current fitness routine?

It may be time to kick your way to one of the hottest workouts around. Kickboxing, also referred to as boxing aerobics and cardio kickboxing, is a hybrid of boxing, martial arts and aerobics that offers an intense cross-training and total-body workout.

It blends a mixture of high-power exercise routines that strengthen the body and mind, decrease stress and hone reflexes while increasing endurance and cardiovascular power. While kickboxing's roots are in full-contact fighting, it has found a safe and very effective niche in the fitness community.



While some estimates of kickboxing's calorie-burning potential have reached as high as 500 to 800 calories per hour, ACE-sponsored research suggests that only very large individuals working out at exceptionally high intensities are like to burn that many. Instead, a 135-pound person is likely to burn 350 to 450 calories during a typical 50-minute class that consists of a warm-up, aerobic period and cool-down. There are, however, other important factors to consider before taking the first kick.

#### What is your current fitness level?

Keep in mind that many clubs may not offer classes that are based on progression. Even if your current routine features a hearty combination of cross-training workouts, you may want to take it easy at first, then build as your body adapts.

For this reason, an hour-long session may not be the wisest choice for someone who isn't used to this level of concentrated activity.

#### Familiarize yourself with the basics

Remember, adequate warm-up and close attention to proper technique are paramount. Classes should begin with basic stretches and a light cardiovascular warm-up such as pushups and jumping jacks.

A typical aerobic kickboxing routine involves a series of repetitive punches alternating with hand strikes, kicks and then a combination of all three. The repetitions help participants focus on proper technique while engaging several muscles groups and getting a fierce cardiovascular workout.

After the main section of the routine, stretches and floor exercises are commonly performed as a cool-down.

Don't forget to wear loose clothing that allows freedom of movement during your kickboxing workout and drink plenty of water.

#### Beginner beware

When attending your first class, try to avoid these common mistakes:

- Wearing weights or holding dumbbells when throwing punches, which puts your joints in danger of injury
- Locking your joints when throwing kicks or punches
- Over-extending kicks (Beginners should avoid high kicks until they get used to the routine and become more flexible.)
- Giving in to group peer pressure and exercising beyond fatigue
- And of course, you should ask your instructor about their training.

Cardio kickboxing is a combination of martial arts and aerobics, and employs different techniques from a "pure" martial arts class.

Many teachers may have boxing or martial arts training, but may not have the appropriate class experience or be properly certified by an organization such as ACE. Finally, once you understand the basics of this stress-relieving, total-body workout, you can kick your way to a new level of fitness.

#### Basic moves and equipment

It may seem awkward at first, but the basic moves in a kickboxing class can be mastered with time, patience and practice.

A prepared class will have mirrors, a punching or "heavy" bag and hit pads for participants to use. Here are two basic lower-body kickboxing moves that work the hamstrings, gluteals and quadriceps:

- **The roundhouse kick** - Starting from a basic stance (side of body facing bag, knees slightly bent, shoulder-length apart), lift your right knee and point it just to the right of your target. Pivot on your left foot as you extend your right leg. Kick the target with the top of your foot.
- **The side kick** - From the basic stance, pull your right knee up toward your left shoulder. Pivot on your left foot as you snap your right leg into your target. Strike with either the outside edge of your foot or your heel.



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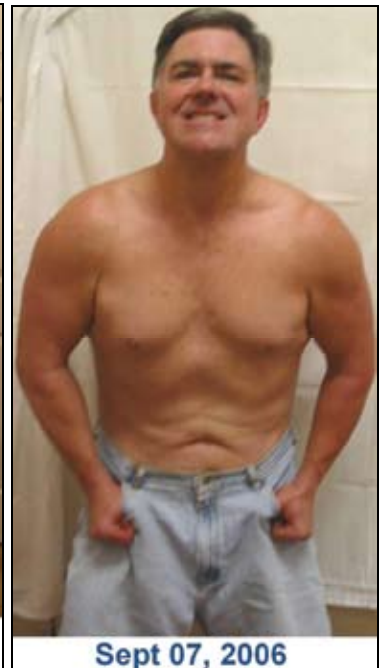
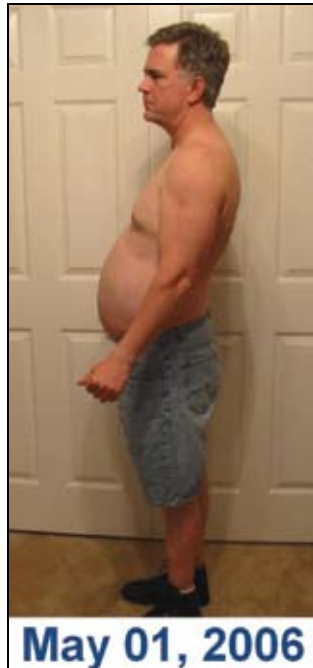
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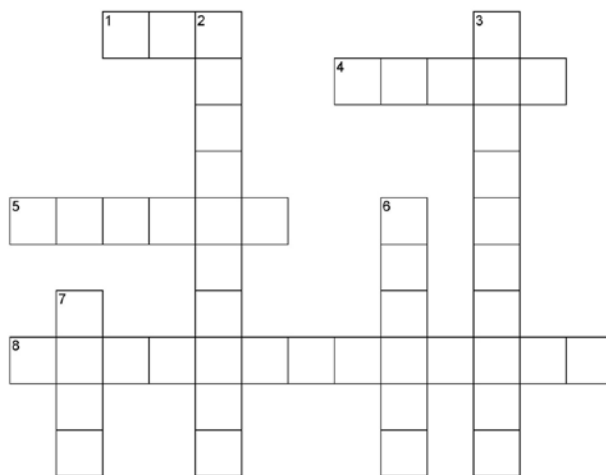


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### Kidz Crossword Puzzle

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#### ACROSS

##### Clue

1. Opposite of high
4. Yellow & blue make...
5. Capital of Germany
8. Group of stars

##### Answer

- Green  
Berlin  
Constellation  
Low

#### DOWN

##### Clue

2. First US President
3. See yourself in mirror
6. Has 4 equal sides
7. Twelve inches equal...

##### Answer

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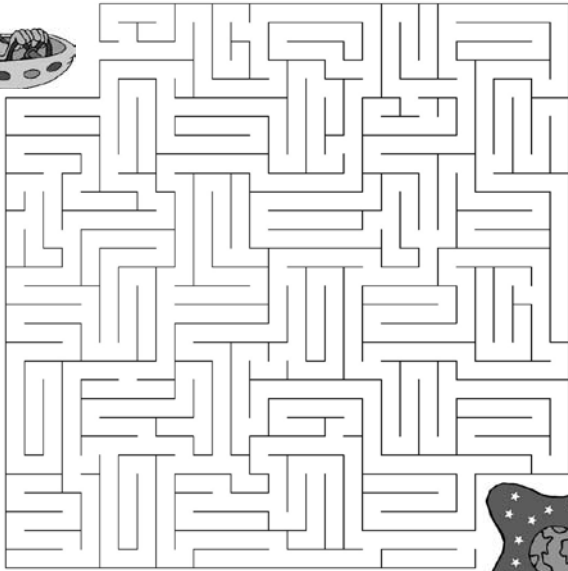
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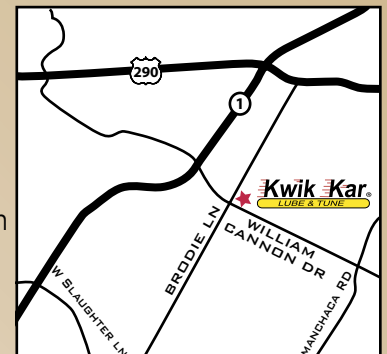
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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (Mar '06 - Aug '06)					Current Market	
	Total	Average				Total	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Feet	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	63	2,834	\$ 100	1993	33	14	6
North	22	2,028	\$ 114	1997	23	1	3
Wildflower	21	2,208	\$ 117	2000	20	3	4
On The Park	9	3,659	\$ 107	1996	50	0	1
Vintage Place	11	2,944	\$ 107	2004	87	0	1
Hielscher	39	2,968	\$ 113	2003	50	8	8
West	18	3,424	\$ 121	2005	82	6	1
Park West	15	2,318	\$ 136	2001	42	5	3
Park Place	5	2,548	\$ 111	2004	15	2	2
Muirfield	5	3,488	\$ 118	2005	208	9	2
Enclave / Lacrosse	10	2,535	\$ 116	2005	75	0	1
Alta Mira	4	2,652	\$ 117	2005	80	2	5
<b>Circle C Ranch Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>\$ 112</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37</b>

**Corresponding Neighborhood Map on AustinReps.com**

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