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# Letter from the Board of Directors

Each of you will be receiving a Annual Meeting Notification Packet in the mail by the end of February or beginning of March which will include an agenda, instructions on how to vote for the board election and instructions for how to vote for the special assessment. Also included will be separate ballots and proxies for these two separate votes. If you are unclear about the instructions, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663. We encourage each of you to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 6:30pm at Kiker Elementary.

Along with annual meeting preparations we have continued to make progress on our priority list (listed on the inside front cover) and you will find separate reports on the various issues located within this newsletter. The board has recently approved a Communications Committee charter and we are looking for volunteers to work on various communication issues including the website and newsletter. If you are interested in serving, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or send an email to info@circlecranch.info

At February's Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved a motion to have the HOA membership vote on a special assessment at the upcoming Annual Meeting, March 28. This special assessment will be a one time charge of \$150 and will be specifically earmarked towards major repairs and renovations to the Swim Center facility, the most visible of which will be the new Baby Pool. Remaining funds, if any, will go towards other swim center development or improvement.

As many of you know, our new Baby Pool is costing us a significant amount more than we initially hoped for. Construction costs have gone up in the wake of Katrina more than we had anticipated, but we as a Board did not want to sacrifice the quality or level of features we wanted to bring to the new Baby Pool. Although some cuts were made to the initial design, the ultimate decision by the Board was to invest in making the new Baby Pool an attractive, high-quality feature that would make us all proud.

The Circle C Homeowners Association has never before invested such an amount in improving its existing amenities, but it is an area we all feel whose time has come. In 2007 not only will the new Baby Pool be completed but we also hope to have the Wildflower Park project completed, several needed improvements made to our electrical infrastructure, and make significant repairs and improvements to

the swim center facilities. Circle C amenities have been stagnant for many years and it is the right time to start investing in what makes our neighborhood great.

More information about the assessment and the process for voting on it will be included in the material mailed out this month for the annual meeting. We encourage you to submit your questions regarding the special assessment to the Board either via email or phone (contact information on the main page of the Web site) or by coming to the March BOD meeting (Wednesday, March 7).

According to our governing documents, special assessments must be approved by 2/3 of the members who vote in person or by proxy at the meeting, meaning if only 100 votes are cast on the issue it will take only 67 votes to approve the special assessment. Given this requirement, members will not be allowed to vote for or against this special assessment via our electronic voting system. There will be additional information sent out this month regarding how you can vote for or against the special assessment. We encourage all neighbors to weigh in on this important issue.

The Board is excited by the development opportunities we have before us--we expect to see significant benefits just months from now. We are also excited to put this vote to the association and allow our neighbors to also support this development. If you have questions, now is the time to ask because now is the time to act. We are all residents of Circle C and the time has come for us to make this neighborhood all that we want it to be.

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# 2007 CCHOA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

6:30pm to 9:30pm Check in begins at 6:00pm

Kiker Elementary

# **CCHOA Numbers**

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## **2007 Board Priority List**

	Amenities	Transfer Agreement
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- ☐ Café Contract Review
- ☐ One House/One Vote
- ☐ ACC/Deed Restriction Position
- ☐ Park Playscapes Plan
- ☐ Trash Contract
- ☐ Swim Center Capital Improvements

## Completed Projects

- ☐ Swim Center Capital Improvements
- ☐ Swim Center Capital Improvements
- ☐ Swim Center Capital Improvements
- ☐ Insurance Policy/Agent Review
- ☐ Capital Project Bldg
- ☐ Annual Report
- ☐ Financial Contract Review
- ☐ Office Lease
- ☐ Landscape Contract
- □ 2007 Budget
- ☐ Management Review Plan
- ☐ Baby Pool

## **Board of Directors Election**

This year we have three board of director seats up for election with each holding a there year term. We received six nominations for these positions and you can find individual bios and questionnaires on the CCHOA website at www.circlecranch.info We also encourage you to attend the Candidate Forum on March 6th at 6:30pm at Kiker Elementary hosted by the Nominating Committee. Residents will be give the opportunity to ask each of the candidates questions.

## Want to submit an article of interest?

If you would like to contribute to the HOA newsletter, please send your article to <u>info@circlecranch.info</u>. The deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month April's deadline will be March 12). Photos and graphics must be submitted as a jpg, tif, or wmf file.

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# **CCHOA Announcements**

## **CCHOA Reminders**

### **Fencing**

We have had some recent questions regarding shared fencing between neighbors. Shared fencing between homeowners is an issue that must be resolved by the owners. Generally most neighbors pay for replacement or repair as a 50-50 split. City of Austin code requires a six foot privacy fence height. Residents may add up to 12 inches of trellis may be added but must be on separate support system, cannot be attached to the existing fence. Fencing that faces a street must have smooth side out.

We have also had questions on fence staining. Painting and/or altering fencing visible from the street requires ACC approval.

## **Additional Recycling Dumpster**

We have added a second Anything That Tears recycling dumpster at the back of the swim center parking lot. Please note that all boxes must be collapsed before being left in the dumpsters. This leaves room for everyone who wants to participate in recycling! Collection days are Monday and Thursday. If the dumpsters are full, please return with your recycling on another day.

# **Lighting Update**

We have had several concerns reported to us about the lack of street lighting along La Crosse Avenue and we plan to meet with Austin Energy to discuss what provisions are in place to add additional lighting. We will have a more detailed report in the April newsletter.

# **Current Construction Projects in Circle C**

We have had a number of inquiries regarding two projects that are under construction on Escarpment.

You have probably noticed the limestone ring that was placed around some trees down in the park area near the hike and bike trails. This was installed by the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department. The purpose is to divert water from an existing cave.

In addition, Pedernales Electric is digging a trench around the outside wall at Park West. They are making an electrical connection. The erosion control and tree protection is required by the City of Austin. All irrigation and landscape will be restored at the end of the project, at PEC's expense.



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## **Deed Restriction Update**

As we have noted in the previous 5 newsletters, we will be conducting a complete drive of the neighborhood during the month of March to look specifically at front yard landscape. This will include the condition of turf, condition of trees and condition of beds. The purpose of conducting a drive at this time of year is so that if there are significant changes to be made (turf or tree replacement), residents will have the opportunity to get this done prior to the heat of summer. If you receive a notice and have a question, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or via email at info@circlecranch.info

### **Candidate Town Hall**

The Nominating Committee will host a Candidate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30p at Kiker Elementary. Residents are invited to come for an informal Q&A with the board candidates running for the three open board of director seats.

### **Board of Director Town Hall**

The board hosts a monthly Town Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. The March Town Hall will be on Thursday, March 15th at 6:30pm, location to be determined and posted on the CCHOA website.

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# Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

### **Update on Landscape Maintenance Services**

During the month of March, the Circle C Landscape crew will be very busy on the commons area preparing for the upcoming Spring season. A pre-emergent weed killer was applied to the property during February, and the first mowing of the season will take place in March.

In general, we wait until the weather and soil is warm and the turf is actually growing to apply the spring fertilization. In general, this is the end of March or early April. This is important if you have St. Augustine grass, as fertilizing too much will actually make brown patch disease worse. For Bermuda, the grass starts growing when the night time temperatures are above 60 degrees. So, make sure your grass is actively growing to fertilize so it can uptake the chemicals, and in the case of St. Augustine, use as little a possible. You can get some specific recommendations from the City of Austin "Grow Green" website at www.ci.austin.tx.us

One big thing that is on the horizon for City of Austin residential water users is a revision to the water conservation ordinance to move from voluntary water conservation to mandatory water conservation for homeowners between May and September. Currently, the proposal on the table calls for residential irrigation watering limited

to 2 days per week between 7 p.m and 10 a.m. There may be some other provisions as well.

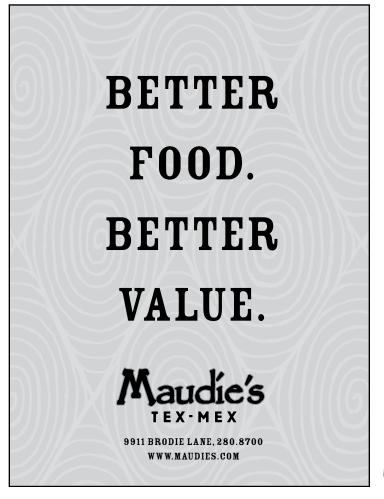
In any case, water conservation is here to stay. If you have received a deed restriction requiring you to improve or replace your lawn, you may want to consider using a more drought tolerant grass when possible. The other key factor is to put in a good base soil if you are doing a replacement. The city is recommending a minimum of 4" of good soil that includes compost as the base for a good lawn.

On the commons areas, our specifications for turf areas under the Green Community Landscape Model is Pallisades zoysia, for all but the total shade areas, where we will be using a ground cover or shade bed, or tree well. We have found this grass type to be highly drought tolerant and easy to care for.

# Classified Ads

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# **Architectural Control Committee Update**

The Circle C ACC recently met with regards to revising design guidelines for Circle C projects. They are adopting new guidelines for storage sheds, native landscaping in front yards, hardscape in front yards and prohibited items in front yards.

The guidelines will be published on the Circle C website at www. circlecranch.info most likely by the time you get this newsletter.

If you are contemplating any improvements to your property, please check the website for guidelines and other information about the Architectural Review Process.

## **Communication Volunteers Needed**

The Communications Committee is a newly formed committee and is currently seeking volunteers. The charge of the committee will include supporting the Circle C web site content and other homeowner communications.

For more information please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or info@circlecranch.info

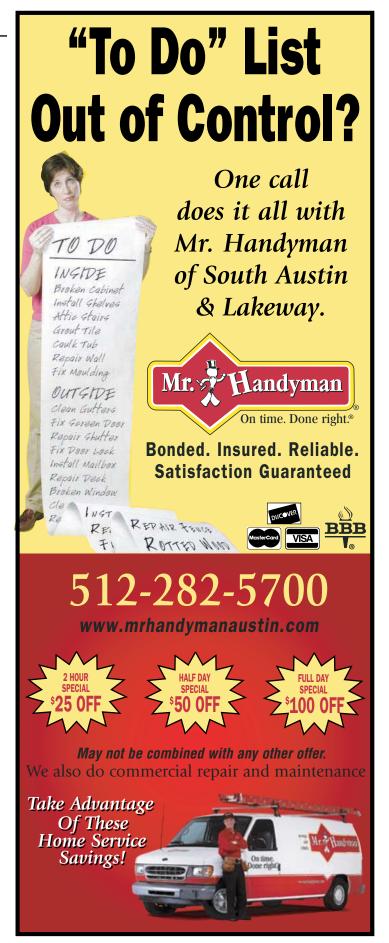
# Private Property is Restricted to Park West HOA Homeowners

Submitted by Board of Directors, Park West HOA

When we first looked at homes in Circle C, some of us sought the additional beauty of buying next to a green belt or park. Others sought the extra security that a gated community offers. Some who wanted both have invested more for homes in Park West, the gated Circle C neighborhood that is west of Escarpment and north of La Crosse.

Now, imagine if you had paid extra for a home that backs to an open green space that is owned by an HOA other than the Circle C HOA, only to discover that the land has experienced increasing pedestrian and vehicle traffic on an unauthorized path. Specifically, the Park West HOA-owned land on the western side of the Park West neighborhood, which stretches from La Crosse to the Austin city park, has become a pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare. Residents along this green space are seeing more people, dogs offleash, bicyclists, motorcycles, ATVs, and pickup trucks that are using Park West HOA-owned land to enter and exit the city park. Motorized vehicles often use the path to enter the city park after dark when the park is officially closed. Park West was becoming a gated community with no privacy on its western side.

To stop illegal traffic to and from the city park and to give those residents the beauty and security that they bought into, the board of the Park West HOA has closed the area that stretches to the city park. Park West HOA has restored an original ranch fence and installed a locked gate to stop traffic. The board of the Park West HOA is merely fulfilling its obligation to Park West homeowners to maintain the safety, privacy, and investments of their neighborhood, and the board hopes that other Circle C homeowners respect the needs and expectations of their fellow homeowners.



# **Circle C Safety Committee Monthly Report**

Submitted by Steve Elmore

On February 2nd the Circle C Safety Committee (CCSC) met at the Circle C Golf Course Clubhouse for its first meeting under the new charter. The members present decided to hold off on the selection of Committee Officers until other residents had an opportunity to attend a second meeting and participate in the selection process. Circle C West was over-represented and the committee wanted to seek more geographically representative committee leadership. It was also decided that two CCSC liaisons each should be appointed to APD, AFD, and EMS for coordination activities.

CCSC determined that the Circle C Neighborhood Watch Program will need a section leader from each of the major Circle C neighborhoods (i.e. Wildflower Park, Circle C West, Alta Mira, etc.). The section leaders will then recruit block captains for each street in Circle C and report to the Circle C Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Steve Elmore.

There was a Neighborhood Watch training session on February 20th, 2007 at 6:30pm at the South Station at 404 Ralph Albanado. A number of CCSC members attended and future training sessions will be posted on the Circle C Website events calendar and under the Committee News and Information section of the Circle C website

(http://www.circlecranch.info/Committee\_News.asp). The 2007 APD Resource Manual is available there as well.

Anyone interested in joining the CCSC, or being a Neighborhood Watch section leader or block captain, please contact the HOA management office at 288-8663 or via email at info@circlecranch. info.

### **Police Blotter**

- Tue, Jan-02-2007 20:09 Trelawney Ln. Theft of property
- Sat, Jan-06-2007 18:00 Cherisse Dr. Theft of property
- Mon, Jan-15-2007 17:00 Halsey Ct. Theft of property
- Thu, Jan-18-2007 09:00 Hollister Dr. Theft of property
- Tue, Jan-23-2007 11:25 Rickerhill Ln. Suspicious person
- Tue, Jan-23-2007 12:00 Lafitte Ln. Stolen credit/debit cards

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- Wed, Jan-24-2007 13:53 Tasajillo Trail Criminal mischief/vandalism
- Thu, Jan-25-2007 18:00 Mordred Ln. Stolen household goods
- Mon, Jan-29-2007 12:36 Sundara Dr. Vehicle theft
- Fri, Feb-02-2007 10:20 Escarpment Blvd / La Crosse Ave Disturbance
- Wed, Feb-07-2007 08:00 Rhett Butler Dr. Identity theft
- Wed, Feb-07-2007 08:21 Magenta Ln. Harassment
- Fri, Feb-09-2007 13:00 Walebridge Ln. Theft of radios/TVs/VCRs
- Fri, Feb-09-2007 16:00 Blissfield Dr. Criminal mischief/vandalism

### March Safety Focus: Streetlights

There are a number of streetlights in Circle C that are missing the access plates on the back of the posts near the base. In many cases the wiring is exposed and accessible to small hands. Please call the City of Austin at 512-505-7617 or e-mail lightingrepair@austinenergy. com to report the ID number of any streetlights missing this panel.

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# **CCHOA Clubs & Announcements**

# Do the Conga

Submitted by Paul Murphy, Circle C Ranch Cycling Club President, CCR Resident, all round good fellow

Disclaimer- for the purists, this article is not exhaustive, authoritative, nor complete, (but it is probably worth the read.)

It is February already and, if you are like the majority of the US population, your enthusiasm for New Year's resolutions (remember those?) is probably not quite at an end but somewhere close. The 2 most common resolutions (get fit/ lose weight and sort out finances) are things you will 'tackle later'- after all, getting those statements together takes you away from family time and that jog you did on Jan 2 really opened your eyes, especially after a few gulps of oxygen from that passing medic! Cycling is a super way to lose weight/ get fit/ solve your financial woes/ increase your popularity and bring about world peace- the latter few may be questionable outcomes of the pursuit. Cycling does not stress the joints like running, is a family activity and is right on our doorstep! As an aside, Bicycle Sport Shop is having a big sale in March- look out for that, and in the meantime has great staff and a super product line to help you get or continue going.

You may, of course, have been looking at your bicycle (proudly collecting dust) and thinking to yourself, "I would really like to ride with those handsome/ beautiful men/ women of CCRCC (delete as applicable) but don't want to show that I have absolutely no idea how to ride in a group"- if so, then this article is for you.

Group cycling is exhilarating and safer than cycling alone. One of the undoubted joys of cycling in a group is pacelining. A line of cyclists (single or double) is called a paceline. A significant amount of the effort you apply to the pedals goes into overcoming wind resistance and a paceline enables you to move along faster and for longer than you could by yourself by protecting you from the wind when not at the front- drafting. The front rider position is rotated through the group so everyone gets a chance to be shielded from the wind plus the opportunity to share the burden of "breaking the wind" (or "pulling" both terms, I am certain will raise a smile with the readership). Such riding makes the miles fly quickly by and is enormously enjoyable but riding so quickly and closely to other cyclists can be dangerous unless everyone follows the same rules and proper etiquette.

To help prepare you for your first ride with CCRCC (this Saturday or Sunday at 0900 at Starbucks in Escarpement Village would be a great start by the way, we will see you there), here are some paceline pointers. Note that this list is not exhaustive but covers most of the common ground and reading it will put you far ahead of many- you aren't expected to remember it all.

### Golden Rule

Don not make any sudden movements! This includes speeding up but even moreso means do not suddenly slow down, swerve or turn. Doing so will likely cause an accident with the person behind/ next to you, and the one next to them, and the one next to them and... you get the picture.

### "that's when I fell for... the leader if the pack"

• When at the front of the line you quite literally pull the rest of the pack along- hence the term, 'pulling'. This can be demanding

and so short pulls of 30 seconds to 2 minutes will benefit the group more than long, epic 15 minute efforts which will tire you out. Leave your ego behind with your latte, (you can always pick it up later) and if you are a weaker or tired rider, then just "pull through", that is, when your turn for the front comes around, you should spend very little or no time at the front and just pull off letting the next rider take the lead. Doing so maintains the rhythm of the paceline.

- When taking the lead, unless you really do mean to drop the person
  who just finished pulling DO NOT speed up but DO maintain
  speed. If it is appropriate to speed up, then gradually increase
  speed.
- If in the lead-keep pedaling! Remember the Golden Rule above? Coasting or check pedaling when in the lead will slow you down with the result of having the next in line rider either hit you or slam on their brakes, with the result that the rider behind them etc-don't do it.
- Swing clear of pot holes, assorted road kill and debris. POINT OUT THE OBSTACLES. If appropriate, call out the obstacles, too.

### The In Crowd

- When in the pack, look forward several riders to see what the paceline is doing and reacting to- do not focus on the rear tire of the bike in front of you- it can be mesmerizing!
- Just like NY being so good it was named twice (of course we Brits aren't quite so self promoting)- this rule is so important it is likewise mentioned twice- Don't make sudden movements. Those behind you are depending on you being rational and predictablenow there's a thought.
- Use brakes cautiously. Sudden, hard braking will be the cause of a pile up behind you and sudden, deep unpopularity.
- Communicate, call out things (turning, slowing, stopping, armadillo, dog, Leslie, etc)
- Keep your front wheel in line with the rear wheel of the rider in front you do not overlap the wheels, you may both be surprised by the resulting accident. Should you find that you inadvertently overlap, gradually slow down to regain the appropriate position. (There are times when overlap is desirable- echeloning, but that is beyond the scope of this article. So for now- don't do it.)
- Wait until you are at the back of the paceline to eat that energy bar, peel that banana, etc- it just makes sense when you think about it.
- If you have areo bars (those cool triathlon things attached to the handle bars)- do NOT use them in a paceline. You do not have the fullest control of your bike when using them and control is paramount for safety in a group ride.

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• If you are a CCRCC member and are leading the ride-don't leave stragglers. It is the responsibility of the lead riders to keep the

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group together. Regrouping points should be agreed and made known in advance for such an eventuality. That said, if you do get separated from the group- DO NOT just turn around and go home- the group will be waiting for you to catch up. Tell someone if you are leaving the ride early and make sure that you have a phone with you and at least one of the numbers of the riders- before you set off. Carry with you the appropriate bicycle 'first aid'- the list of equipment was in an earlier article- you did save that didn't you?

- Be sensible, be mature and know your limitations. If you are not strong enough or are too tired to take a turn at the front, then say so and stay near the back to let the stronger cyclists pull in front of you as they return to the rear of the line. This will keep you in the line and with the group.
- If you are struggling- speak up! Ask to have the pace slowed a bit, we would rather have you with us for the whole ride than have you leave early.
- Smoothness is key, if you are at the front and make a sudden change-accelerate or decelerate, the effect is magnified throughout the line and it can be significant at the rear-just think what it is like when you are in a line in your car pulling away at the lights,

the lead car is way ahead before you are even moving- now try that on a bicycle!

• If you are at the rear of the pack, let the rider coming back from the front know that you are the last rider, so that he/ she knows to begin to accelerate and pull in.

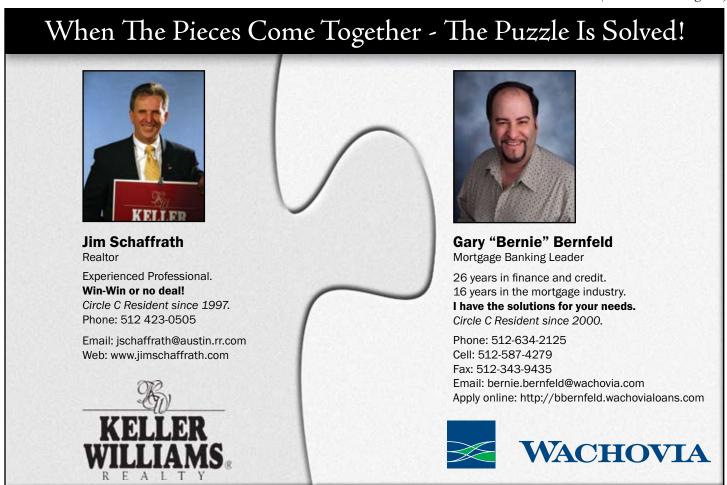
### iBike (it's only a matter of time)

• Headphones should be dropped off in the car. You are responsible for your safety and that of the others around you who are depending upon your ability to relay obstacles being called out. Being unable to hear this because you are enjoying something by Outcast, Duran Duran or Vivaldi (take your pick) is unacceptable, Likewise cellphones- if you must take the call, don't expect the group to wait on you as you do.

### **Finally**

- Relax. Surprisingly, this is rather important. Tense neck, shoulders and arms can result in you (1) tiring early and (2) being less aware and alert as a result of (1).
- Enjoy the ride, talk with your fellow cyclists as you ride, you might actually get to like some of them.
- How far from the bike in front should you be? There are three things at play here- your own comfort, the safety of you and the group and collective experience. Experienced cyclists who

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regularly ride together will be very close from the wheel in front to maximize the draft. Less experienced cyclists should increase this distance to about 1 wheel's diameter and complete novices up to 3' and accept that they will be drafting less efficiently in the interests of safety; reducing the gap as familiarity, competence and comfort grows.

If you have been reading these cycling articles and thinking to yourself, "I would like to shake the hand of the author for a job so very well done," then your ambition can be achieved. Meet the author at Starbucks (Nasdaq: SBUX) on Saturday or Sunday at 0900 for newsletter signings, photo opportunities and general handshaking-or just come along to meet and ride with some of the 120 of your neighbours who are already CCRCC members. Join CCRCC at http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/CCRCC. Questions to Paul at terence.p.murphy@smithbarney.com (the P is for Paul).

### **CORRECTION**

In last months article I erroneously stated that of the 300 million Americans only 300 are US senators and that one of them, John Kerry (D- MA), actually sought out CCRCC to ride with when he was on town- there are, of course, only 100 senators, increasing the stated percentage of US senators who have ridden with CCRCC from 0.3 to 1.0%- now that's impressive!

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# **CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued**

# **Arts Festival Volunteers Sought**

Submitted by Joanne Anania

The Austin Fine Arts Alliance is seeking volunteers for the 2007 Austin Fine Arts Festival. The Festival will take place at Republic Square in downtown Austin on April 14 and 15. It is one of the oldest and most highly regarded in Texas and will feature work by 220 juried, national artists, musical performances and artistic demonstrations.

Volunteers are asked to commit three hours of their time during the Festival weekend. Help is needed in all parts of the Festival from assisting participating artists and aiding attendees to setup and teardown. In recognition of their efforts, volunteers will receive free admission to the Festival. They will also have a unique view of the Festival and how it works. Volunteers have a chance to meet with visiting artists and become involved with Austin's arts community.

If you are new to the area, as so many of us in Circle C are, the Austin Fine Arts Alliance offers an opportunity for you to become part of the greater community and enjoy a great weekend of art in the city. The Alliance is an open, energetic, non-profit volunteer organization affiliated with the Austin Museum of Art. It supports a wide range of arts activities at the Museum and in the community throughout the year.

To volunteer for the Festival or to become a member of the Alliance call 512-458-6073 ext 1 or e-mail kgarbaggio@austinfineartsalliance. org. For additional information about the Festival visit: www.austinfineartsfestival.org .

# Water, Water Everywhere

Paul Murphy, CCR Resident

Austin is a great place to live for so many reasons and one of those is the waterways we enjoy here, not least of which is Lake Travis. You have probably spent time on Lake Travis but interestingly enough it is also one of the better lakes in Texas to scuba dive. The water is warm, sheltered, visibility is generally 10- 15 feet and can be up to 25 feet and the lake has a gently sloping bottom. The scuba diving season is fast approaching (it never finished for a hardy few) and now would be a good time to check your gear if you are a diver or book a course if not. (Kids from age 10 and up can learn to dive.)

In addition to the lakes, within easy reach, Aquarena Springs is a crystal clear freshwater site and the San Marcos and Comal Rivers are clear, gentle river dives. Farther afield in the Gulf of Mexico are the offshore oil platforms and the spectacular Flower Gardens National Marine Sanctuary.

I have been scuba diving for over 20 years, am a certified instructor and have dived allover the world- do I think Austin waters are worth diving? Absolutely!

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# Follow up on the February "Pet" Article

Submitted by Dorian de Wind

In the February 2007 issue of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter, we published an article on how to "live harmoniously with pets and neighbors" in our community. While we have not received much feedback (verbally or in writing), we have had at least one visual indication that residents have taken the advice to heart. Our roving photographer caught a glimpse of Park West resident Jackie Rollins walking her cat, "Shadow," on a leash (See photo). Now, if you know anything about cats, taking a feline out for a walk on a leash is no small feat. Thank you, Jackie! We hope to have many more similar sightings around Circle C Ranch.

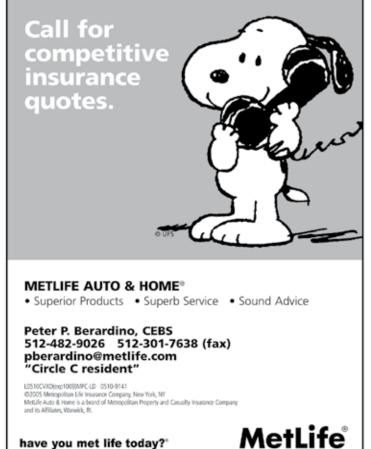
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Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Resident

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Submitted by Carrie Turlington

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# **Parent Information Meeting**

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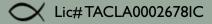
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# **CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued**

# **Park West Association News**

(only pertains to Park West residents)

The Park West Annual HOA meeting was held as planned on February 6th. Two open Board of Directors positions were filled. Congratulations to returning Board member Charlie Rodenberg and to new Board member Veta Winick. By the time this newsletter is published, officers for 2007 will have been elected and the results posted on the mail center bulletin boards.

On behalf of the members of Park West HOA, Joan Maril presented a bouquet of flowers to outgoing director Linda Bal in appreciation for her dedication and years of service to the community. Linda contributed significantly as a member of Park West HOA's first all-homeowner Board of Directors. Thank you for all your hard work, Linda!

Topics generating the most discussion at the meeting, and which the new Board will consider top priority moving into 2007 were (not in prioritized order):

- · Landscape design and budget planning for both mail centers
- · Creation of an official Park West web site
- Lot 103 privacy and maintenance policy
- Clarification and questions regarding the newly published Park West Rules

Please notify a board member if you are interested in providing input or assistance on any of these projects. How can you submit information to the board? Here are two of the ways that you can communicate your ideas, concerns and suggestions:

- 1. Park West's Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are open to all homeowners. Time is available at the beginning of each meeting for homeowners to bring issues or information before the Board. To be listed on the agenda, and to insure that adequate space is available, call Dave Maril at 301-8869 prior to the meeting.
- 2. "Ask the Board" boxes are located at the rear of each mail center. These locked boxes are checked weekly by board members, and contents are read at the monthly board meetings. You need not list your name/address on these communications, but remember that you will not receive an individual reply to anonymous submissions.

Both sets of Park West gates are now closed 24/7. We do keep one entry gate open during traditional Sunday Open House periods from 1:00-3:00 PM and during scheduled hours for the Circle C Wide Garage Sale. During a power outage, the entry gates open automatically and remain open until power is restored.

The holidays are the best time of the year for many residents. Decorations were beautiful this year but need to be put away until next year. As of this writing, a few Park West homes still have decorations out and the Circle C deadline for removal has passed. Please gather in remaining Holiday decorations.

Wind-blown trash is often a problem on windy trash days. One twist on the January 30 pickup, trash was found showing: 1) stock market records and interest received. 2) Prescription information. 3) 2005 Income tax information. Don't make identity theft easy; shred

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**Park West** - (Continued from Page 18) such information.

In August 2006, we reported that PW board members met with Pedernales Electric and Circle C Ranch officials to discuss routing of a new backup underground power line from Park West Pass, east along La Crosse and north along Escarpment. The work is now under way near the property walls on the 'outside' (on Circle C property). Pedernales estimates 2-4 days of laying cable, possibly through limestone. The new line replaces an original underground line that traveled under Tasajillo Trail.



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Questions contact Jannette Goodall at 974-9045







# **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 the 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 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) 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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# **Circle C Amenities**

# Circle C Swim Center Update

Submitted by Kelly Schmidt, Aquatics Director

There are several new and exciting happenings this year at the Swim Center Complex. Construction is underway to beautify and update the Circle C Swim Center. Projects that have begun include Baby Pool, Pool Office and Bathhouse renovations and in order to comply with TDH regulations, installation of vertical pool depth marker tiles. For those of you itching to get your feet wet, rest assured we will re-open the pool Sunday, March 11th but you'll have to excuse the temporary inconveniences of a working construction site for a few months. Also hours of operation will be subject to change based on the needs of construction and patron safety.

What new systems will you need to be aware of once all of the projects are complete? Great question! The swim center is now leaping into the new millennium with a long awaited residential computer ID system soon to be in place. Each HOA member household current in their dues will have its own account with a photo ID assigned to the members. You will be able to take your photo and acquire your photo ID card in the temporary aquatics office located in the HOA office beginning March 1st from 9am-8pm, M-F. Once construction of the new formal entry into the pool is complete, residents will be able to obtain their IDs at the front desk anytime during normal operating hours. There will always be a friendly, customer service oriented and informative face awaiting to help you at the Front Desk of the Swim Center.

Registration for swim lessons and community service classes begins on Monday, March 26th. For your convenience we will be accepting registrations by fax, mail and walk-in. Swim lessons will be tracked and managed electronically with our new system as well. Items such as swim diapers, goggles, and sun block will be available for purchase at the Front desk too!

New pool hours reflect rec/lap swim and health and wellness classes such as water aerobics, water walking and water therapy. Information about the hours are available on a separate handout as well as on-line at www.circlecranch.info just click on the Swim Center and then the Activity Guide links.

Love working with people of all ages in and out of the water but don't have a professional aquatics background? That's great. Kelly and her aquatics team will be happy to train you in the fine art of youth and adult swim instruction. Stop by the HOA office for a Swim Center application. Personality, patience, a willingness to learn and

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a passion for teaching is all that you need to be a successful swim teacher. Hey teachers, need something to do for the summer? Contact Kelly at 288-4239.

The Circle C Swim Center's new Aquatics Director is Kelly Schmidt. She will be the "go to" contact for questions and concerns about the pool. She comes to Circle C with over 16 years of aquatics experience. She began her life in aquatics and recreation on her high school swim team which lead to 6 years of life guarding in various settings, rivers, beaches, indoor and outdoor pools and theme parks. Her background also includes working with various agencies as a Recreation Supervisor and an Aquatics & Fitness Center Director in Florida, Colorado and California.

Any Questions? Don't hesitate to call 288-4239.

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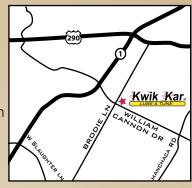
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# March Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

### Where the Wild Things Are

A juried exhibit featuring perspectives on nature by 50 Austin artists. March 1 to 29

### **Invasive Plant Public Awareness Day**

Exhibits, walks and activities focused on the harm caused by invasive plants. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 3

### **Nature Nights: Wildcats of Texas**

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### Wildflower Days Artists & Artisans Festival

Unique art and crafts presented by local artists. Artist Dalhart Windberg will sign this year's new print, "Spring's Renewal," during his trunk show, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. Illustrator Nathan Jensen signs his new children's book, Desert Night Shift and demonstrates his craft, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. From 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sue Kemp will sign the 2007 Wildflower Days<sup>TM</sup> art print and T-shirts. All previous years' Wildflower Days<sup>TM</sup> prints, 50 percent off both days. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18

### **Botany Lecture**

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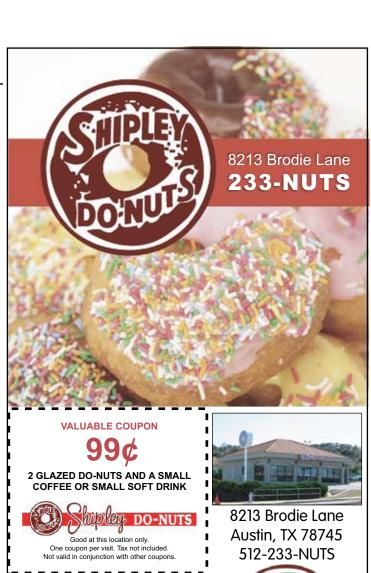
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# Circle C Tennis Club recognized as a "Top 50" facility for promoting the growth of tennis in the U.S.

Submitted by Fernando Velasco delivering tennis to the community

## Facility staff lauded for its proactive role

The Tennis Industry Association and United States Tennis Association have named the Circle C Tennis Club a "Top 50 Tennis Welcome Center of 2006" for delivering a variety of tennis programs to new and current players of all ages in efforts to increase participation in the game. The Club is one of a growing number of "Tennis Welcome Centers" that provide top-quality instruction, exciting programming, and a great social setting to encourage people to enjoy tennis.

"The staff has created a positive tennis experience for people in the Austin area," says Jolyn de Boer, who is executive director of the Tennis Industry Association (TIA). "Tennis Welcome Centers serve a vital role in delivering tennis and we are pleased to recognize these efforts with this award."

The Circle C Tennis Club was selected as a "Top 50 Tennis Welcome Center of 2006" for its increased participation figures involving new and returning players, support of industry programs and community tennis development.

"The operators of these Top 50 TWCs represent the best of the best among thousands of teaching professionals who work hard every day to welcome new players to our great lifetime sport," says Mark McMahon, USTA National Manager for Tennis Welcome Centers.

The Tennis Welcome Center initiative—backed by all sectors of the industry, from governing bodies and manufacturers to media, retailers, teaching organizations and facilities--has played a leading role in the sport's growth. Pro player Maria Sharapova is a spokeswoman for the program, which is free to tennis facilities who wish to support industry efforts to increase participation through specific programming and marketing.

"It is a great honor to have been selected among over 200 facilities in the United States" says Fernando Velasco, General Manager and Director of Tennis. "Having a great supportive staff and enthusiastic Members make it easy to offer programs and events that will be well attended and enjoyed by all." Besides the Circle C Tennis Club,

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Circle C Tennis - (Continued from Page 30)

only two other Texas Clubs were selected. These clubs are located in Southlake and in Arlington.

The Circle C Tennis Club offers one of the most complete programs for both adults and children who are interested in playing tennis. It is a Private Tennis Facility located next to The Golf Club at Circle C on Highway 45. Presently, there is no initiation fee to join and monthly dues are very affordable. It has eight lighted Championship Plexi-court tennis courts, a pro shop and a child care center. The Club also offers group and private lessons to non-Members of the Club

The Circle C Tennis Staff includes General Manager and Director of Tennis, Fernando Velasco; Director of Junior Development, Darin Pleasant; Director of Women's Tennis, Beverly Bowes; Director of Junior Tennis; Mandon Maloney; and Associate Tennis Professionals, Steve Dubin, Joanna Suskic and Danny Rodriguez.

The Club's league programs are some of the best in the Austin Area. Women's tennis includes WTTA Leagues in Divisions 2A and 2B, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10; and USTA Weekday and Weekend Leagues in the 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 Divisions. Men's Tennis includes USTA 3.0 and 3.5 Leagues and ATL Leagues in Divisions 2 and 6. In the Mixed Doubles Leagues, the Club is well represented in the 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 Leagues. The Junior Leagues in the fall and in the spring include Recreational Teams and Competitive Teams.

lesson program for all ages and abilities. The Pee Wee Program for 3-5 years old is very well attended, followed by the Grand Prix Programs for ages 6-8, 9-11, and 12-15 years old.

For those children who choose to play in the competitive field, they

Circle C Tennis Club also offers an extensive private and group

For those children who choose to play in the competitive field, they can join the Pre-Advance Training Program I and II (PATP). Once they reach the level of Texas Championship and Super Championship, they may be able to join the Advanced Training Program (ATP) depending on space available. Our ATP and PATP programs have won several local, state, and national championships.

The Adult Beginner Programs have created a new generation of tennis players. The Tennis Club offers a reasonable beginner series for \$75.00 which covers six one-hour sessions of fundamentals, footwork, and strategy. Classes are now available for Men, Women and Co-ed groups during the day, evenings and weekends. Some of these players may have played at one time, either in high school, college or just socially and want to return to the game. Others are beginners who want to learn the proper fundamentals from internationally recognized professionals. Players can join these sessions at any time.

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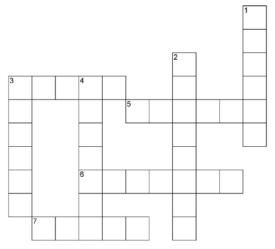
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# Kidz Crossword Puzzle

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### **DOWN**

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3. Lettuce, tomato & dressing	
5. Helps to walk over water	

6. South American language

Answer Clue Brain 1. Used to reach high places Spanish 2. An artist makes... Bridge 3. Has 8 legs

Salad 4. Capital of Maine

Spider Augusta Painting Ladder

Answer

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7. Makes you think

Clue

Locate eight of our country's famous holidays. Words can go vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.

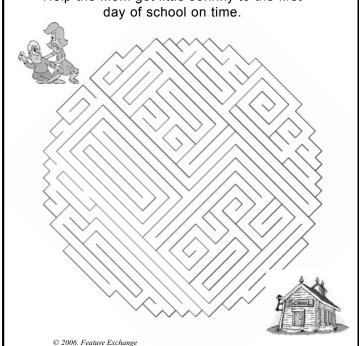
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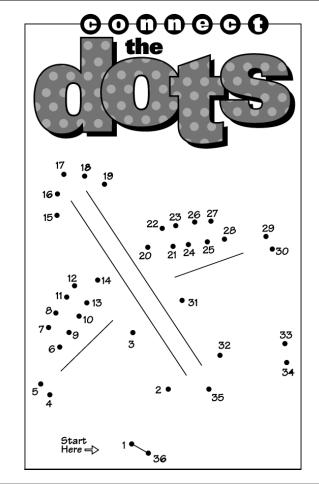
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# Kidz Maze Mania

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# "Lights, Camera, Action!" on Another Chart-Topping Year for Austin Film

February 9, 2007

AUSTIN, TX-The latest issue of MovieMaker magazine names Austin as number three in its annual ranking of the "Top Ten U.S. Cities to Live and Make Movies." The Capital City has appeared among the top three cities on this notable list for six consecutive years.

"So much of Austin's reputation as a world-renowned moviemaking capital has to do with the unique education and support that the community fosters through film festivals, special screenings, retrospectives and even contests," says MovieMaker. The accompanying article also cites the Austin Film Commission's new online film production guide and online location database as other reasons the city remains a favorite. In addition, the writer spotlights the partnership between Burnt Orange Productions and the University of Texas Film Institute as the

only program of its kind that gives students the opportunity to work on union films with professional crews.

Other cities ranking among the top ten include, in order: (1) New York, (2) Philadelphia, (4) Albuquerque, (5) Las Vegas, (6) Shreveport-Bossier City, (7) Memphis, (8) Miami, (9) Portland and (10) Salt Lake City. Austin ranked second to New York in the past two years.

"Landing near the top of the MovieMaker list again is an award that is well deserved. Austin has long been considered a film friendly city. The support of city government and the local film industry including the Austin Film Festival, Austin Studios and South by Southwest are crucial to our success as a film hub," says Gary Bond, director of the Austin Film Office. "Our golden reputation is furthered by the city's progressive culture and the moviemakers who choose to call Austin

home."

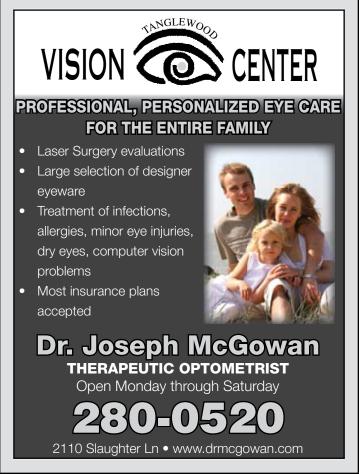
According to the Texas Film Commission, Austin led all Texas cities in film and television total production budgets in 2006, for the sixth consecutive year, with approximately \$131.9 million in production budgets. That accounts for 45% percent of the \$291.3 million in total film budgets in the Lone Star State last year.

Production wrapped on more than 22 feature films in 2006, including Fast Food Nation, The Hitcher, Teeth, GrindHouse and

Gary the Tennis Coach, along with NBC's television series Friday Night Lights.







# The live wire Guy Forsythe

March 4, 2007 ...... Joe Self Help Benefit w/Special Guests La Zona Rosa - 3:00PM -10:00PM

March 9, 2007 .....Lucinda Williams Stubb's BBO - 8:00PM

Poodie's Hilltop - check for time

March 10, 2007 ......The Greencards

Threadgill's World HQ - 9:00PM

March 14-18, 2007...... Happy South by Southwest!

March 23, 2007...... Will Taylor & Strings Attached

Blues Show: Carolyn Wonderland & Others

St. David's Episcopal Church - (2 shows) 7:30PM, 10:00PM

March 24, 2007......The Gourds

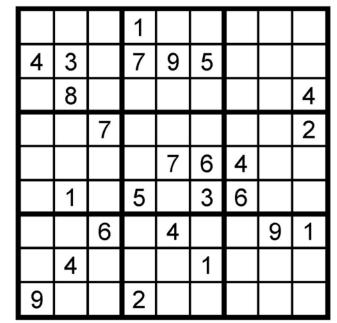
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Sundays thru March 2007 ... Warren Hood & the Hoodlums Momo's - 9:00PM

The "Live Wire" is not a paid advertisement or endorsed by the performers or venues. The list of suggested events is provided as a convenience in support of Austin's status as the "Live Music Capital of the World"; it is compiled from information available at the time of submittal, and may change. Readers are encouraged to validate accuracy with the performer or the venue.

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1-11—GEORGETOWN: Oliver Palace Theatre. 512/869-SHOW

1-25—AUSTIN: Disney's The Lion King The animal kingdom comes to life in a spectacular production of this classic coming-of-age tale. UT Performing Arts Center. www.utpac.org 512/471-1444

1-31—AUSTIN: Austin Visual Arts Exhibit A juried art exhibit — Where the Wild Things Are — features unique perspectives on nature by 50 Austin artists. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

1-Apr.15—AUSTIN: Revealing Character: Robb Kendrick's Texas Tintypes The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com 512/936-8746

1-May 28—AUSTIN: Power to the People: The Electrification of Rural Texas Tells the unique story of one of the most dramatic events in Texas history. Lyndon Baines Johnson Library & Museum. www.lbjlib.utexas. edu 512/721-0200

1-Jul. 29—AUSTIN: The American Twenties The exhibition explores race, religion, capitalism, love and modernism in the decade immediately following World War I through contemporary literature and art. UT Harry Ransom Humanities Resource Center. www.hrc.utexas.edu 512/471-8944

2—AUSTIN: A. Mozart Fest Kidskonzert III: Piano Music at its Greatest with Pianist John Perry Begins at 9:45 a.m. Reservations required. First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity St. www.amozartfest.org 512/461-7022

2-4—AUSTIN: Austin Chocolate Festival Participating vendors offer samples

to festival guests. Guests enjoy and participate in chocolate competitions in several categories. Includes a gala dinner and auction on Friday and exclusive black-tie dinner on Saturday. Tuscan Hall, 16221 Crystal Hills Drive. www. austinchocolatefestival.com 512/637-0479

3—BEND: Crawling Wild Cave Exploration Self-guided, crawling exploration provides a true caving experience. Map and information provided. Not for those with claustrophobia. Reservations required. Begins at 9 a.m. Colorado Bend State Park. 325/628-3240

3—BOERNE: Chuck Wagon Cook-Off & Heritage Gathering A dozen authentic, antique chuck wagons compete for the best chicken fried steak, beans, potatoes, biscuits and fruit cobbler. Agricultural Heritage Museum. www.agmuseum.org 830/249-6007

3—KYLE: Creek Clean-Up Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Steeplechase Park Pavilion. www.cityofkyle.com 512/262-3939

3—LUCKENBACH: Texas Independence Day Celebration Celebrate with music, food and dancing. An official flag retirement ceremony is held. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Luckenbach, RR 1376, off Hwy. 290 E. www. luckenbachtexas.com 830/997-3224 or 888/311-8990

3-Apr.15—AUSTIN: Paula Chamlee: High Plains Farm The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com 512/936-8746

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- 4—AUSTIN: Sharon Isbin This guitarist has been acclaimed for her extraordinary lyricism, technique and versatility. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 4—NEW BRAUNFELS: Texas A&M University Singing Cadets The group performs yearly for more people than any other collegiate choral group in the United States. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre. 830/627-0808
- 6—BLANCO: Texas Star Trail Riders Three hundred riders and 25 wagons arrive around 4 p.m. with a parade around the Courthouse Square. Camp out is at Yett Memorial Park. www.texasstartrail.com 512/478-2184 or 512/791-2503
- 7—AUSTIN: Global Percussion Masters Features Zakir Hussain, Giovanni Hidalgo and Terry Bozzio three of the world's greatest drummers. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753
- 8-10—AUSTIN: UIL Boys Basketball State Championships Frank Erwin Center. www.uil.utexas.edu 512/477-6060
- 8-18—NEW BRAUNFELS: NBTC Presents Steel Magnolias Six strong Southern women make the audience laugh through their tears. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre. www.nbtxtc.org
- 8-24—INGRAM: Smoke on the Mountain Elizabeth Huth Indoor Theater. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5120
- 9-10—UVALDE: Uvalde Piecemakers Quilt Show Uvalde Activity Center. 830/278-9571
- 9-18—AUSTIN: South by Southwest Conferences & Festivals SXSW is an essential event for understanding tomorrow's entertainment industry today.

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9-24—AUSTIN: Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo Includes Kidstown, calf scramble, mutton bustin', buffalo soldiers, chuck-wagon and barbecue cookoffs, more than 40 bands, Youth and Open Livestock Show, Xtreme Bull Riding, 13 ProRodeo performances and live concerts. www.rodeoaustin.com 512/919-3000

10—AUSTIN: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie & Other Story Books Eight delightful stories come to life in this TheatreworksUSA production. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

10—GEORGETOWN: Market Day Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles and foods from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Georgetown. www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.org 512/868-8675

10-11—BOERNE: Market Days Includes arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and great food. Main Plaza. www.mainstreetboerne.com 830/249-5530

10-11, 17-18, 24-25—CASTROVILLE: Bluebonnet Walk Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shooting Star Museum. www.castroville.com 210/274-6909 or 830/931-3837

10-17—FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Hell Week (Bicycle Tour) Offers various daily distances ranging from 40 to 105 miles. Starts at the Sunset Inn Motel, 900 S. Adams St. www.hellweek.com 806/683-6489

11—AUSTIN: Explore the Story Meet some real-life characters as they share their stories and tall-tales about riding and roping on Lone Star ranches. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com

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11—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Features food, plant and craft booths from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Houston Square on Angelo Street. 830/741-2313

11—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Serves up awe-inspiring gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to noon. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

15-31—AUSTIN: I am Not Tartuffe Play! Theatre, 1204 Cedar. www. yellowtape.org 512/466-5221

16—AUSTIN: Nature Nights Enjoy habitat hikes, talks and plenty of kids activities. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

16—NEW BRAUNFELS: Champagne Gala Includes silent auction, gourmet meal, big band music and complimentary champagne. Hours are 6 to 11 p.m. New Braunfels Civic Center. 830/625-6291

16-17—FREDERICKSBURG: Classic Car Auction Begins at 2 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. E-mail: tiffany@kruse.com 866/495-8111 or 210/287-0017

16-18--FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Includes more than 300 vendors with antiques, collectibles, shabby chic and crafts. Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. www.fbgtradedays.com 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

17—BOERNE: Cibolo Songs & Stories Features Irish storytelling. Cibolo Nature Center. www.cibolo.org 830/537-9184

17—NEW BRAUNFELS: Historic Home Tour Downtown New Braunfels. www.nbconservation.org 830/629-2943

17-18—AUSTIN: Artisans Festival Celebrates the beauty of nature in art. More than 20 artists and artisans show and sell their works, while local musicians perform. Children make their own nature-inspired crafts. Lady

Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200 17-18—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

17-18—AUSTIN: First Austin African Violet Society 39th Annual Show & Plant Sale Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Austin Area Garden Center, Zilker Botanical Garden. www.faavs. org 512/365-1818

17-18—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days More than 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items, collectibles and packaged Texas foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721

20—AUSTIN: David Broza One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre. org 512/329-6753

20—AUSTIN: UT Chamber Singers www.utpac.org 512/477-6060

22—NEW BRAUNFELS: The Lowe Family Offers a unique blend of classical, Broadway, '20s, '40s, '60s, ballroom dance, Irish, jazz, swing, clog, tap, old-time melodies, six-part harmony, patriotic, bluegrass and gospel music. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre. 830/627-0808

23-25—FREDERICKSBURG: The Peddler Show Gillespie County Fairgrounds, www.peddlershow.com 800/775-2774

23-Apr. 15—GEORGETOWN: Fantasticks Palace Theatre. 512/869-SHOW

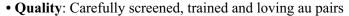
24—AUSTIN: Paul Galbraith Plays on a unique 8-string guitar. Begins at 8 p.m. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. www.austinclassicalguitar. org 512/300-ACGS

24—NEW BRAUNFELS: Seventh Annual Gartenfest Includes gardening, lectures and vendors. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conservation Plaza. www.

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24—STONEWALL: Kite Day Learn the basics of kite construction and flying a homemade kite. Hours are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. 830/644-2252

25—AUSTIN: Capitol 10,000 The Cap 10, which is the largest 10-K in Texas, attracts the silly and serious and has become an annual tradition. Congress Avenue and Barton Springs Road. www.statesman.com/cap10k 512/445-3598 or 512/472-3254

25—GRUENE: Texas Summer Nights Showcases some of the finest talent in Central Texas. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601

25—ROUND ROCK: Fourth Annual Texas Road Rash Inline Skate Marathon & 16K Recreational to professional skaters participate in two events on a closed loop course around Old Settlers Park. Includes a youth 1K for junior skaters. Begins at 7:30 a.m. 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd. www.texasroadrash. com 512/218-5540

29—NEW BRAUNFELS: New Braunfels Founder's Day Celebration Includes dinner with a band. Begins at 6:30 p.m. 830/708-2832

29-Apr. 1—AUSTIN: Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival Texas chefs and wineries pair their culinary offerings and wine at a variety of venues, ranging from an exotic game ranch to a family festival in the park. Hilton Austin and various Hill Country sites. www.texaswineandfood.org 512/542-WINE

30-Apr. 1—AUSTIN: Jerry Jeff Walker's Birthday Bash Jerry Jeff Walker celebrates with three shows in three days. Broken Spoke, Paramount Theatre and Gruene Hall. www.jerryjeff.com/BirthdayBash2007.htm

31—AUSTIN: Top of Your Lungs Features Musicians from the Armstrong Community Music School. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

31—AUSTIN: Clean Sweep Citywide and Waterloo Park. www. keepaustinbeautiful.org 512/391-0617

31—AUSTIN: Louisiana Swamp Romp & Crawfish Festival Austin goes Cajun with Louisiana music, entertainment and all the crawfish a person can eat. Vendors sell crafts, and children enjoy activities. Congress Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. www.roadwayevents.com 512/441-9015

31—NEW BRAUNFELS: SAFEhaven Kinderschuhe 5-K Run Begins at 7 a.m. www.nbutexas.com 830/629-8486

31-Apr. 1—ELDORADO: Elgoatarod E-mail: eoboc@hotmail.com 325/853-3678

31-Apr. 1—FREDERICKSBURG: 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals Begins at 9 a.m. Gillespie County Fairgrounds. www.familyevents.com 317/236-6515 ext. 4667

31-Apr. 1—FREDERICKSBURG: Historic Rural Schools Open House Maps are available at the Fredericksburg Visitor Information Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.historicschools.org 830/997-8655

31-Apr. 1—NEW BRAUNFELS: Spring Walkfest The New Braunfels March-und Wandergrouppe sponsors a two-day Walkfest starting at Gruene Hall. 830/625-6330

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# Fit Facts

# Before You Start an Exercise Program

there are a few questions to ask yourself to determine whether you should see your doctor first.

### **QUESTION YOURSELF**

Your first step is to ask yourself how active you want to be. This may sound like a silly question - you're probably planning on doing whatever you're capable of, whether that's a slow walk around the block or a vigorous step class. But if you're of a certain age or have certain cardiovascular risk factors, you may need to see your physician before beginning a program that involves vigorous (as opposed to moderate) aerobic activity.

Here's how exercise intensities are typically defined:

**Low-to-Moderate** - This is an intensity that can be sustained relatively comfortably for a long period of time (about 60 minutes). This type of exercise typically begins slowly, progresses gradually and usually isn't competitive in nature.

**Vigorous** - This is an intensity that is high enough to significantly raise both your heart and breathing rates, and is usually performed for about 20 minutes before fatigue sets in.

Are you planning to participate in vigorous activities and are a man over 40 or a woman over 50? You should receive a medical exam first. The same is true for individuals of any age with two or more coronary artery disease risk factors. If you're unsure if this applies to you, check with your physician.

### **MORE QUESTIONS**

Now that you've made it through the first questions, there are a few more to answer. A YES to any ONE of the following questions means you should talk with your doctor, by phone or in person, BEFORE you start an exercise program. Explain which questions you answered 'yes' to and the activities you are planning to pursue.

1. Have you been told you have a heart condition and should only participate



in physical activity recommended by a doctor?

- 2. Do you feel pain (or discomfort) in your chest when you do physical activity? When you are not participating in physical activity? While at rest, do you frequently experience fast, irregular heartbeats or very slow beats?
- 3. Do you ever become dizzy and lose your balance, or lose consciousness? Have you fallen more than twice in the past year (no matter what the reason)?
- 4. Do you have a bone or joint problem that could worsen as a result of physical activity? Do you have pain in your legs or buttocks when you walk?
- 5. Do you take blood pressure or heart medications?
- 6. Do you have any cuts or wounds on your feet that don't seem to heal?
- 7. Have you experienced unexplained weight

loss in the past six months?

8. Are you aware of any reason why you should not participate in physical activity?

If you answered "no" to all of these questions, and you passed the first round of questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can safely take part in at least a moderate physical activity program.

But again, if you are a man over 40 or a woman over 50 and want to exercise more vigorously, you should check with your physician before getting started.

So, are you ready? If you are, but are unsure how to get started, consider contacting an ACE-certified Personal Trainer or joining a reputable fitness facility.

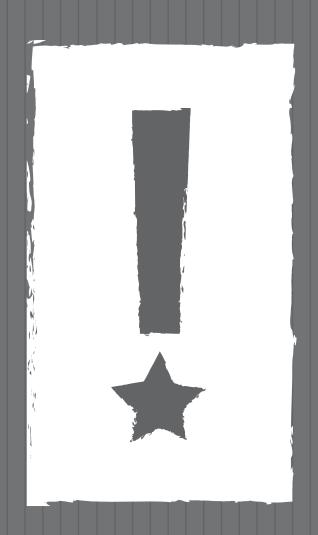
For more information on finding a trainer, or for fitness information in general, visit the ACE Web site at www.acefitness.org.

# Coronary Artery Disease Risk Factors

Age (men > 45, women > 55)
Family history of heart attack
or sudden death
Current cigarette smoking
High blood pressure
High cholesterol
Diabetes
Physical inactivity



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	On The Park	4	3,216	\$ 112	1997	19	1	0			
00	Vintage Place	6	3,069	\$ 109	2005	77	4	5			
	Hielscher	31	3,105	\$ 113	2003	47	4	3	415		
0.0	West	11	3,518	\$ 124	2005	71	13	2			
	Park West	11	2,333	\$ 135	2001	52	3	1			
	Park Place	7	2,547	\$ 114	2004	40	2	1			
88	Muirfield	5	3,564	\$ 130	2006	78	9	2	80		
	Enclave / Lacrosse	4	2,706	\$ 116	2006	25	1	1			
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