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Request to COA

Re: Slaughter Lane and new SW Middle School

As some of you may be aware AISD is constructing a new middle school at the corner of Slaughter Lane and FM 1826. They asked the CCHOA to join them in their request to the City of Austin to lower the speed limit along Slaughter Lane, east of Escarpment, and to allow a median cut to be created at the north drive of the middle school.

Below is the CCHOA's letter to the City; the Education Committee is requesting that residents individually contact the City of Austin regarding this request. The correct contacts to send your request are:

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Tammy.Williamson@ci.austin.tx.us
Sondra.Creighton@ci.austin.tx.us
Chris.Moore@ci.austin.tx.us

On behalf of the Circle C Ranch community, we are writing concerning traffic issues on Slaughter Lane, primarily east of Escarpment. The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is currently constructing a new middle school at the corner of Slaughter Lane and FM 1826, to be completed in August 2009. According to design plans, buses traveling south on Slaughter (from FM 1826) would turn into a north drive, continue around the school, and exit onto Slaughter at the existing median cut. Parent traffic would turn in to the south drive, travel through the drop-off loop, and exit onto Slaughter, turning left or right.

However, we have learned that the City of Austin has not approved the design plan for the median cut along Slaughter Lane at the north drive of the school, due

to the speed limit along Slaughter and the proximity of the new median cut to the existing median cut. We are requesting that the speed limit on Slaughter Lane be reduced immediately and the new median cut be approved.

The Circle C Ranch community remains one of the fastest growing communities in Austin and the speed limit along Slaughter Lane is no longer suitable for the increased traffic traveling on that road each day. Upon completion of this new middle school, it is imperative the City of Austin take every possible measure to ensure the safety of the children attending the school, as well as cyclist and pedestrian traffic, and promote an efficient traffic flow around the school, as well as on Slaughter.

Without the proposed median cut, both buses and parent traffic would be forced to use the south drive, and parent traffic would be forced to make only a right turn upon exit. This is an unnecessary situation which will only increase residential traffic and create a dangerous situation for children and parents walking or cycling to school.

We join AISD in requesting the City of Austin take action to lower the speed limit along Slaughter Lane, east of Escarpment, and allow the median cut to be created at the north drive of the middle school. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to seeing this matter addressed appropriately.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Circle C Homeowners Association

Baby Pool Grand Opening a Success!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Swim Center September 8th for the Back-To-School Party and Baby Pool Grand Opening. We had over 900 residents and guests visit the Swim Center. Please see an inside article by Aquatics Director Kelly Schmidt for more details about the Swim Center.

Circle C Newsletter

The Circle C Newsletter is a monthly publication mailed to all Circle C residents. If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to info@circlecranch.info by the 12th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info



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CCHOA Announcements

Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter we will have had enough dry weather that we will have caught up on trimming and treating the commons areas. The unusual summer weather really caused a lot of growth for our vegetation and trees—literally about 5 times the normal growth rate. It was also the perfect climate for all kinds of weeds, sort of like having a string of Aprils rather than our usual summer hot drought weather.

We have some good things to report. First of all, over the past three years, Circle C Landscape has made numerous recommendations regarding the irrigation system that waters the commons areas. It is very extensive with the water being controlled by 36 irrigation controllers, each that have about 20 sections (valves) with an average of 15 heads each. That amounts to about 700 valves and 10,000 irrigation heads. With the support of the CCHOA Board over the years, we have standardized all the controllers, installed remote capacity for irrigation checking, upgraded all of the rain sensors, installed gate valves on the major boulevards to allow convenient shut off in the case of a repair, and most importantly found a good solution to areas where we have irrigation but had no electricity to run a controller. Three years ago, we had approximately 60 valves

that ran on batteries (not good). By the end of this year, there will be only one place where we have to run something in this manner. All of this adds up to much more efficient water management and water savings.

We will be working on improvements this fall to include installation of native perennial beds on Escarpment. These will be initially located at the corner street entrances and in the medians where there are tree wells under the trees with no vegetation. Hopefully, some of these will be done by the time you get the newsletter.

On the home front, the end of October is a good time to put on your winter fertilizer. This treatment is really important in getting your grass off to a good start next spring. You can pick up some good tips for how much to apply at the City of Austin Grow Green website at www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/



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J.D. Power and Associates, July 24, 2007

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Deed Restriction Review Update

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager

Since we began our drive of the entire neighborhood in March we have sent over 400 notices of deed restriction violation. We have had 300+ residents cure their violation and we would like to THANK YOU for cooperating with the association. Violations may include, but are not limited to: excessive weeds, areas of no turf, dead shrubs and/or trees, yard art, grass that is not edged or mowed and areas of dead grass. We encourage each of you to evaluate your lawn now so that you have time to re-sod if needed before the heat of summer. Please also refer to the City of Austin Grow Green website at www.growgreen.org. We are required to send notification of deed restriction violations via certified mail and we also send regular mail. If you receive a deed restriction violation notice and would like to speak to us about your plans for improvement, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663. It's impossible to know everyone's individual situation, so we appreciate communication from you. We also recommend that you review the architectural control committee's landscape design guidelines located within this newsletter.

If you have a deed restriction to report, you may email us the specific address at info@circlecranch.info or give us a call at 288-8663. Violations that are reported are generally checked with 2 business days and if we are able to confirm a violation, we will begin the deed restriction process (which you can access on the website at <http://www.circlecranch.info/documents/AssociationDocuments/DeedRestrictions/CCHOA-DeedRestrictionPolicy2003.pdf>

Deed Restriction Tip: Homes that are 12years+ need to closely evaluate the condition of their roof, paint or power-washing of siding, trim, shutters, tree pruning and sprucing up their front landscape. Remember that improvements must go through the Architectural Control Committee for approval, you can access the instructions and form online at www.circlecranch.info/landscape

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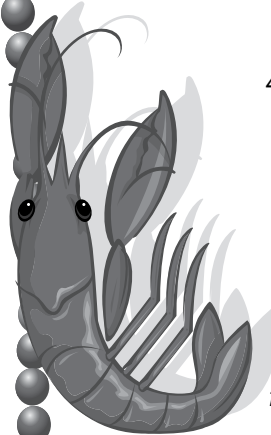
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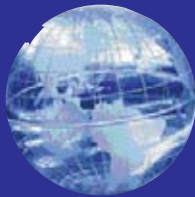
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NO DUMPING!!

We are continuing to see lots of trash dumped in and around the HOA dumpster in the Swim Center parking lot and the CDC dumpster in the CDC parking lot. These dumpsters are for private use only and not for the general public.

There are two "Anything That Tears" dumpsters located in the Swim Center parking lot that are rented by the HOA and for residents to use. However, many residents are dumping their boxes (unfolded) next to the dumpster. Please break down all your boxes and put in the dumpster.



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The HOA is collecting aluminum soda can tabs in the management office so please do not throw your cans away without taking off the tabs. The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas. To read more about the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas, you can visit <http://www.rmhc-austin.org/> Thank you to Circle C resident Bob Hendee for helping us coordinate this effort.



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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

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Submitted by Jennifer Galland

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Old Fashioned Fun at Fall Festival

Submitted by Michelle Moon Reinhardt

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Oak Hill United Methodist Church invites you to its Old Fashioned Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Camp Ben McCulloch, across from the Salt Lick on FM1826.

Ideal for families, the festival includes live music and a children's carnival with pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, cake walk and hayrides for all ages. Judges will hand out prizes for the best family in costume and the best pre-carved pumpkin. Don't forget to bring a side dish for the potluck supper.

Tickets for the event are just \$2 per person and for an additional \$5, children can receive a wristband that gives them access to all the carnival activities. Tickets are available at Oak Hill United Methodist Church or guests are welcome to pay at the door. Call (512) 288-3836 or www.oakhillumc.org for details.

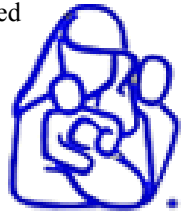
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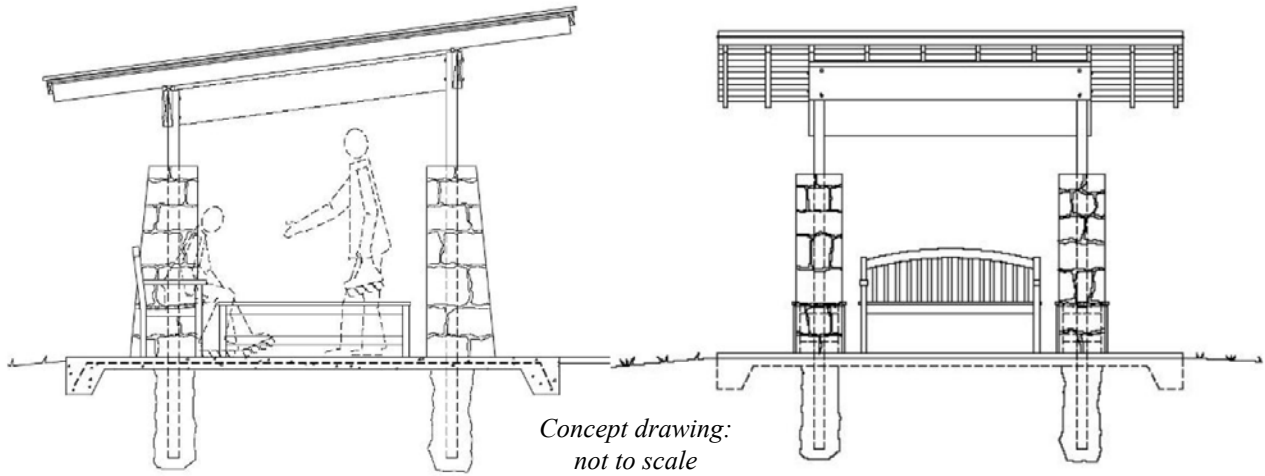
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More information can be found at:

<http://www.austin-skater.com/shelter.html>

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact either:

Chris McChesney, Hill Country Inline Club

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Deer Crossing Signs added to La Crosse

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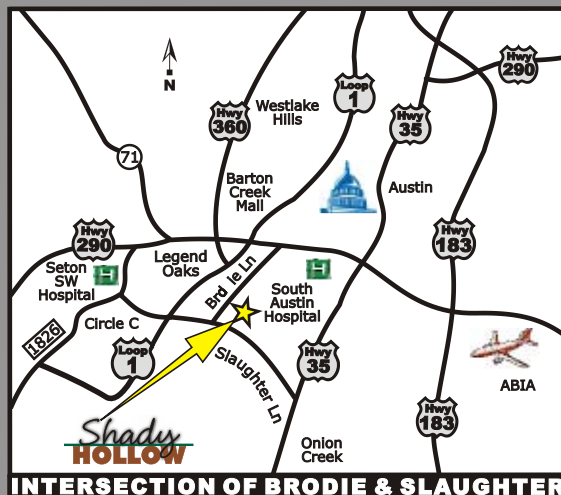
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School News

Clayton Elementary School Update

Submitted by Catherine Thurk

Nan Clayton Elementary began its second year on August 27, 2007. The new school has more than 820 students, up from 630 last year. We were proud of our strong sense of family and community established last year, and look forward to strengthening that year after year. Together with our principal, Dr. Dru Robinett, the talented faculty and staff and a multitude of volunteers and invested parents, we know that this will be another outstanding year for our elementary school kids.

Volunteer Opportunities

We can always use more help, even if you don't currently have a child enrolled at Clayton. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and serving a true asset to community, then there's a place for you. Below are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available:

- **Landscaping.** The Clayton landscapers are volunteers dedicated to improving and maintaining school grounds. Located on 14 acres, filled with beautiful oaks, the Clayton property has a great potential to support an expansive, natural play area for our kids as well as provide opportunities for gardening projects and science experiments. Some areas we need help include: gardening/flower

bed work, developing a plan for the playing field, general landscape work, property development, and a pond project.

Please contact Cheri Brien at cheri.brien@yahoo.com or 565-9277 if you would like to help on any of these projects. Scout troop or Eagle Scout projects are welcome.

- A special thanks to KB Homes for their contributions this last May in the landscaping efforts. They supplied manpower, chainsaws, stump grinders, and even a bobcat to clean up the area around the children's playscape. If you have landscape type machinery or just a willing to help beautify the grounds, please let us know, we need you.
- **Parents in Education.** This program facilitates mutually beneficial community-school partnerships. These partnerships enable individuals, businesses, and other community organizations to support Clayton Elementary by providing a variety of needed educational and general resources. From restaurant nights and corporate matching to rebate programs there are a number of ways to develop a mutually beneficial relationship for both organizations. For more information on this program please contact Jodi Crawford

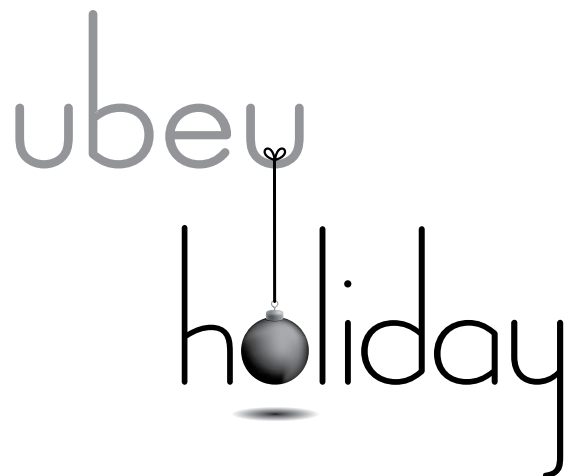
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Clayton Elementary - (Continued from page 14)

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- Clayton Paver Sale Fundraiser is scheduled from late September through October 5, 2007.
- Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for October 22 through 26, 2007. Don't miss it; there are great holiday ideas and gifts!
- PTA and Family Literacy Night are scheduled for October 18, 2007.

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MILLS ELEMENTARY

Submitted by Carrie Turlington

What's Happening in October

Volunteers Needed at Mills Elementary To Make a Child Smile!!

Mills Elementary Roaring Reading Teams are looking for parent and community volunteers to work with kindergarten, first and second grade students. No experience necessary!! Your assignment is to share in the joy of reading. Training and materials are provided.

Sessions are for 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 am and 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Please check your calendars and see if you can spare thirty minutes to encourage and motivate a child to read!

Contact Regina Staffa at Regina.staffa@yahoo.com or 917-1124 or Frank Simonetti at FSIMONETTI@austin.rr.com or 426-6363 for more information.

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School News Continued

Kiker Community Celebration & Market Day Saturday, October 13, 12:00–4:00 p.m. Joe McDermott, Market Day & a Fun-filled Afternoon


Submitted by Karen Syzdek

Kiker Elementary will hold a community celebration on Saturday, October 13, 2007. The school's new building, completed in winter 2007, will be dedicated in honor of Mr. Warren T. Faulkner, Kiker Assistant Principal. The dedication will be celebrated with children's activities and games, the unveiling of the school's new playscape, visits to "Faulkner Hall," refreshments, Market Day, and more! Come join the fun! The festivities begin at 12:00 p.m. and admission is \$1.00 per person aged four and older. All activities will be held under the shade cover and on adjacent grounds toward the rear of the campus. You may enter from La Crosse down the sidewalk on the west side of the building or walk through the staff parking lot from Dahlgreen and enter near the portables.

Market Day vendors will sell products/services 12:00–4:00 p.m. The holidays are right around the corner! Come shop and get things crossed off your list. If you are interested in participating as a Market Day vendor, please contact Karen Syzdek at ksyzdek@yahoo.com. The vendor fee is \$75.00 and space is limited, so register early!


Joe McDermott, The Maestro of Imagination and Parent's Choice Award Songwriter for Children, will perform during the celebration, 1:30–2:30 p.m. Joe's various CDs are on sell now through Kiker. Start your holiday shopping and buy one for all the music loving kids in your life! Order your CDs before October 10th and pick them up during the celebration. Visit Kiker's front office, <http://www.austinschools.org/campus/kiker/>, or e-mail Karen at ksyzdek@yahoo.com.

We hope you'll join us! For more information, call Kiker at 414–2584, visit <http://www.austinschools.org/campus/kiker/>, or e-mail ksyzdek@yahoo.com.




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Submitted by Terry Lord, Kiker PIE Representative

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BOWIE

Submitted by Carrie Turlington

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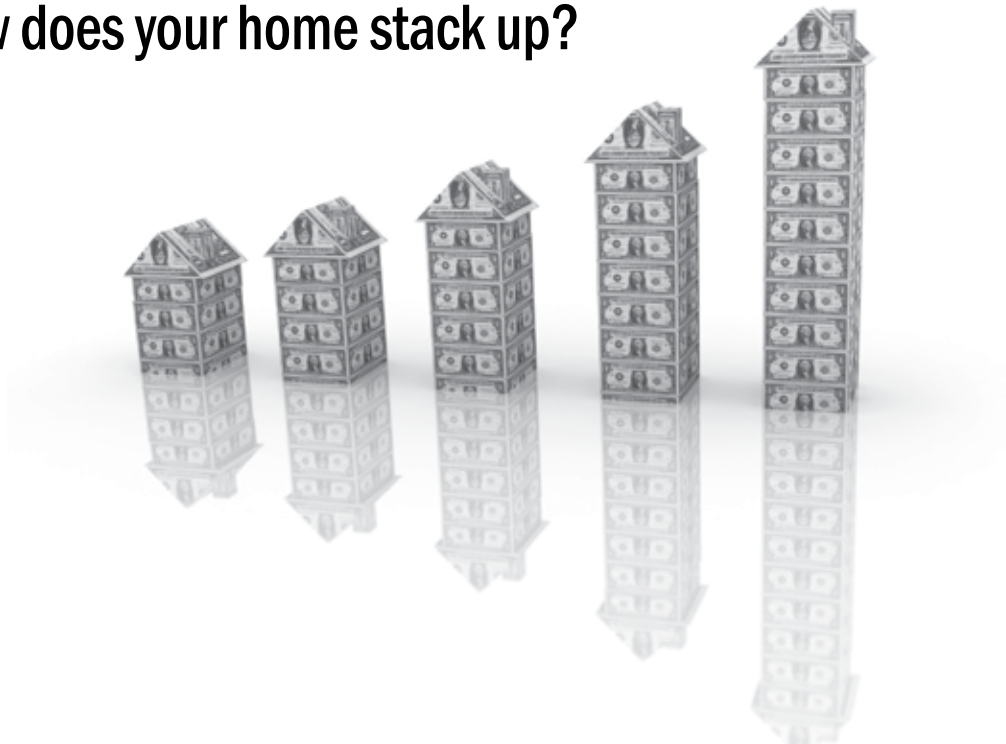
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Circle C Committees

Protecting your Family and Assets: Five Things Every Family Should Know About.

Submitted by Amanda Steele

The Circle C Community Service Committee is pleased to invite you to our first FREE community education class on Saturday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Nuevo Leon. Local Circle C neighbor and attorney, Joel S. Pace, will present an educational seminar discussing issues that are important to all families: Basic Estate Planning and How to Prepare for the Unthinkable. Do you need a will, or need to revise an old will? What is the difference between a power of attorney and a medical power of attorney? Do you need both? We have all heard of the Terry Schiavo tragedy with her husband and family torn between keeping her alive and removing her from life support. Learn how a physician's directive can eliminate this burden from your loved

ones. Mr. Pace will discuss these topics and more so that you can leave with an action plan to set into motion that addresses your family's needs. Please bring a list of any questions you might have.

In order to bring this to you free of charge, we have partnered with neighborhood restaurant Nuevo Leon, which has generously offered use of their private dining room for the seminar. Nuevo Leon's General Manager Tony Franco has offered light appetizers to attendees. Space is limited to 40, so please RSVP as soon as possible to ensure your spot. Please RSVP by email at info@circlecranch.info or call 288-8663.

If there are other legal topics or questions you'd like for Mr. Pace to address in the future, please email your suggestions or

questions to jpace@dwlaw.com. Future seminars will be dictated by your questions and suggestions, but may include: legal issues to consider with aging parents, contract negotiation for small businesses, how to handle lingering home construction issues and how to get them resolved, dealing with insurance companies, etc.

Joel Pace* has been an attorney for 13 years and is currently a shareholder with the Austin law firm of Davis & Wilkerson, P.C. His practice areas include all civil litigation, small estate planning, construction law and litigation, family law, immigration law and commercial litigation. Mr. Pace graduated for the University of Texas at Austin (B.A. - Government/Russian) and South Texas

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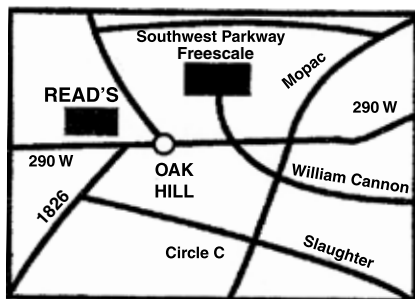
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Circle C Committees Continued **Community Education Classes:** **Opportunities for Learning** **In Circle C**

Submitted by Amanda Steele



Along with providing traditional community service (volunteerism), the Circle C Community Service Committee is making an effort to bring community education seminars and classes to our neighborhood. Community education is best described as utilizing all of a community's resources (both human and organizational resources) to meet community needs. A great example is this month's first offering. We are a neighborhood of families, and we all seek to find ways to best protect and plan their futures. By finding a neighborhood attorney who will donate his time, and partnering with a local restaurant that will provide space for the event, we are able to bring a valuable service to the community and do so free of charge! It's a great example of a neighborhood community working together to continue our education.

We need your feedback! If there is a topic in which you have an interest, drop us an email. There may be others with a similar interest. Can you teach? Classes can be educational, recreational, or just plain fun. Let us know what you want. Email us at info@circlecranch.info.

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Education Committee Seeking Volunteers

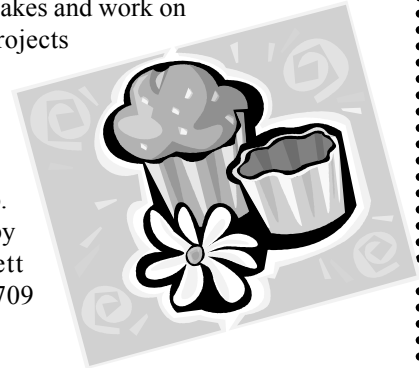
Submitted by the Education Committee

The Education Committee of the CCHOA is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee and to act liaisons with the Citizens Advisory Committee of local schools including Kiker, Clayton, Bailey, Mills and Bowie. Please contact Jim Bailey at 288-8850 or at jim@jaxsonbailey.com

Halloween Cookie or Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Submitted by Amanda Steele

The Circle C Community Service committee and The Park at Beckett Meadows are pleased to invite neighborhood children to a not-so-spooky Halloween workshop on Tuesday, October 30th at 10:30am. Residents will help children decorate cookies or cupcakes and work on other fun Halloween projects (parents are required to attend). Space is limited to 12 children, so please RSVP as soon as possible to info@circlecranch.info. We will meet in the lobby of The Park at Beckett Meadows located at 7709 Beckett Road.



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Circle C Amenities

September Circle C Swim Center Director's Corner

Submitted by Kelly Schmidt, Aquatics Director

We have had quite a wild ride at the Swim Center this Summer. The weather and construction sure did present their challenges however with all that behind us now we do have lots of new and exciting changes are underway. The new administrative office/entrance is up and running we will begin taking photos of residents in February to accompany the existing pool pass system. To date we have produced 9149 pool passes for Circle C residents. It has been wonderful for staff to put names with the many faces that we see daily at the Center.

The baby pool has been a welcome long awaited addition. Use has been restricted to children 6 and younger with adult accompaniment. For the first few weeks staff have been lenient and flexible on siblings being present but based on overcrowding we have begun strictly enforcing the age requirement. Non-swimmers should be within arms reach of an adult at all times. Floatation devices of any kind i.e. water wings, noodles, life jackets, floats, are not permitted in the baby pool because every inch is needed to accommodate users. Water wings and float vest devices not only take up space but quite often they are heavily relied upon as "life saving devices" and encourage guardians to not be as attentive, interactive or within arms reach.

Overall, the slide has been great and lots of fun. However, there have been some user practices that need curtailing. Please be sure that your child is old enough to hold their seated position upright while going down the slide. If the rider is not able to stand once they reach the bottom of the slide please be sure to catch them before their face submerges into the water. Standing on the side holding the hand of a slide participant has been causing injury. If the child is not ready to independently slide (usually 2 or younger) then the parent must ride down the slide with the child seated on their lap.

I'd like to share some information that may facilitate a better understanding of pool operations and aid to ensure optimum swim time for all participants. Some of you may have arrived at the pool looking forward to enjoying our latest amenity to find a "Pool Closed Due to Contamination" sign upon your arrival. Contamination may include one of 3 various culprits; blood, fecal matter, or vomit. While

these topics are not popular discussion points by any stretch of the imagination it is imperative to explain how their occurrences impact our facility and may be avoided.

A Blood closure usually occurs after a sever injury with copious amounts (approx ½ a cup or more) entering the body of water. Luckily we have not had one of these at our facility this season. Fecal contamination may occur when frequent trips are not taken (usually with younger swimmers) to the bathroom during one's visit or if there is an ill swimmer suffering from diarrhea. Vomit, which has been the most common contamination closure occurs often when a child has swallowed too much pool water. This usually transpires in non-swimmers who do not have the skill set to manage breath control in the water i.e. toddlers. This may be avoided by constant vigilance of the child's water intake during his visit to the pool. As we all know eating prior to swimming has long been a discouraged practice not only for the potential of cramping but also because this too coupled with water intake may cause regurgitation and as a result contaminating the water.

When one of the aforementioned contaminants enters the communal bathing water the pool must be closed for an amount of time specified by the Texas Department of Health for proper sanitation. With due diligence and a watchful eye hopefully together we can prevent any further disappointments from the occurrence of pool water contaminations.

Thanks to all who came out to participate in the Back to School/ Baby Pool Grand Opening. We had over 900 visitors to the pool that day. Also, a special thanks to Carlos Martinez for supplying the D.J. and to Vitamin Water for handing out free samples to very hot and thirsty swimmers. Please check out our fall program offerings that include a master's style adult coached swim, a women's only fitness boot camp, water aerobics and private swim lessons in this edition of the newsletter or call us at the Swim Center for more information 288-6057 or with any questions you may have.

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Circle C Amenities Continued

Circle C Tennis Club

Submitted by Fernando Velasco



Visit the Upgraded Tennis Club

The Circle C Tennis Club has just finished a complete renovation by resurfacing the tennis courts, US Open Colors of Blue and Green, replacing the windscreens, repainting the light poles and fixtures, remodeling the Pro Shop and Child Care Room, and blacktopping the parking lot.

If you would like to visit the club and have a Complimentary Guest Pass to play, please call us at 301-8685 and ask for Kathi or Fernando.

Beginners Tennis Lessons

The Circle C Tennis Club is offering lessons for adults who either have played tennis at one time and/or are interested in learning to play tennis. The co-ed groups meet on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm and Saturdays from 11:30am to 12:30 pm. The ladies' groups meet on Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00am, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Child Care is provided for the morning and weekend

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Submitted by Denise Fisher

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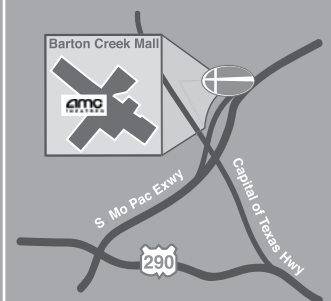
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October Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

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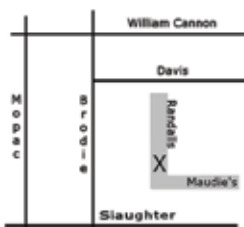
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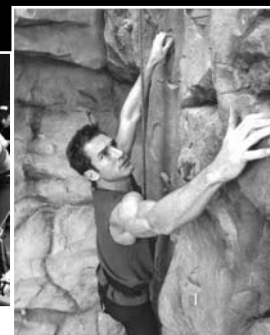
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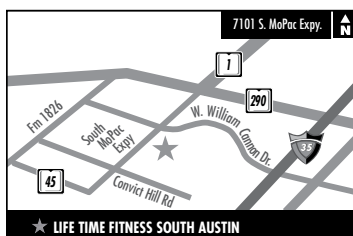
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Music Education and Your Child: Part 2 - How to Start Your Music Study?

By Cyrus Albertson

"When should my children begin music lessons? What instrument should they start with? How do I find the right teacher? Is music just a waste of time?" I hear these questions daily from concerned parents who want the best for their children. Over time, music education is being removed from the primary and secondary education curriculum, and more and more parents are finding themselves in the position of being responsible for their child's musical education.

To get started, first decide what instrument to pursue. The age of the student has a bearing on instrument selection. Many students as young as three years old can be successful with either piano or violin. Students should usually be at least 7 or 8 years old to pursue guitar, drums, or voice study. Woodwind and brass instruments are usually best undertaken after the age of 9 or 10. The cost of the instrument should have less bearing on the instrument choice, as rental instruments are readily available. Many parents choose to rent an instrument during the beginning phases of study, until they are sure that the student likes the instrument they have chosen. That way, parents can postpone a sometimes expensive purchase.

Regardless of the student's age, piano is an excellent first instrument for several reasons. First, children learn to read both treble and bass

clefs. Second, piano is a linear instrument which helps develop an understanding of musical scales and note reading. Third, piano is the only instrument that teaches both chords and melody, and how the two relate. Fourth, students don't have to be concerned about proper tuning of the notes - this is helpful because beginning students can be easily demotivated if the music they produce sounds bad because the notes are not in tune. Many parents are concerned about pursuing piano because of the size and cost of pianos. However children can begin their study on an inexpensive keyboard for the first few years. During that time, parents can make sure the child is interested in continuing piano study before purchasing one.

Once you and your child choose the instrument to study, the next challenge is finding the right teacher. Unfortunately, too often, parents pick teachers for all the wrong reasons. Parents often choose teachers because they play their instrument well, because they have a master's or doctorate degree in their instrument, because they are located close by, or because they charge a low tuition rate. However, the most competent player or the most educated person may not interact well with children. The neighborhood teacher may not have any training

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in how to teach. The cheapest teacher is almost never the best teacher. So what should a parent look for when choosing a teacher? First, find someone with formal musical training, which will ensure that your child will be taught the correct fundamentals of music. Second, it is essential that you find a teacher who enjoys working with young people and can help inspire and motivate your child. Remember, this person will have a huge influence on your child. Third, ensure that the teacher you choose has been properly trained in the proper methods to use when teaching children. There is a good chance that your child will remember their music teacher for the rest of their life – choose wisely!

Cyrus Albertson is a concert pianist, taught in the secondary school System.

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Fall Gardening After A Wet Summer

By Elizabeth Drozda-Freeman, LCRA Conservation Landscape Specialist



The summer of 2007 has been a unique experience for many Hill Country gardeners. With July bringing 17 days of rain, more than nine inches in the rain gauge, and relatively mild temperatures in the 80s, many yards were transformed into jungles — a far cry from the hot, parched plots we usually encounter as summer comes to a close. Now as fall approaches it is the perfect time to undertake most landscaping activities.

Abundant moisture has produced extraordinary growth in all of our landscape plants, including weeds. Begin your gardening efforts by removing weeds that have taken root in your yard. Try to remove weeds before they set seed. If you don't have time to remove the whole weed, at least remove the flowers.

In an established garden, an important task is keeping plants pruned, shaped and divided to maintain the original design intention. Many of our landscape plants will likely require pruning following this wet summer. Pruning perennials prevents spindly plants and helps keep

them vigorous. Shrubs may also need shaping now. Use clean, sharp pruning equipment, and disinfect pruning shears between plants to help prevent the spread of disease.

Fall is the ideal time to divide and transplant perennials. The lush growth this year may mean that you have many plants to share with friends and neighbors. Keep the plant roots dark and moist while you are moving them to their new locations, and plant them as soon as possible after digging them up.

Perennials and shrubs planted now will have a great advantage over those you plant next spring because of the extra time over winter to establish deep roots. August through October is the time to sow spring wildflower seeds, and October heralds the beginning of tree planting season in Central Texas.

Soil can benefit from the addition of compost at this time of year, especially in areas such as vegetable beds that have been in full production all summer. If you have thin soil under your turf, top dress your yard with $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of compost now. This will work wonders

for your turf, eliminating the need for fertilizer while improving the water holding capacity of the soil.

Finally, don't forget to check in with your irrigation system. Although you may not have run the system much during this wet summer, this is a good time to check for broken and misaligned sprinkler heads. Also, cut back your watering schedule to 50 percent of the summer schedule for the cooler, wetter days of fall.

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of prime gardening season in Central Texas, under the harvest moon. And, don't forget: Just because we've had a wet year doesn't mean conserving water isn't a good idea. Test your knowledge and obtain water-saving landscaping tips for your area at <http://lcra.wateriq.org>.

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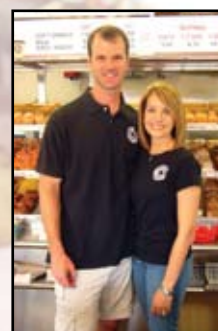
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Recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Mary Esther Middleton

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and over and breast cancer deaths have declined.

While this is exciting progress, there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all. Others do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African-American women.
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods – mammography plus breast exam – breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent.

The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough! For more information about NBCAM, please visit www.nbcam.org. For additional information, please call one of the following toll-free numbers:

- American Cancer Society (800) 227-2345,
 - National Cancer Institute (NCI) (800) 4-CANCER
 - Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (800) 221-2141
- For a local source of information, education and support contact the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Austin: www.bcrc.org or by phone (800) 309-0089

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For special events in Austin during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: <http://www.lululemon.com/austin/austinshowroom/events>

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Fifteen national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies comprise the Board of Sponsors, who work together to ensure that the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women and their families.



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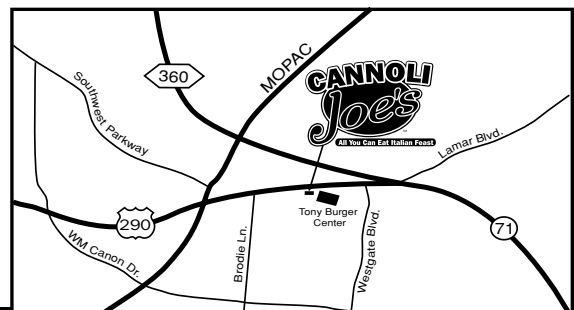


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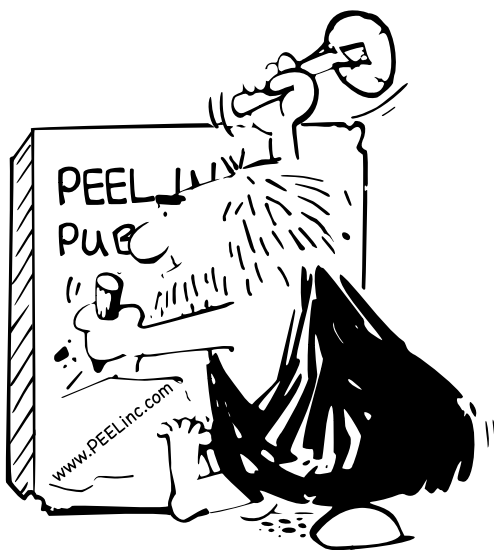
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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (Mar '07 - Aug '07)					CURRENT MARKET	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	64	2,727	\$ 115	1993	27	36	7
North	28	2,008	\$ 132	1996	20	7	6
Wildflower	25	2,279	\$ 124	2001	18	3	3
On The Park	10	3,450	\$ 114	1996	41	2	0
Vintage Place	7	3,098	\$ 119	2003	43	4	2
Hielscher	33	3,074	\$ 122	2003	30	11	8
West	12	3,587	\$ 127	2006	79	5	3
Park West	13	2,224	\$ 148	2002	90	4	2
Park Place	16	2,468	\$ 126	2004	28	2	0
Muirfield	12	3,262	\$ 142	2006	75	3	3
Enclave / Lacrosse	4	2,682	\$ 121	2006	35	9	0
Alta Mira	12	2,847	\$ 123	2006	55	4	3
Circle C Ranch Total	236	2,715	\$ 124	1999	37	90	37
% Change Mo/Mo	8%	0%	0%	0%	-12%	-6%	-12%

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