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Dear Fellow Homeowners,

Wow! It has been a very exciting and eventful year. We are so happy to see the Baby Pool completed and so many children playing and enjoying all that it has to offer. We are anxiously working towards our two new pocket parks being started and completed by February 2008. Of course, our biggest project, the West pool is in full swing. The West Pool Committee (WPC) has been working extremely hard to assess, plan, and research everything about the new pool site. They have been posting their meetings and minutes on the forum. We encourage anyone to attend the meetings and ask questions. It is a gigantic project and we owe these volunteers a great deal of thanks.

We are also quickly approaching our annual meeting that is held in March. At this time, we will be holding an election for two new Board members. Ryan Garcia and Michelle Moran will be completing their terms. This is a great opportunity to step up and give back. If you have time to dedicate to this wonderful neighborhood, than we encourage you to run (see the Nominating Committee article in this newsletter). There is nothing more satisfying and/or frustrating!

Communication is something that is brought up all the time. How can we better communicate? Well, we have not found that answer. We have definitely tried, but we could always be better. The community could definitely be better also. We need more people to step up, ask questions, and get involved. Communication is a two way street. If you have some good ideas that you think could work, please email the Board and let us know your thoughts. We are open to all suggestions. With all of that said, we do currently have four great ways to communicate... the official website and forum, the monthly newsletter, email, and of course calling our staff in the HOA Office. We as Board members try to stay on top of each of these methods. We can all admit that there are times our lives get crazy and we do not respond as quickly as some would like, but we try our best. The monthly Board meetings are a great time to speak up and/or listen to what is going on. There is a misconception by some that the Homeowner Forum (held at the beginning of the meeting.) is a question and answer time. Unfortunately, since we as a board do not have a lot of time in front of each other, this is a time for us to hear your comments (Continued on Page 2)

City of Austin to take over Solid Waste and Recycling Services this month

As some of you may be aware, the City of Austin will be taking over the solid waste and recycling services for Circle C Ranch beginning December 20 and 21. When Circle C was annexed, the City gave us the ability to negotiate our own solid waste and recycling services, but that right terminates December 19, 2007. Despite our efforts and the efforts of the residential petition done earlier this year, the City has decided not to extend or renew that agreement. Allied Waste (BFI) will be picking up their carts on their last service dates, December 17 and 18.

Circle C will be part of the City's "All In One" program which means each resident will receive two 90 gallon containers, one for solid waste picked up weekly and the other for recyclables picked up every other week. Those who have been on a Monday/Thursday schedule will have their trash picked up each Thursday with recycling every other Thursday and those that have been on a Tuesday/Friday schedule will have their trash picked up each Friday with recycling every other Friday.

Each resident will be receiving correspondence from the City on this service change and will be billed directly by the City via their water utility bill.

Also, we have been told by Allied Waste (BFI) that residents should ideally prorate their bill and pay just that amount otherwise if they pay in full a refund will be issued once the account is terminated. Please contact Allied Waste at 247-5647 to request your refund or if you have questions.



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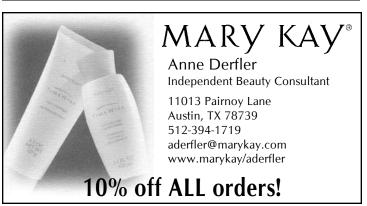
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

BFI (Allied Waste)	247.5647
Dead Animal Collection	
Abandoned Vehicle	974.8119
Pothole Complaints	974.8750
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Street Light Outage	505.7617
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Dear Fellow Homeowners - (Continued from Cover page)

or concerns, but we cannot always respond. Many times, we may have not had the opportunity to discuss the topic with each other and sometimes we have and can give a quick answer or update. It is great to hear from people, we only ask that you respect us as individuals and not attack us. We as Board members follow a model code and we ask that homeowners visiting our meetings do the same. We can all work together to solve problems and address concerns in a more productive way when there is no accusing and screaming. Just please give us an opportunity to respond. We do want to thank those of you that do step up and volunteer to serve on committees and attend meetings. Your time and input are invaluable!

With 2007 coming to an end, it is a great time to reflect and think of all the good that surrounds us. Sometimes we all get lost in the drama and stress and we lose sight of what is truly important. We hope that the upcoming year is full of a lot of progress and open minds. We also wish you all a great holiday season and once again encourage you to become a solution, not the problem. Get involved, read, and understand! We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful and diverse community!

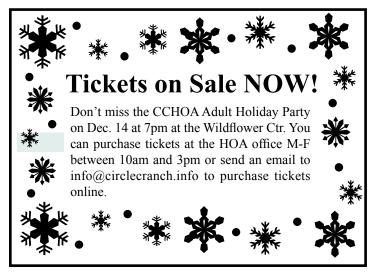
Happy Holidays and here's to a phenomenal 2008!

~Michelle Moran, Ryan Garcia, Rob Johnson, Russ Hodes and Cynthia Moreland

Newsletter Article Retraction

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom

Last month in the November Newsletter we ran an article titled "Attention Fellow Home Owners/Parents/Neighbors". In the last paragraph it stated, "If you would like to join us in this quest to block the development of ANY commercial building on this property, please email the HOA Office at circlechomeowners@yahoo.com". We would like to retract that sentence as the article was not written by the Circle C Homeowners Association Board or staff; this was a misprint of the words "HOA Office" that was not caught by me. I apologize for any confusion.





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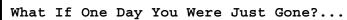


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CCHOA Announcements

Holiday Lighting Contest It's time to pull out all your holiday decorations

and light up the night! This year's Holiday Lighting Contest will be Friday, December 14th (beginning at 6pm) through Sunday, December 16th (ending at 9pm). Judges will drive the neighborhood Friday, Saturday or Sunday night so in order to participate you MUST have your lights on all three nights. Winners will be announced Monday, December 17th via the website. Prizes will be awarded by January 30th. The neighborhood will be divided into 10 sections and each second will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Winners receive a \$50, \$100 or \$150 gift card that is available through our credit card points reward system. Winners will be notified through mail. In order to make this event a success we need YOU to volunteer with your family, a friend or a neighbor to drive one of the sections. If you are interested please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or via email at info@ circlecranch.info



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Board of Direction Elections

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

On March 26th, 2008 we will have the CCHOA Annual meeting and will be electing two new Board Members to serve three year terms. Ryan Garcia and Michelle Moran's terms will be ending. The Nominating Committee will be collecting questionnaires that can be down loaded from the Circle C Homeowner website, www. circlecranch.info. If you are interested in running, please submit a questionnaire by February 4, 2008. Once the questionnaire is received, the Nominating Committee will set up a time to meet with you and share information about serving on the Board. We hope to assist any interested people in understanding the time commitment and details of the position. Our goal is to better communicate all that is involved in serving on the Board. Once the nominating committee has met with each person, there will then be a Candidate Forum hosted in March for the Homeowners to hear your ideas and views. If you have any questions, please email the HOA office at info@ circlecranch.info

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Submitted by the Special Events Committee

... preparations are in full swing for December 14th's event. Casino prizes have been donated by Arbonne, Maximum FX, Massage Envy, Fast Frame, Circle C Café, the Golf Club at Circle C, and Wine Styles. Come enjoy dinner, dancing, casino, karaoke, cash bar and tons of spirited holiday fun. Contact the CC HOA office for more information or to purchase tickets.

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- November 22nd & 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving
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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Russ Hodes, CCHOA Board Treasurer

The board of directors approved the 2008 budget at the November 7th board of directors meeting. As always, an abbreviated version will be published in our Newsletter. It now includes percentages for major categories and for the difference from the previous budget. This makes it easier to read and to figure out what has changed and by how much.

The neighborhood's overall growth (new members joining the HOA), of course, is slowing down. We have added on several additional acres of common area in Circle C West and landscaping with it. Our landscaping budget has only grown 8%. The HOA income is 17% higher than last year, which required a 10% increase in the cap on our HOA dues. This will add \$20 to the semi-annual dues for most homeowners (\$40/year).

There are no large capital projects in the budget, but a dozen smaller projects (\$12-25K) to complete work already in progress

or in on-going plans. One of the larger items is a new roof for the Café and Pool Office, and possibly the bathhouse. The Swim Reserve Fund will cover replacement of the pool heater, which is at the end of its useful life-cycle.

Work on the Playscapes at Wildflower Park and Vintage Place have been contracted and they should be breaking ground before the Holidays. A second phase of improvements will include infrastructure, landscaping and walking trails for both of these parks. We postponed starting these projects so that we could spread the costs out at the end of the budget year.

We will restore our Reserve accounts in 2008 and add one for the new swim center. In the meantime, I will be working on a Reserve Study and a 5 year financial plan for the HOA.

Helpful Numbers

Dead Animal Pick-Up – please contact the City of Austin at 494-9400 to report a dead animal on the roadway or right of way. Choose option 5 (Solid Waste).

Street Light Outages – please contact Austin Energy at 505-7617 to report street light outages.

2008 Directory

We will be collecting new or updated information for the 2008 newsletter now through February 5th. In order to be included in the directory you MUST submit a Homeowner Information Form to our office

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Verizon Cell Tower To Be Built

(Located on the east end of the Fire Station Parking Lot)

The Circle C Homeowners Association received a notice (as required by law for relevant homeowners associations) that a cell phone tower is being built by the City of Austin on the fire station site on south Escarpment. The lessee for the tower will be Verizon Wireless.

The notification was of an Administrative Site Plan approval. This is a process used by a landowner to construct improvements that already meet the zoning and land use requirements of the City of Austin. The landowner is required to file a series of items and the site plan application receives comments and eventually approval if all is in order.

Since the tract is already zoned, the site plan does not have to go through the Planning Commission or City Council and there is not a way to appeal the construction of the tower. The landowner is the City of Austin as they own the fire station site. If you would like more information about the Administrative Site Plan Approval process, please go to the City of Austin website at www.ci.austin.tx.us, go to Development on the left side bar, and look for the section on Site Plans. If you would like more information about this particular project, go to www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/index.jsp and look for Case number SP-2007-0574CS.

The CCHOA has registered as an interested party. We will be notified of comments, changes and other items that affect this development, and have the opportunity to make comments through that process at the appropriate time. A representative from the CCHOA has reviewed the file at the City of Austin, including the site plan and related materials. Below is a summary of the specifics:

The cell tower will be located in a 2000 square foot area on the east end of the fire station parking lot. The distance is about 300 feet from Mordred Lane. The tower will be 105 feet high, and is described as a stealth tower in that the wires, etc. are enclosed within the structure.

Since the parking lot already exists, they have created a 20 foot wide access easement for the lessee to be able to access the tower. The entire 2000 square foot perimeter will be surrounded by a chain link fence with three rows of razor wire.

If you have further specific questions regarding this proposed development, please contact the City of Austin case manager. The CCHOA will post any updates they receive on the Circle C website.





Circle C Landscape Submitted by Susan Hoover

Circle C Landscape has finalized a Board of Directors approved project to measure the commons areas of the Association.

This measurement will serve as a permanent record of the property owned and taken care of by the CCHOA and be useful for bidding the landscape contract in 2008 and for reference for all landscape and related projects on the CCHOA commons area.

The measurement is not a survey, which would be very expensive to conduct on the entire property. It was done by creating a Google Earth map for all of the areas that are currently included on Google Earth. We purchased the pro version of G.E. to allow us to create areas and have the square footage calculated. We spot checked all areas for accuracy. After that, we hand measured elements such as perennial beds, hedges, and counted shade trees and decorative trees. In

addition to the measurement a complete set of 29 maps documenting all of the areas was produced. Results:

Total maintained acreage: acres-including sidewalks and all areas whether irrigated or not that receives weekly mowing—Included in this:

Perennial Beds: 10.85 acres Turf Area: 90.86 acres

Outlying Areas, full

mowing schedule: 6.89 acres **Evergreen Shrubs** 3.6 miles Vines: 1.3 miles Shade Trees: 2.036 Ornamental Trees: 1.186

Drainage Acreage: Includes rough cut areas, like parks, greenbelts, drainage areas that are rough cut or weedeated 3x per year 68.72 acres

Landscape Lighting: 636 landscape lights

Irrigation System:

Water Meters: 29 meters Irrigation Controllers: 42 controllers Irrigation Valves: 550 valves

8,250 (Average 15 Sprinkler Heads:

heads per valve)

As many of you will recall, Circle C Landscape developed a Green Community Landscape Model in 2005 and translated that into a Long Term Plan for Landscape Improvements. The purpose of the model was to articulate goals for all landscape areas in Circle C and improve them in terms of establishing an overall landscape palette that featured the following: water conservation, limitation of turf areas, sustainable plants, horticultural diversification, and environmental sound principals. To date, over 65% of the plan has been implemented. In 2007, areas along Dahlgreen, LaCrosse, the

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CC Landscape - (Continued from page 8)

swim center, and Escarpment were improved. In addition, the CCHOA Board adopted Shade Tree Care Guidelines and appropriated \$24,000 in funds for tree care. The initial stages treated areas of possible oak wilt, provided health pruning for juvenile trees, and pruning for landmark trees (greater than 19" caliper) on the commons areas.

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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 Education Committee Update - November 2007

Submitted by Bob Skrobarczyk

New Southwest Middle School Update

The hot issue on the Education Committee has been on the new southwest middle school. The site development plans for the school has been reviewed by the City and returned with their first round of comments. The building plans are scheduled to be complete for construction documents by the end of November 2007. Construction on the school is scheduled to begin in March 2008, with an open date of August 2009.

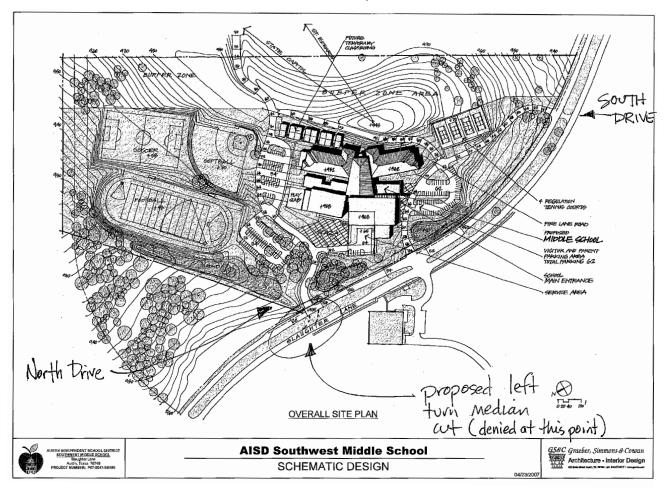
In view of the current plans, the Education Committee, along AISD, the Circle C Ranch Cycling Club, and Circle C residents from Vintage Place are working with the City of Austin to lower the speed limit on Slaughter Lane, west of Escarpment, and add a full purpose median cut for the north drive entrance to the school. This will allow traffic to exit and turn either direction from the north drive. Without a full purpose median cut, all traffic exiting the school on the north drive will be forced to turn right. For Circle C residents, this will mean making a u-turn at 1826, and inevitable backing up traffic on Slaughter Lane. The plans now stand with only one median cut at the new south entrance to the school.

The lowering of the speed limit on this section of Slaughter is desirable not only for residents of Vintage Place who do not feel safe walking on the sidewalk to Escarpment Village with traffic passing right next to them at 50 plus mile per hour, but also the cyclists that currently travel the road and soon to be school children cycling or walking to the new school.

In addition to the median cuts, the Education Committee would also like to see a traffic light installed at the school's entrance as well.

Over the summer the Education Committee forwarded a letter to the CCHOA board for their use in requesting that these measures be implemented for the new school. (A copy of this letter was published in the October newsletter.) A number of Circle C residents have also sent e-mails to the City in support of the median cut and lower speed limit. While the CCHOA has not received a direct response from the City of Austin, the City is performing a traffic study to determine if traffic conditions warrant the modifications. The results of that study will be presented in a public meeting on December 3, 2007 @ 6:00 PM at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 3rd Floor Room #325.

The City of Austin will be looking for community input at this meeting. It is imperative that neighborhood residents attend this meeting and provide their input on this important issue. We hope you will join us there!



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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

Dear Neighbors/Parents/Homeowners:

After ten months of discussion and listening to parent/neighbor concerns, gossip, and much more - especially recently - I was asked to submit an article in the newsletter that relayed our views and opinions regarding the possible repercussions from the site development between KIKER and CDC. I had discussions with parents from Clayton, Kiker, pool users as well CDC parents.

The words in the article are from your "neighbors" and the views expressed belong to parents who feel strongly about the issue. I tried to make them as "politically" correct as I could without losing their meaning. You might not like what they have said, or they way they said it, but we all are entitled to our opinions, which no one should allowed to stifle. I stand behind my neighbors, fellow parents and homeowners in their quest to step forward, be heard and ACT on behalf of our neighborhood. I am sorry if anyone took offense to the letter and that certainly

was NOT the intention. I think we would all like to see the area remain "green" and the make this happen we must join together with the school system, HOA, Pool, and CDC to ensure this happens.

In all this gossip and rhetoric, we have accomplished what needed to be done - solicit the Board to get the facts about the KIKER/ CDC development and get our community involved. I have had MUCH feedback in support of the effort but I regret the email listed in the newsletter was incorrect - if you would like to share your opinion the correct email address is:

circlecranchhomeowners@yahoo.com Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts:) Cyndie Schick

Tree Planting at **Slaughter Creek**

Date and Time: Saturday December

15. 9am to 1pm.

Location: Near the intersection of

Slaughter Ln and 1826.

Task: The city of Austin's Wildland Conservation Division will be planting

native trees to restore a riparian woodland along the banks of Slaughter Creek. For more details, to register, and receive directions, please email Daniel.dietz@ ci.austin.tx.us or call 263-6443.

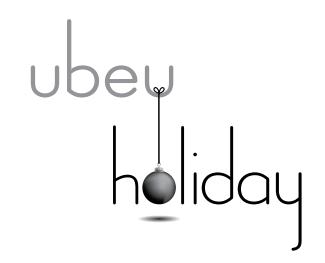


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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued Kiker Cookbook has Returned!

Submitted by Kate Scholz

Kiker Elementary has been working fast and furiously this fall on the 2007-2008 edition of their school cookbook. It's been many years since it was last produced, so the response has been incredible! With a goal of 500 recipes, they have been overwhelmed with over 1400 recipes – all submitted by the friends and family of Kiker community! So if you're looking for some new ideas to serve up – from Cocktails to something Just for Kids, this is your answer. The



cookbook, Kiker's Kitchen, makes a wonderful holiday gift for friends and family. The cost for 1 cookbook is \$20, 2 cookbooks for \$35 and for 3 or more cookbooks the cost is \$15 each. Contact Tracy White to get your limited edition of Kiker's Kitchen at 301.1450 or email us at: buyacookbook@hotmail.com



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Holidays Around the World

10am – 3pm - Mills Elementary School

Submitted by Carrie Turlington

No need to grab your passport and stand on long lines at the airport, because Holidays Around the World is coming to Mills Elementary! Families and members of our community are invited to travel to exotic lands and discover the cultures of many different nations as you journey from country to country. One special destination on the itinerary is a stopover at the North Pole to visit with Santa!

Each child attending this event will be provided with their own "passport" where they will seek answers to specific question regarding the different traditions on display. Completed passports can then be exchanged for a prize. There will be games, activities and arts-n-crafts projects. Plus, we will offer delectable delicacies and refreshments, as well as a few surprises. Come and join us for this fun-filled educational opportunity packaged in a family atmosphere.



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KB Home

Kiker Elementary

Submitted by Angela Schuckle

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Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Ranch Resident

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Dear neighbors,

This article contains my opinions only and does not represent an official CCHOA position. The article (at http://www.kencemedia. org/www.peelinc.com/newsletters/0711CC.pdf) addressed the topic of commercial development of the La Crosse lot between Kiker Elementary and the CDC. It discussed the consequences of such development and asked people to lobby the CCHOA board to acquire the land or somehow control its development. Unfortunately, the article referred to people who might work on the La Crosse property as "undesirables" and alluded that they would be certain "types". The words "undesirable" and "types" were not clearly defined and might have been misconstrued to mean that Circle C folks are intolerant and that we do not welcome all sorts of people into the neighborhood.

The topic of the original article is worth discussing and I understand that the author is a well-intentioned neighbor and never intended the words "undesirables" or "type" to be construed as racist, or fearmongering. But authors cannot control how readers read -- and many took those terms as substantially negative.

I'm writing this based on my experience as a Circle C homeowner for 14 years, and based on my experience as president (retired!) of the CCHOA board from April 2004 to March 2006. I've represented Circle C in several contexts, including with the Austin city government, the Austin independent school district, the Austin environmental movement, other Austin homeowner associations, and with local and national media.

Circle C Ranch includes almost 4,000 families and over 11,000 residents. Circle C includes people from all walks of life. Our neighbors live in all sorts of family arrangements and come from all over the world. I hope that no one reads the words from the November newsletter and gets the impression that we're not a friendly place. We are. We are diverse, in the best sense of the word.

Your neighbor, Quentin Fennessy qfennessy@gmail.com

Circle C Newsletter

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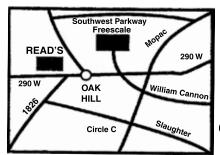
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Coming Of Age, Looking Back, A Year Already?- A CCRCC Episode Submitted by Paul Murphy, CCRCC Founder, President and Circle C Resident

Two hundred! Circle C Ranch Cycling Club now has over 200 of those dashing, good looking men and women, who have bodies envied by all, swelling the CCRCC ranks. In 18 short months CCRCC has come a long, long way and the neighbourhood is invited to share in the achievements of their local Club and be proud of the manner in which CCRCC has represented our great community around Austin, and beyond.

Big C

CCRCC is pleased and proud to announce their link with the Lance Armstrong Foundation for 2008 and kicked off this relationship with an impressive start at the annual 2007 Austin LiveSTRONG Challenge. A 90, 60, 45 or 30 mile ride in the Austin hillcountry in and around Dripping Springs covering some of the most beautiful and demanding terrain South Texas has to offer. The team of 12 riders raised over \$15,000 toward the fight against cancer, earning themselves a place in the top 20 out of over 200 fund raising teams! Congratulations all round. Riders rode in memory of, or in celebration of mothers (Anne), fathers, wives (myself plus others) family, relatives and friends. This powerful disease touches many and CCRCC is proud and pleased to be active in the fight against it.



But what about the children?

We are currently in discussion with our local schools, Austin Cycling Association, Bicycle Sport Shop and others for CCRCC to host a bicycle safety day (or several) for the kids providing: training by certified League of American Bicyclists coaches regarding road safety. bike handling and more, plus approved safety helmets, bike gear and maintenance. Plans for 2009 include a youth cycling program, too. Watch this space.

Is that it?

We have a strong link with various community groups, including our own HOA to add our voice to causes our members feel strongly about, and have been active and successful in doing so with several projects. If you have an issue that you would like us to consider, arrange to talk with us at one of our monthly meetings- 4th Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 PM Nuevo Leon. Or come along just to say hello.

"I used to cycle a lot, but then I passed my driving test."

If that describes you- let me invite you to rethink that. Cycling is a powerful pastime on so many levels and with gas at \$3.00 per gallon perhaps it is time to revisit bicycling to work, the store, for your weekend morning coffee and pastry! Join us inthat. Join CCRCC, join your neighbours, save fuel, get fit, lose weight, leap tall buildings, increase your IQ and feel better than you have done for many years.

We are not all of us in CCRCC, sporting the sort of chiseled and honed body that you might see adorning the front page of Health and Fitness, however! Our membership includes many brave souls who are very new to cycling and who have taken the challenge to rekindle the experience now they are adults.

We have riders in the A category (more experienced), the self styled "Killer Bs" (some experience and who are the most in number), plus a loose alliance of "C" Riders (from those entirely new, plus the leisurely "ride on a Sunday afternoon with the kids" crowd to the "not quite a Killer B yet", group).

Need direction, training or a few pointers? CCRCC has a certified United States Cycling Federation coach on hand (CCR resident David Van Newkirk) who provides first rate training for young, old, experienced and novice riders- his knowledge is deep, his rates are extremely good (you will be very pleasantly surprised) plus he gives a discount to CCRCC members on top! Need a tune up? He is also a first class mechanic.

Need a bike, bike parts, spares, or bike clothing to cover that body? Look no further than Bicycle Sport Shop where CCRCC members can receive a 15% discount- well worth the \$20 individual or \$30 family annual membership to CCRCC. Take advantage of that with the giving season upon us.

Plus membership includes various perks, discounts and offerings from the rest of our great sponsors (Dan Gill, CPA- Steve Takamatsu, Lawson Automotive- Liz Canfield, Liquidity International- Reisha Lacey, Keller Williams Realty- John Stokes, Aegis Fitness, Nuevo Leon Restaurant and, myself, Paul Murphy, Financial Advisor at Smith Barney). CCRCC would not be the extraordinary success that it undoubtedly is without their patronage and we are very appreciative of it. If readers would support our sponsors (and mention CCRCC), that would help CCRCC to bring even more to our great community.

Some CCRCC and CCRCC Member 2007 Highlights:

- 200+ members
- Third largest bycling club in Austin
- League of American Bicyclists Club
- \$15,000 raised for LAF
- Regular Saturday and Sunday Rides
- Successful Gruen Time Trial teams
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- United States Adventure Racing Association Paul Murphy (team ranked second in the Nation)
- 2008 Jerseys on their way!

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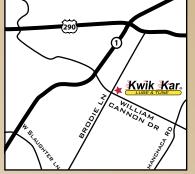
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The When and the Where

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You have likely seen us as you drove through (or, and here is a novel idea, even walked in!) to collect your weekend morning "triple-grande-3-pump-dry-frappe-latte-mocha-chino-nonfat-soy-no-whip". Talk to us when you next do. All rides are 'no drop'. You will not be left behind to fend for yourself. Rides vary from a few miles around the Veloway to epic tours of Austin and the Hill Country, and everything in between. You will find something to your taste, ability and timeframe and you might even enjoy it!

It's Good to be the King

Special thanks are given to the most excellent Officers of the Club, all CCR Residents volunterring their time: Wes Robinson- our tireless Vice President, Dennis Hart- the hard working Treasurer, Brian Walsh- our diligent Secretary and Matt Bracht- Officer at Large and unanimously appointed Safety Officer.

The NEW 2008 jersey designs will be out on a road near you in January. Look out for them, wave to the wearer and please, be kind to cyclists- it is dangerous out there.

Questions about CCRCC should be directed to Paul Murphy at Terence.p.murphy@smithbarney.com for a reasonably quick response.

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Clayton Elementary says "Saddle Up and Read, Book-A-Roos!"

Submitted by Catherine Thurk

Clayton Elementary was awarded a Target Early Childhood Reading Grant. This grant was used to sponsor a Family Literacy Night, called "Saddle Up and Read, Book-A-Roos!" It was held at Clayton Elementary on October 18th. This event was the kick-off to a schoolwide reading and literacy program. The fun filled evening was full of literacy related activities including alphabet bingo, reading strategies, technology Web sites, making words activities, writing roulette and a 5 step newspaper summarizing activity called Give Me Five. There were opportunities for special photos and book give-a-ways. Author Debbie Leland who wrote The Jalapeno Man and Aggie Goose Rhymes shared her stories. Storyteller Bernadette Nason told campfire tales to all the little book-a-roos. All readers hit the trail with a bag of trail mix and mug of sasparilla! Thank you Target for your sponsorship of this wonderful learning program. As Clayton students continue in their reading goals this year, they will be receiving stamps in their Read Across Texas passports as well as special visits from Pecos Roth and Tumbleweed Tuttle from the school. Any Circle C resident who is interested in supporting the reading program by becoming an event sponsor, tutor, or volunteer should contact the school.



Audrey and Adam Prosser having fun at Clayton's Family Literacy Night.



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Holiday Eating Without Weight Gain

Submitted by Alison Pelz

As most of us know, a large part of the holiday season revolves around food. Extra food is everywhere this time of year...at the office, at parties, at holiday meals...even when we visit our local Starbucks we find special holiday drinks that tempt us.

For those trying to watch their weight or manage their diabetes or high cholesterol, the holiday season can be especially trying.

The following tips may help you get through this holiday season with little or no weight gain.

Focus on other holiday pleasures besides food. Emphasize the other aspects of the holidays that you enjoy. For many, it is spending special and quality time with family and friends. Often when families get together the focus is on food. Spearhead new traditions for the holidays that include physical activity, such as a family bike ride or football game, a walk or holiday "fun run/walk". (Go to the RunTex website at www.runtex.com to view a calendar of fun run/walks that are happening this holiday season.)

Remember food is not the only important part of the holiday season.

If you are currently trying to lose weight, set realistic expectations during the holidays. Focus on weight maintenance

versus weight loss. Setting realistic goals may help reduce frustration and anxiety around weight issues, which for some can lead to over eating

Don't make dieting your New Year's resolution. Doing so may set-up a "last supper" effect during the holiday season. That is, "I am going to eat all of these goodies now, because come January 1st I am going on a diet." This will just cause more weight gain and frustration once the New Year rolls around. Besides, most studies show that dieting doesn't work for long-term weight loss. Make healthy eating part of your life, even during the holidays.

Commit to more exercise during this time of year so you can "afford" to eat a few more treats without the weight gain. Time is often short this time of year due to shopping, parties and travel, but planning ahead can help. Who knows? Taking time to do some more exercise may help reduce the stress that some people experience during the holiday season.

Make a plan. When at a party or at a holiday feast, scan the food and consider eating only the foods that you really want or that you normally don't eat, for example, a reasonable portion of Grandma's

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yams or a slice of a favorite kind of holiday pie - foods that are only served around the holidays. Forgo the dinner rolls. (They are often served year round.) Give yourself permission to eat foods you really enjoy and pass on the others. If you think ahead about foods you really want, chances are you won't engage in "mindless" eating.

Additionally, don't go to parties or to the dinner table starving, since this will most likely guarantee overeating. Have a light snack before going to the party.

Bring vegetables and/or fruit-based dishes to parties or to your holiday feast. This will "offset" some of the higher calorie foods.

Reduce fat and sugar in holiday recipes. Simply add a little less butter, margarine, oil and/or sugar to your favorite recipes. You and your guests probably won't miss it. Magazines this time of year are full of lower fat or lower sugar versions of favorite holiday recipes.

Maintain perspective. A day or two of overeating and/or under exercising will not cause weight gain. It takes days of overeating and not exercising to gain weight. The key is to return to your normal eating plan as quickly as possible.

Submitted by Alison Pelz, Registered Dietitian & Certified Diabetes Educator. She is a resident of Circle C.

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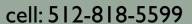
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Christmas Celebrations at Oak Hill United Methodist Church

Submitted by Michelle Moon Reinhardt

Oak Hill United Methodist Church invites your family to worship with us this Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 2 at 5:00pm, join us as we prepare the sanctuary for Advent during the Hanging of the Greens Service. This hands-on service includes carols and scripture as symbolic decorations are placed in the sanctuary.

On Saturday, December 8 from 9 to 11am, the Methodist Church hosts the Bethlehem Bazaar, where children are invited to create seasonal crafts and visit a live nativity. Pastors will also perform a "blessing of the animals" where prayers will be said for pets of all shapes and sizes. Visitors are encouraged to bring two non-perishable food items for the Capital Area Food Bank or an unwrapped toy for Operation Blue Santa.

On Sunday, December 9 at worship services

at 8:45am and 11:15am, the Oak Hill United Methodist Chancel Choir will perform both sacred and secular Christmas music. That evening at 7pm, the youth group will present a Christmas program in the sanctuary.

On December 24, at 5pm, Oak Hill United Methodist Church welcomes families to a Christmas Eve Family Service. As the Christmas story is read, children are invited to come forward and play the role of Mary, Joseph, the wise men or the shepherds.

On Christmas Eve, Oak Hill United Methodist Church will hold three other services, featuring carols by candlelight at 7pm and 9pm and a communion service at 11pm.

Oak Hill United Methodist Church is located across from the ACC Pinnacle campus on Highway 290. Worship services are held Sundays at 8:45, 9 and 11:15am.

Seton Southwest Volunteers Holiday Bazaar

Submitted by Veta Winick

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Force or Not to Force Your Child to Eat?

Submitted by Alison Pelz

A week or so ago I gave a nutrition talk to Moms of preschoolers. Several questions came up about whether to "force" children to eat foods they don't like, such vegetables. My feeling and many other dietitians would agree is not to force children to eat foods they don't want. Having "food fights" at the table and having to coerce your child to eat can make mealtimes very stressful for your child and you. Often mealtimes are the one time of day the whole family can get together, so if it becomes tense because of arguments over food, mealtimes can quickly turn into unpleasant family experiences. Hey, if your child is willing to take a bite of an "unfavorable food" with little duress, go for it. (Just don't make it an ongoing fight.)

What is key is offering a variety of foods to your children, even ones that they don't like, on a daily basis. Equally important is for parents to model healthy eating for their children. Eventually, your child will begin to like and try new foods. Some studies show that it takes up to 15-20 tries before a child will accept a new food.

Like the old adage says, "Pick your battles"Do the same at the dinner table.

Submitted by Alison Pelz, Registered Dietitian & Certified Diabetes Educator. She is a resident of Circle C.

Clayton Elementary Fun Run and Celebration: Sponsors Needed

Submitted by Catherine Thurk

The Fun Run and Celebration is Clayton's largest community event and will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008. We are seeking sponsors now. If you work for or own a local business in the area and would like more information on the sponsorship levels, please contact Tara West, tarawest@austin.rr.com, (512) 632-3110. This exciting event includes a Fun Run for the kids, bouncers, games, food, a silent auction, live music and much more! This is a great way to support Circle C's community schools and market your business.

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Submitted By: Michelle Moran~ Director of the CDC

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There are so many people to thank that there is no way I could mention them all, but I do want to send a huge thank you to the Circle C Golf Course for putting up with us and so generously donating their gorgeous grounds to us. Chip Gist, Denise Fisher, Nicole Dorman, Tom Campbell, and their staff, all played a huge role in assisting with the success. Chip only flinched a little bit this year as the hundreds of kiddos trampled bushes and ran through the putting green. Third Language gets the next huge thank you. They did an awesome job keeping everyone dancing and singing to lots of great music and for donating some of their proceeds back to the school. Marquee Tents also donated time, tents, and beautiful lighting for the event that we were so grateful. Of course, Austin Real Estate Partners came through once again as our main sponsor and this year even donated not only Bob and Melinda's time, but their entire staff was there to volunteer with set-up, ticket selling, and overall grunt work! I also want to send a humungous thank you to my entire staff of amazing teachers, administrators, and friends and to ALL the Mom's and Dad's for giving their time to make this all happen. We have the BEST children, parents, and staff around. Most of all, I want to thank all of you that attended and had a great time with your children. That is why we do events such as this because we want to have fun raising funds and to bring family time to the forefront because that should always be our primary focus

We brought in well over \$10,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales that we will be able to put directly into improving our playgrounds. We are so excited!

Steve Armstrong photography and Jean Louis photography also donated their time by taking pictures throughout the whole event. Pictures can be viewed on www.shutterfly.com/pro/CDC/2007 for purchase.

The planning has already begun for next years big event and we hope that you will return if you were there this year, and if you missed out, you definitely do not want to miss next year.

Below is a list of all our "2007 Circle of Friends" that supported us through donations, and/or materials for the festival.

We could not have done it without all of you!

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Circle C Amenities

December Circle C Swim Center Director's Corner Happy Trails...Circle C Ranch

Submitted by Kelly Schmidt, Aquatics Director

....until we meet again. This will be my last article as your Swim Center Director as I have been offered a position as the City of Dripping Springs Parks, Recreation & Open Space Director. It has been an honor to work for and serve the Community of Circle C Ranch over the last year. Wow, has it only been a year? Together we've seen some much needed and incredible improvements to the Swim Center.

At the onset of my taking the position as Aquatics Director the Board Of Directors charged me with some very challenging tasksall of which I along with my incredible aquatics staff were able to complete in a standard of the like not seen here at the Circle C Swim Center before. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you these accomplishments.

1. Implement a resident only pool pass ID System.

As most of you have discovered we implemented a system that rivals similar fitness club standards. Our current ID system not only insures resident security at the facility but also records and tracks a much desired demographic usage record. This record will help the future Director and HOA management in creating programming and in setting pool hours. We have yet to take photos of our 8000+card holders. Currently resident pool pass holder photo taking is scheduled to commence in February of 2008. If you were issued a pool pass last season you will use that card indefinitely. Your photo will be stored in the system under your profile and appear each time you check in to the facility.

2. Create an in house swim lesson program.

During the spring and summer swim seasons of 2007 Circle C Swim Center delivered group swim instruction to 580 children along with 83 private instruction lessons. Participants ranged in age from 6 months to 60 years old. It was mandatory that swim instructors be certified as American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. This certification emphasized not only a swim instruction methodology but insured that instructors' had at least 36 hours of training directly related to instruction technique and philosophies. While individual styles and experience levels did vary among the instructors there

was a very high level of consistency and enthusiasm which transferred into the successes of their students.

3. Raise the life guard staff quality.

Through the establishment and creation of an employee policy manual, mandatory background check system, and ongoing staff training the Circle C Lifeguard and Aquatic staff as a whole, saw an incredible improvement in overall professionalism. Life guards responded to over 18 distressed and active drowning swimmers, provided first aid and enforced pool policy and safety with customer service in mind. The office staff aided in the creation of our Circle C household database, production of over 8000 swim passes in more than 2500 households and facilitated daily operations.

4. Ensure higher standards of facility cleanliness and safety.

While over all facility cleanliness was conveyed as an area of concern by the BOD- specific targeted areas were bathrooms & water quality.

It was made clear to me that the bathroom facilities had been a point of contention in previous years. To address this, cleaning logs were developed and regular cleaning shifts were implemented to alleviate irregular cleanliness patterns. On several occasions the staff received compliments not only on the upkeep of the bathroom facilities but the entire Aquatic Center as well. Higher water quality standards and cleanliness of the pool were a result of vigilant staff, daily maintenance, timely and accurate chemical reads and overall record keeping. There were some hiccups at the beginning of the season as a result of pool maintenance equipment malfunction but overall residents seemed pleased with water quality and cleanliness as apparent in the numerous compliments we received throughout the season despite all of the baby pool construction challenges.

To address safety concerns more lifeguard chairs were placed around the pool in strategic locations for guards to locate themselves where necessary given capacity. Vertical depth marker tiles and more "No Diving" signs were installed on the parameter

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of the pool to bring the facility up to code. Safety signage and an exit gate were added to direct traffic flow in a more efficient and safe manner. An EMS access Knox Box Pad Lock was installed at the Escarpment gate. This will help to shave at least 3 minutes off of response time. Pads were added to both the basketball court poles and around the backboards to prevent potential injury. An automated external defibrillator (AED) has been placed in a prime location behind the front desk so that in the case of a cardiac emergency; easy access will be had by staff.

5. Implement event & pool programming.

We had many successful Birthday parties with fun had by all. With that being said, it was also a little more planning and staff scheduling with the focus on parties than we had anticipated. Although we enjoyed throwing a few great parties we truly believe that our focus should remain in the area of aquatics with one or two bigger events each year. We will still be assisting in scheduling rentals for you to gather your groups for your parties or you may take the first-come-first-served approach. We had great success with Movie Nights, thanks to Bob & Melinda McKenna!! We will be revisiting the Family Fun Night for next year coupling it with Movie Night at no additional charge. Keep an eye out for more information in the Spring/Summer Activity Guide.

I would like to give a special thanks to specific individuals who made my experience with Circle C a memorable one. I apologize if I am forgetting anyone-Thank you...

All the Circle C Aquatic Staff (Lanie Marcotte, Rebecca Haralson, Erin Kessell, Everett Cleveland, Chris Hofer, Mark Lewis, Ross Hopkin, Joseph Fisher, Carol Montgomery, Brittany Smith, Sarah Hahn, Courtney Howe, Brandon Twichell and past team members), HOA Management(Denise Nordstrom and Gale Foster), HOA BOD, Susan Hoover & Circle C Landscaping staff, Ken & Becky Stephenson, Matt & Deanne Rienstra, Tammi Koelling, Kathy & Brian Pinsky, Steve & Jean Luc Elmore, Rick Perkal, Royal Masset, Jaime & Julie Arevalo, Gray & Jan Butterfield, the Circle C Swim Lesson Participants, Ronny Stafford, Matt Haralson, AE Martin, Coach Kim Allen, Andrea Fischer, Circle C Pool Committee, Charles Logan, the Hunt family, Circle C Seals, Mary Wilson, Barry Rollman, Kristine Blackburn, Elise Jacobs, Tom Yu, Steve Wright, Jay Marcotte, James Mosley, Circle C West Pool Committee, David Powell, Carlos Martinez, Carlos Esteves, Laura Sherman and all those who supported and grew with the positive changes at the pool.





The Golf Club at Circle C

Submitted by Denise Fisher

Member Appreciation Event Is Saturday, December 8th

Members won't want to miss this year's Member Appreciation event. There will be lots of news to share about the future of the club not to mention the fun of getting to know your fellow members. More details on the golf, food and special activities of this event to follow soon!

Join the club today and you'll be in prime position to take advantage of special offers coming exclusively for members in 2008! Call 512.288.4297 ext 4 to learn more!

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All Circle C logoed merchandise will be on sale in December so come by and check out deals like 2 for one specials on shirts and more. Other gift ideas include: Men and Women's Apparel, Hats, Shoes, Golf Equipment, Collegiate Merchandise, US Kids Golf Items, Series of Golf Lessons, Gift Certificates, Individual and Family Memberships, "Grow the Game" Memberships, Special Order Items

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Dates To Remember:

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NEWTUESDAYS - Every Tuesday at 9am is our SENIOR MEMBER GAME

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Circle C Tennis Club News

Submitted by Fernando Velasco

Circle C Tennis Club

The Circle C Tennis Club is a Private Club. The dues paid to the Circle C Home Owners Association do not give automatic usage of the courts. Residents and non-residents of Circle C Ranch are welcome to join. There is a one-time Initiation Fee and reasonable Monthly Dues allow Members to use the Tennis Courts on an unlimited basis, plus be able participate in all the programs that the Tennis Club offers.

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 10am -11 and 11am – 12noon. Child Care if provided for the morning and weekend sessions at \$7.50 per hour per child. This is a great way to get back into playing tennis again. Cost of the program is \$75.00 for six onehour sessions.

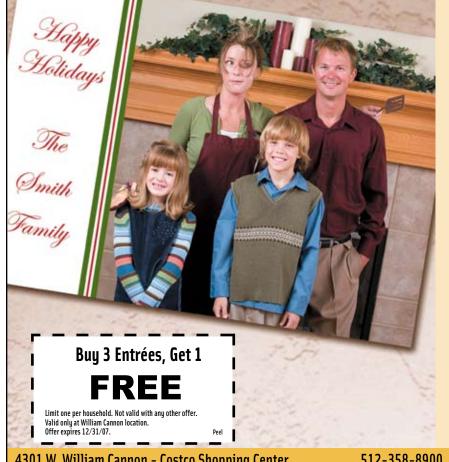
Junior Tennis Lessons

The second session of Junior lessons will begin the week of January 7. Lessons are offered for children 3-5 years old (Pee Wee); Grand Prix for ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-15 and the Pre-Advanced Tournament Program (PATP) for juniors who are interested in competing in Tennis Tournaments or play for their school's tennis teams. Lessons are open for members and non-members. If you want us to send you a brochure with all the schedules and fees, please call Kathi, or visit us in our website: www.circlectennis.com

WTTA Spring League

The Circle C Tennis Club is represented in the Women's Tennis Team of Austin in Flights 1, 3, 4, 7A, 8, and 9. Over 60 ladies participate in a weekly basis during the season in taking strategy sessions and playing against the other tennis clubs in the Austin

The Spring season will begin again in the month of March and teams selection will begin in December 2007. Players must be active members of Circle C Tennis Club. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fernando via e-mail at: circle ctennis@msn.com



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The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Announcements

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

The 17th Annual Holiday Shopping Event

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Check out the nature-inspired work of local artists and artisans and these happenings at the store:

Friday, November 30

- A 20 percent discount on general gifts.
- Noon to 4 p.m., artist Jo Pollock will personalize our limited edition 2007 hand-painted ornament.
- 1 to 3 p.m., Jen Ohlson signs "Every Town Needs a Trail" and photographer Laurence Parent signs "Austin Impressions."

Saturday, December 1

- A 20 percent discount on apparel and accessories.
- 1 to 3 p.m., Jill Nokes signs "Yard Art and Handmade Places: Extraordinary Expressions of Home" and novelist Susan Wittig Albert signs her "Book of Days."

Sunday, December 2

- A 20 percent discount on all books.
- 1 to 4 p.m., J. David Bamberger signs "Water from Stone" and Doug Welsh signs "Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac."

Luminations at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Thank you, Austin, for 25 wonderful years! Admission free with donation of two canned food items. 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9

The Wildflower Center will sparkle and shine with lights from thousands of luminarias and twinkle lights, illuminating our beautiful winter gardens and warming festivities for two wondrous evenings. Enjoy seasonal music from local musicians. Children can meet Frosty the Snowman and craft snowflakes and ornaments to take home. Dine at the Wildflower Café on holiday menu items. Holiday shopping in the store. We thank the Austin community for 25 years of support. Bring your families and friends and a donation of two canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. Information at www.wildflower. org

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MADD Jinglebell 5K – 12-16-2007 - The 22nd Annual Jingle Bell 5K is on for December 16, 2007. The Kids K starts at 8:40 a.m. and the Adults will get underway at 9:00 a.m. Last year was a record attendance with over 2000 runners and walks and raindeers and Santa Helpers! You can even log onto the registration web site by clicking right here www.active.com/register/index.cfm?event_id=1464266&site=header. It's lots of fun and a great cause.

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Mardi Gras 5K - 02-02-2008 - On February 2, 2008 the St. Gabriel's Catholic School in Austin TX. will have its annual Mardi Gras 5K. Start time for the 5K is 3:00 p.m. and the 1K for the kids will be at 2:00 p.m. It's a beautiful 5K run through some of the most impressive neighborhoods in west Austin with a childrens 1K fun run as well. Click here for the course map: www.mardigras5k. com/coursemap.aspx It is chip timed and has a Children's Carnival for even more fun. The web site is: www.mardigras5k.com/

Star Flight 5K - 03-01-2008 - The Star flight 5k is on March 1, 2008 and the race starts at 8:00 a.m. in Zilker Park. The web site for the event is located at: http://www.starflight5k.com/ All proceeds will benefit the STAR Flight Fund. The fund is used to underwrite the cost of continuing education for the first responders of Travis and surrounding counties.

RUN with the HEROES – 04-20-2008 - April 20, 2008 is the date set for "RUN with the HEROES" 5k. Sgt. Scott "SCARY" Cary will come out of his Race Director retirement to put this race on course. A 8:00 a.m. is set for this 5k start but the course is still in development. But you can bet you badge it will be a fine one. Stay tuned to this web site for more details as they become available.

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Dissolve sugar in water and pour in percolator. Add juices.

Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe to the Circle C Newsletter email it to info@circlecranch.info.



Sunday, December 2, 5:00 PM: Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Dec. 8, 9-11 AM: Bethlehem Bazaar/Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Dec. 9, 8:45 & 11:15 AM: Special Christmas Presentation

Sunday, December 16, 10 AM: Christmas Program with the Praise Band

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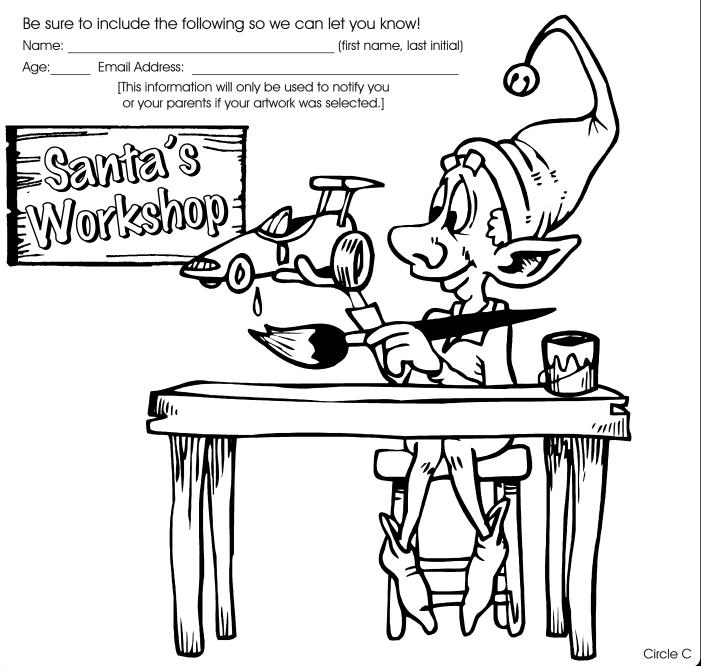
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CIRCLE C HOA KIDS' PARTY

Sat. Dec. 1 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Child Development Center

SKATING ON THE PLAZA

Whole Foods Market Nov. 23 - Jan. 1

ZILKER PARK CHRISTMAS TREE

Dec. 2 - Dec. 21

LUMINATIONS

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Ctr. Sat. Dec. 8 - Sun., Dec. 9

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Zilker Park Dec. 9 - Dec. 23

CIRCLE C HOA ADULT PARTY

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FIRST NIGHT

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Austin Real Estate Partners Market Report										
	6 Mor	6 Months Sold History (May '07 - Oct '07)				CURRENT MARKET				
Circle C Ranch by	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL				
Neighborhood	Homes	Square	Price /	Year	Days On	Available	Pending			
	Sold	Feet	Sq. Foot	Built	Market		Sale			
Circle C Central	59	2,723	\$ 115	1993	28	21	15			
North	27	2,068	\$ 131	1996	22	9	3			
Wildflower	23	2,270	\$ 124	2001	20	6	1			
On The Park	10	3,553	\$ 115	1996	37	0	1			
Vintage Place	7	3,168	\$ 116	2003	55	4	1			
Hielscher	22	2,969	\$ 121	2002	35	11	0			
West	23	3,348	\$ 125	2005	61	15	3			
Park West	10	2,254	\$ 145	2002	126	3	2			
Park Place	11	2,590	\$ 122	2004	48	2	0			
Muirfield	12	3,490	\$ 140	2007	80	4	0			
Enclave / Lacrosse	4	2,904	\$ 121	2006	17	7	0			
Alta Mira	8	2,713	\$ 127	2007	47	3	3			
Circle C Ranch Total	216	2,754	\$ 123	1999	41	85	29			
% Change Mo/ Mo	-4%	1%	0%	0%	11%	-11%	-6%			

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