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## Newsletter

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### CCHOA Annual Meeting Election Results

Name	No. of Votes	% of cast votes
Steve Urban	877610	34%
Jason Bram	715009	28%
Matt Rienstra	450290	17%
Jim Schaffrath	288797	11%
Jim Foster	245534	10%

Congratulations to Steve Urban and Jason Bram, they have each been elected for three year terms. Thank you to all the candidates for participating in the 2008 Board of Director Election.

#### Many Thanks to CCHOA Directors Michelle Moran and Ryan Garcia

*Submitted by Russ Hodes,  
CCHOA Treasurer*

I used to have a bumper sticker that read, "Walk a Mile in My Boots"! It reminded me how it's hard to appreciate people until you work with them. I certainly felt that way about Michelle and Ryan.

Both of them are very active and familiar community leaders, who were appointed to fill vacant Directors positions. They both proved to be excellent additions to the board and they wasted little time getting things done.

I met Ryan Garcia a few years ago, working on the Amenities Committee. He helped us develop the CCHOA Amenities Master Plan that year. Then, he and I campaigned together for the 2006 board elections. We both had a similar vision for the neighborhood and we both wanted a first class Community Center and a recreational pool. Ryan's legal experience came in handy at almost every

meeting, and he kept up the pressure to secure our Impervious Cover Bank and to take control of the Amenities Transfer fund. He signed both of those agreements in 2008, capping what turned out to be our most productive year, ever.

I truly appreciated his leadership skills last year (2007), when we elected him to lead the board as our President. He was challenged many times, even bullied, despite his gentle manner, but he prevailed with reason and rules. He also has a keen sense of humor, which was very much appreciated on the years he served on our board and with our committees.

I knew even less of Michelle Moran. I had never set foot inside of the Child Development Center (CDC), which really is one of our most unique and prized amenity in Circle C Ranch. I quickly learned that she is the person who runs the Events Committee. Her very dedicated and loyal group of parents, teachers, and volunteers, put on all the annual parties for our kids: the Fourth of July Parade, the Easter Egg hunt, our adult and kids holiday parties and countless other family oriented events. I had no idea how much work and planning went into those things until I joined over 400 parents and kids for the parade last Fourth of July!

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### 2008 Capital Budget Projects Report

- ☐ Landscape - Esc/Slaughter – electrical repair to begin mid April
- ☐ Landscape - Circle C West Post Offices
- ☐ Landscape - Turf replacement – work to begin mid to late April
- ☒ Swim Center & Café Roof - Phase I of this project has been completed (new roofs and gutters on both buildings. Phase II (sealant applied to outside of buildings and re-caulking) and Phase III (new awnings) are currently out to bid and should be completed by early to mid April.
- ☐ Swim Center Volleyball Courts
- ☐ Fence off BB Court – work to begin mid-April
- ☒ Swim Center Furniture – The purchase of three new pool tarps and two lane line storage reels has been completed. New loungers and chairs have been ordered and new tables are currently out to bid.
- ☒ Swim Center Shade – Two new shade structures (to be placed on the northeast side of the pool deck), a replacement shade tarp in between the swim center and café building and new awnings have been bid and should be installed by May.
- ☐ Playscape Phase II
- ☐ Escarpment Fence

We will continue to report the progress of each of these projects in the newsletter. We will also have a link on the website that will give updates and what funds have been expended to date.

# CIRCLE C RANCH

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Dead Animal Collection.....	974.2000
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Pothole Complaints.....	974.8750
Stop Signs .....	457.4885
Street Light Outage.....	505.7617
Schools	
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Bowie High School.....	414.5247
SAYSA.....	899.1049

### CCHOA Annual Meeting - (Continued from Cover page)

When the original Baby Pool was condemned, Michelle led a committee to quickly get it replaced. She drove with people out to Belterra, Lakeway, and Steiner Ranch, to see other pools. Then she spoke with neighbors about lending us their professional help on the project. A year later she was one of the first volunteers to step forward to help with the West Pool Committee. She didn't waste time asking others to step forward and help with this committee as well. When Michelle calls, people jump! She gets things done!

Michelle's most recent accomplishment was documenting our Board Guidelines, which are the rules the board uses internally. These practices were passed along verbally through several past boards, but they were difficult to share. That made it more difficult for new board members, like me, to catch up and contribute.

I am honored to have served with both of these very professional and highly talented people. We are a much better community and HOA, because of their accomplishments, contributions, and just plain hard work!

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## CCHOA News

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*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom*

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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](mailto: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>

### Easter Egg Hunt A Success!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success this year. We had over 279 children participate in the event and gave away over 10,000 eggs!

The next big event the CCHOA will host is the Annual 4th of July Parade (Friday, July 4th at 11am). If you would like to help with this annual event, please contact the HOA office at [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info)



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### New HOA Website Coming SOON!

The next time you log onto [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) you may notice we have a new website in place. The HOA has decided to sign on with Association Voice, one of the leading HOA website hosting companies in the US. The new website will require that you create a user ID and password in order to access most levels of the website and forums. The website is designed to make it easier for you as a homeowner to access forms, documents, calendar and communicate with the HOA office.

### Keep Driveways Clear of Debris

As we are driving the neighborhood we are noticing that many residents are storing items in their driveway – everything from landscape materials to flower pots. Driveways should be kept free and clear of all materials at all times.

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## CCHOA News Continued

### Circle C Landscape

*Submitted by Susan Hoover*

As we move along through spring, hopefully, the CCHOA common areas and your yards are looking great. We do have a couple of reminders for the month of May.

**New Water Conservation Ordinance.** All homeowners will be required to follow the City of Austin Water Conservation ordinance beginning May 1, 2008. If your address is odd, your watering days are Wednesday and Saturday. If your address is even, your watering days are Thursday and Sunday.

Most of our common areas will water on Tuesday and Friday. However, due to the number of stations, we have applied for a variance to water some areas one different days. We will post the schedule on the Circle C website as soon as we receive the final approval from the City of Austin.

May is Community Fire Ant Treatment month. Treating for fire ants can be very

effective if everyone does it at the same time period. We encourage everyone to treat their entire yards with Fire Ant Bait in May.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recommends that you apply a fire ant bait product with the active ingredient Fipronil. Some of the brand names that have this ingredient are Over and Out, or Top Choice Fire Ant bait.

We have worked on improvements during April, and hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter we will have completed the landscape restoration of the south side of the Slaughter/Escarpment intersection.

Also, during April, we completed a fertilization of the common area, implemented our weekly mowing schedule, weeded beds, trimmed shrubs and tried to keep everything in great shape during this spring growing season.

### Hide Your Garbage Can & Recycle Bin!

We are continuing to receive many complaints from residents about owners who are storing their garbage can and recycle bin in view from the street. Garbage cans and recycle bins should be hidden from view – either behind your fence or in your garage. The vast majority of homeowners are able to hide their cans out of view, please

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## Road Closure Announcement

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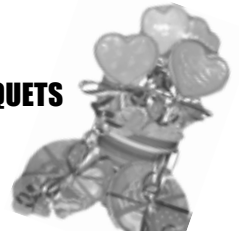
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## CCHOA News Continued

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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 to coordinate this effort.



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MAY 24

MAY 31

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The Swim Center will open at NOON on the above dates.

### Swim Center Summer Hours

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

### ME AND MY SHADOW

*Submitted by Jackie Rollins - JackieRollins02@aol.com*



**Four days before disappearing**

*Park West resident Jackie Rollins wrote the following in the form of e-mail messages to friends and neighbors after her 15-year old cat, Shadow, twice a cancer survivor, went missing. We believe that those of you with a beloved pet will find this an amazing story.*

#### **Gone**

March 27, 2008

I have some sad news about my beloved cat Shadow. He went missing on Saturday, March 8, nearly three weeks ago. The last I saw of him was when he went out the front door at 11 a.m. and paused on the walkway enjoying the sunshine. Later, a neighbor said he saw him in the front yard next door at 11:45 a.m. It was highly unusual for him not to come back in through his flap in the back door at least in mid-to-late afternoon for a snack. I began calling him before dark. Normally, he would have been on the back patio, on a bench or chair. I stayed up most of the night, walking the neighborhood and calling him.... but nothing, then or now.

March 8 was a year and two months since his surgery for a second cancerous intestinal tumor. At that time, it had been about a year and three months since the first tumor was removed, in late September 2005. He had exceeded the veterinarian's - and everyone else's - expectations of his surviving maybe 8 months, tops, after the first surgery. I am

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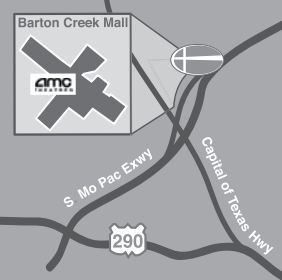
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

**Shadow** - (Continued from page 10)

so blessed that I did at least have him for an extra 2-1/2 years. With this history, speculation is that he just decided to go off by himself to die. I hope and pray he didn't suffer, especially if another animal is responsible for his disappearance. (There is a greenbelt in the back of the houses across the street from mine, but Shadow never ventured beyond a fence line.) If he went off to die, though, anything is possible. I can hardly bear it because I didn't have a chance to say goodbye to him. I miss my companion of nearly 14 years so very much.

When I told his surgeon, Dr. Runk, that Shadow was gone, I also asked her about doing something in his memory through Central Texas Veterinary Specialty Hospital. She referred me to the business manager, and today I set up the "Shadow Rollins Memorial Fund" to help defray the cost of surgery for pet owners who are unable to pay all or part of the cost and who otherwise might have to let their pet be put to sleep, even if surgery could save their life. I plan to add to the fund on a regular basis and hope that my friends and neighbors who knew this special cat will contribute to it in his memory. My grief is unbearable, especially since there are so many unanswered questions as to what has really happened to him. In my heart I cannot accept the fact that he would disappear of his own accord so suddenly and so completely. The silence is deafening.

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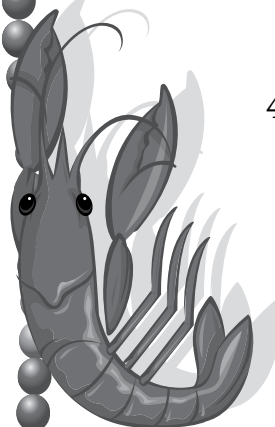
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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued

**Shadow** - (Continued from page 11)

### A Miracle

April 1, 2008

A miracle happened tonight! A message left on my answering machine at 7:57 p.m. from a young woman who gave just a street name - no house number or phone number - said my cat was in her yard and she didn't know how long he would remain there but I could call back later. My home phone doesn't have caller ID. It was obvious the caller read the name and phone number from Shadow's tag. Was he actually alive? I dialed Star 69 but got a busy signal. I yelled for my next door neighbor Leslie, who happened to be outside my front door, to listen to the message. The street the caller mentioned was "Bramble Bush." We looked it up on Google. It's in zip 78747 - across both Loop 1 and I-35, off William Cannon, not far from McKinney Falls Parkway, in far southeast Austin!! It was now 8:45 p.m. She, her husband and I piled into her SUV and drove about



**Home at Last!**

12 miles to Bramble Bush (a short street with 14 houses on each side). Not knowing what we were doing (we had no clue which house the call came from) and in the dark, in an unfamiliar neighborhood, we started walking down the street. One lady heard us calling for Shadow and came outside and asked me if it was a gray cat I was looking for. Yes! She said she'd seen one near her house about three hours earlier. Then Leslie screamed that she heard a cat meowing (we'd heard nothing but dogs in backyards barking until then) and started walking toward the sound. Then she screamed again! At the very end of the street, in front of the last house on the left side of the block, stood Shadow! He came right up to her and I ran up and grabbed him into my arms.

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### Shadow - (Continued from page 12)

I will always be grateful to my neighbors for giving up their evening and dinner (which had just been delivered) and taking me on what could have ended up being a wild goose (cat?) chase to help me track Shadow down.

This is so unbelievably incredible! How did he get there? Was he just wandering from place to place for 25 days and 24 nights? How did he survive on the streets in such a remote area for nearly a month? Was he taken on purpose and dumped? I'll never know. But what I do know is that it WASN'T his time to go yet - and I have him back at last! And thank God his collar and tags were intact for that fateful anonymous call. I prayed every day for a miracle, and I got one! He looks thinner but doesn't seem worse for the wear - no wounds or missing fur. He's beautiful! He ate a small can of Fancy Feast (yes, I saved it, hoping) and drank a lot of water. We'll be heading to the vet in the morning for a thorough check up. And right now, he doesn't want to leave my side. He's been following me from room to room and purring up a storm. He knows, and he's as grateful as I am, that he's finally home. What a survivor! He snuggled up with his Beanie Buddy immediately, like they had never been apart!



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### Aisha, Lee, Layiron and Ayisha are waiting for their Forever Family!

*Submitted by Tracy Eilers*



Aisha and Ayisha DOB: February 1997  
Lee DOB: May 2003  
Layiron DOB: November 2004

Aisha and Ayisha are adorable twins. Aisha is more outgoing than her sister and enjoys being outside. She enjoys cooking (loves making guacamole), cheerleading and playing soccer. Ayisha loves to read and would much rather spend her time reading than anything else. Ayisha also enjoys being outdoors, playing soccer and shopping. Both Ayisha and Aisha are in the 5th grade and LOVE Mexican food. Lee is a sweet little boy who enjoys school and playing with his siblings. Layiron is an energetic male who loves to sing and enjoys hugs. These children were removed from their biological family due to abuse and neglect and are hoping to find a family that will adopt all 4 of them.

For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Tracy Eilers at [tracyeilers@adopttexas.org](mailto:tracyeilers@adopttexas.org). For information about Aisha, Lee, Layiron and Ayisha, please contact Vanessa Coppola, Adoption Coalition of Texas/ Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters at [vcoppola@adoptioncoalitiontx.org](mailto:vcoppola@adoptioncoalitiontx.org) or 512-687-3209.

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### Attention: Business Owners, Marketing & Sales Professionals

*Submitted by Bob McKenna, Circle C Ranch Resident*

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### AFS Exchange Student Program

*Submitted by Yen-Wei Chen*

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- I watched my own children blossomed into global citizens. Now, for summers, my children have secure homes away from home to go and experience these countries like the locals.
- Our lives have become so colorful and joyful when our foreign sons and daughters come back to visit. We are their Texas home away from home too.

#### Why Have Both of My Children Studied Abroad When They Were 16 years old?

- We wanted to avoid buying cars and car insurance. Ha, just kidding.
- They were experiencing the natural phenomenon of “Mom and Dad are the most embarrassing people in the world syndrome.”
- They wanted to learn a brand new language and make new friends.
- As teenagers, they wanted to expand their “world” and experience adventure.

The immediate results were: They came home after a year abroad speaking and writing fluently in another language; they started to eat anything put in front of them, Mom and Dad were upgraded into “angel” status; and my children no longer sweat the little local teenager stuff.

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## CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

### AFS Exchange - (Continued from page 16)

Most interestingly, one said, "Wow, it is so sad that when American kids get together, all they know is to get drunk and take drugs. When I was in Germany, my friends and I, we rode bicycles everywhere. We picked strawberries, cherries, apples from trees and bushes, we barbeque on a pit, ate bread and just chatted. I would sit by a lake, just draw, think, and soak in the beauty of Germany. The other said, "In Japan, my host sister and I were always outside, chatting with the neighbors, walking on the street, laughing, and eating cheap street food. Japanese people were so nice and life was just simple & fun!"

The long term effects are even more encouraging, they have become bold to seek out their goals in life (one graduated from West Point, the other is teaching English in China), fearless when having to present in front of people, and trust themselves to make good decisions in life. I guess without Mom & Dad hovering for a year, they exercised their survival brains, and have become more sophisticated as young adults in a safe environment.

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### Mah Jongg in Circle C

*Submitted by Sue Schaffer*

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### Circle C Political Action Committee

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March 4, 2008

Dear Neighbors and Friends:


In the early days of Circle C (late 1980s and early 1990s) a collection of your neighbors and fellow investors gathered together to fight all comers, including the environmentalists and those who actually believed that the development of Circle C was inconsistent with the betterment of the greater Austin area. Your neighbors won all of those battles, and we now have a community of nearly 4,000 homes and about 11,000, more-or-less citizens. During that time it became necessary to separate the political actions of our community from the Circle C Homeowners Association, so there was formed by majority vote the Circle C Political Action Committee (CC PAC). The voting representatives of the CCHOA decided to establish the CC PAC and to automatically make everybody who was a member of the CCHOA automatically a "member" of the CC PAC. The CC PAC was set up as a separate, arms-length organization with its own board of directors, but responsible to the members of the Circle C community.

In the early days, we picked and elected folks who had served in various positions either with the CCHOA or in other assignments

as "directors" of the CC PAC. From time to time, those directors have issued recommendations for prospective candidates as to their probability to serve the interests of our community. Many of our neighbors have requested and demanded some directive from the CC PAC about whom to support by virtue of the CC PAC's interviewing and discussions with various candidates, and from time to time the CC PAC has issued white papers showing recommendations, and the CC PAC also has from time to time bought advertisements in local periodicals which, interestingly, had a lot more impact than only for Circle C.

This evening (March 4) I had the privilege of standing in line with (my guess) maybe 300 to 500 Democrats at the caucus in Precinct 367, and I began to realize that for all of these years, the CC PAC has been overly weighted by history, on the conservative side. The purpose of the CC PAC was to represent the cross-section of our community, and I submit that somehow we have failed. So, I am recommending to our Board to solicit volunteers (all of whom will have to be confirmed by a vote by the membership [typically at a CCHOA meeting] as elected directors of the CC PAC. The purpose

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### Circle C Political - (Continued from page 18)

of a political action committee is to work for the best interests of those who have a vested interest in our community, irrespective of political affiliation. The job of the CC PAC is to weigh in on matters of consequence to our neighbors – irrespective of political affiliation. Like it or not, all property owners of Circle C Ranch are members of the CC PAC, and you all ought to all be represented.

So, neighbors, my request to you is that if you have an interest in representing your community, please advise me of your interest and we will find a way to expand the CC PAC Board to accommodate all positions, in the interest of our community. It's easy, simply send me an Email (texas66@aol.com) and I'll see to it that all are interviewed and a selection is made, subject to ultimate vote of the membership of the CCHoA. We have, technically 7 spots. But, we have very loose bylaws, and if conditions dictate, we may expand that. And, further to that, the interest of the CC PAC is to truly represent the community, and whatever is required, I'm convinced that we can do that.

Circle C has survived by the active involvement of our citizens. They have been successful, and Circle C has evolved and has been immensely successful, beyond most of our dreams.

Yours truly has been an old political hand, serving a major corporation as a registered lobbyist for a major corporation, covering

8 states. Nonetheless, the same kind of effort necessary to serve my former shareholders is applicable to Texas, County and City political affairs. The perception that I or some other person representing Circle C had the support of all of the citizens of our community, we've been immensely effective in getting our way over the years. That is pretty much the purpose of the CC PAC.

In last month's column you found a request for financial contributions. Money is the entrée for communications in the political world. If many of our neighbors can contribute a small sum, we can aggregate those into a significant contribution to one or more candidates who will take our phone calls and who will listen to our wishes and desires. That's the proverbial "hunting license" necessary to bring our issues to decision makers.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have been immensely honored to head this little effort for the betterment of our community. I selfishly want it to continue, and it can be done with your help and assistance.

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### Park West HOA News

(For Park West Residents) - Submitted by Jackie Rollins

As the deadline for this column approaches, Park West's roads and gates maintenance project is in its final stages. The objective was to fill cracks and ruts in the streets and apply a seal coat to protect them from the elements. The gates were painted and repaired as necessary. With few exceptions, everyone cooperated, and despite weather delays and some disruption of residents' daily routines, everyone got through it with the knowledge that this complex undertaking will not be necessary again for many years. In response to inquiries about the total cost of the project: \$20,000 was budgeted for road work, actual cost was just under \$18,000; \$3,000 was budgeted for gate repair, actual cost was just under \$2,500. Bottom line: the project, which was originally planned for later in the year, was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The Park West BoD thanks all residents for their patience and cooperation.

Important news for everyone! The curbing of water waste is of primary importance to Austin's future water availability; therefore, the City of Austin has several new outdoor watering ordinances that will take effect on May 1. That's now! Details were included in a flyer sent with the latest City of Austin utility bill. If you haven't read it yet, please do so. If you tossed it or misplaced it, go to [www.WaterWiseAustin.org](http://www.WaterWiseAustin.org) or call 974-2199 for details. You can also visit [www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/summer.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/summer.htm) for information. Compliance with these new ordinances is mandatory. Fines for violation of these ordinances can be assessed at up to \$2,000 per day per offense with court appearances and the potential of being charged with a Class C misdemeanor! Do I have your attention now? Please read on. The new watering schedule provides two days per week for outdoor watering at any one address. For Park West, that means odd number addresses water on Wednesday and/or Saturday, even number addresses on Thursday and/or Sunday. In addition, from May 1 – September 30, no outdoor watering is allowed between 10 A.M. and 7 P.M. except with a hand-held hose or bucket. Readers, please take note: an additional year round restriction that is already in effect is that NO AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAY WATER BETWEEN 10 A.M. and 7 P.M. It has been observed on

an almost daily basis that some residents' sprinklers go off after 10 A.M. or at different times in the afternoon, and some as many as three or four times a week. Timers must be reset to adhere to the rules or a substantial fine could be in your future! Suggestion: you may want to consider turning off the timer and turning your system on manually when it's time to water.

And while we're on the subject of water, water conservation and sprinklers, here are some words of wisdom from the experts, Park West's own Pearson Landscape Services.

- Don't water during daylight hours. Doing this wastes water and is not good for plants or grass.
- Don't overspray onto driveways, sidewalks or your house.
- Tall risers should only be used in shrub beds and at the foundation of the house. Ones that over-spray beds and grass are wasting water. Many plants, especially roses, do not respond well to being watered in this manner.
- Watering should be done according to the City of Austin schedule.
- If you have plants that need additional watering, the City allows hose watering any time, but use your best judgment.
- Main points:
  1. Water in the early morning, which is the best time.
  2. Don't water the concrete.
  3. Make sure your sprinkler system is working properly. Send an e-mail to [lance@pearsonlandscape.com](mailto:lance@pearsonlandscape.com) for your annual sprinkler
  4. check if you haven't already done so.

A big thanks goes to all of you who rallied to the April 1 deadline reminder in last month's column about garbage and recycling carts having to be stored from street view. If you have plans to add fencing, a walkway or make other modifications for a more permanent place to park the carts on the side of your house due to lack of garage space, be advised that you will need to follow the formal process of going through the Circle C Architectural Control Committee for permission.

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### Park West HOA - (Continued from page 20)

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Cats, cats and more cats! Don't those of us who have a cat or cats just love 'em? Yes, we certainly do, but not necessarily our neighbors and other Park West residents who have recently seen an "influx" of cats, stray or otherwise, appearing in their back yards. Some who may be pets are not wearing collars. Please be reminded that the Park West HOA Rules (they're in the community website's Documents folder) specifically state that ALL pets must be on a leash, except on the owner's property. Keeping a cat on a leash is not an easy feat; so please keep yours inside or confined to your own yard if there is no other way to keep it from wandering off.

Now for some fun stuff. Come one, come all to the 5th Annual Park West Barbeque on Monday, May 26, at Richard and Alanna Scott's residence, 6311 Tasajillo Trail. Social time is at 4 P.M. and dinner from 5 P.M. – 7 P.M., with more social time from 7 P.M. - 8 P.M. The cost is \$11 per person and the menu, by Pok-E-Jo's s, includes beef brisket, turkey breast, iced tea and lemonade, potato

salad, coleslaw, beans and even cookies for dessert. Yum-o! Plates, napkins and silverware are included. You can bring an appetizer or dessert to share and other beverages of choice if desired. Registration flyers are available at the back of each mail center. Your RSVP and prepayment are due by May 19. Please also indicate if you can bring an extra table and chairs. For questions or to RSVP and pay, contact Alanna at 809-7481 or Richard at 809-7482. They can also be reached by e-mail at [alannascott@austin.rr.com](mailto:alannascott@austin.rr.com) or [richardscottia@austin.rr.com](mailto:richardscottia@austin.rr.com). See you there!

And finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Park West Garden Tours, scheduled for Sunday, May 4, from 1 P.M. – 4 P.M. See a mail center bulletin board or the PWHOA website for details.

Until next month, keep those suggestions for this column coming to me at 301-1839 or [JackieRollins02@aol.com](mailto:JackieRollins02@aol.com).

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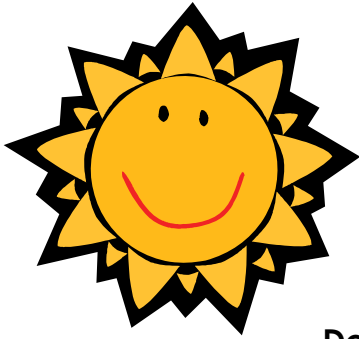
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## School News

### CCHOA Education Committee Update Election Day: May 10, 2008

*Submitted by Bob Skrobarczyk  
CCHOA Education Committee Chairman*

On Election Day, we will have the opportunity to approve funding for the purchase of land for a new high school in south Austin, to provide relief for Bowie and Austin High Schools. The decision to include this purchase in the bond proposal is a result of our Circle C community voicing our concerns based on the student population growth in our elementary and middle schools. The following summarizes what is included in the bond.

- Improve education by addressing overcrowding: Purchase land to address existing overcrowding at Bowie and Austin High Schools. Construct and renovate high school science labs to meet new four-year state requirements; construct new schools and classroom additions at overcrowded campuses;
- Protect the environment: Renovate air conditioning and heating units; purchase low-emission-fuel hybrid buses; implement upgrades to meet new health code requirements and complete other critical repairs and renovations that will save resources and promote healthier and safer learning conditions.

- Expand technology to ensure equitable access for all Austin schools: Expand wireless networks to the 30 percent of our schools that do not currently have wireless capability; purchase technology for all schools so that teachers can more closely monitor students' achievements; meet state requirements for special education testing; help students meet the requirements of the 21st Century.
- Build a performing arts center for use by all schools: Construct a performing arts center and renovate school auditoriums to ensure equitable standards at local high schools and to support the fine arts curriculum district-wide.

As a result of our Circle C community support of the 2004 bond, we have received the expansion of Kiker Elementary and the new Clayton Elementary. The construction of the New Southwest Middle School at Slaughter and 1826 has commenced and the school will open in fall of 2009. The AISD school board has also approved another new

*(Continued on page 25)*

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## School News Continued

CCHOA Education Committee - (Continued from page 24)

elementary school to provide relief for Clayton Elementary. Our Circle C community support of the AISD bonds programs helped make all this possible.

If the Circle C Community supports this AISD bond on Election Day, it will be a vote in favor of continuing to improve our community's education facilities, which will in turn continue to improve the quality of our children's education.

- ☐ Proposition No. 1: For Growth and Overcrowding Relief and to Support Academic Achievement
- ☐ Proposition No. 2: For Health, and Safety, Environmental Improvements and Other District needs
- ☐ Proposition No. 3: For Education, Special Programs and Expansion including the Performing Arts Center for the use by all schools in the district. Land purchase for a new high school.

## Mills KG Round Up

*Submitted by Carrie Turlington*

For parents of future Mills Kindergartners: KG Round up is Tuesday, May 6, 2008 9:00am - 10:00am (Children must be 5 on or by 9/1/2008, in order to start KG).

In order to register for Kindergarten, you will need to bring originals and copies of:

- your child's social security card (+ 1 copy)
- your child's birth certificate (+ 1 copy)
- your child's current and up-to-date immunization records (+ 2 copies)
- your utility bill (+ 1 copy)
- your driver's license (+ 1 copy)

Children are welcome to attend, but keep in mind you will be filling out registration papers, and there will be another opportunity for future Kindergartners to tour the school and meet their teachers at the Mills Open House in August.

## Kindergarten Newsletter for Kiker

*Submitted by Angela Schuckle, a Kiker parent*

If you have a new kindergartener who will attend Kiker Elementary for the 2008/2009 school year and would like a Kindergarten Newsletter, please send your request to [aschuckle@earthlink.net](mailto:aschuckle@earthlink.net).

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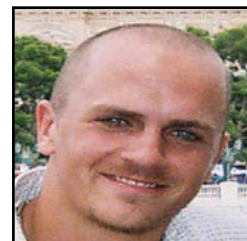
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**School News Continued**



**Kiker Bike Fest**



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**Kiker Elementary School**

May 10th, 2008

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come out to the Kiker Bike Fest - an event for the entire family. Beginner, intermediate and expert riding courses, plus 10 bike-related stations, featuring:

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**Have you registered?** If you haven't already registered, there's still time. Registration is available at the Bike Fest starting at 8:45.

**Want to help others?** If you have any retired bikes, please bring them to Kiker Elementary on May 8th, 9th or 10th. We will have our bike mechanics get these bikes ride-ready and donate to Kiker's sister school, Allison Elementary. If you don't have an old bike, but would like to help out, you can also donate \$7, which will sponsor a new helmet for an Allison student in need of one.

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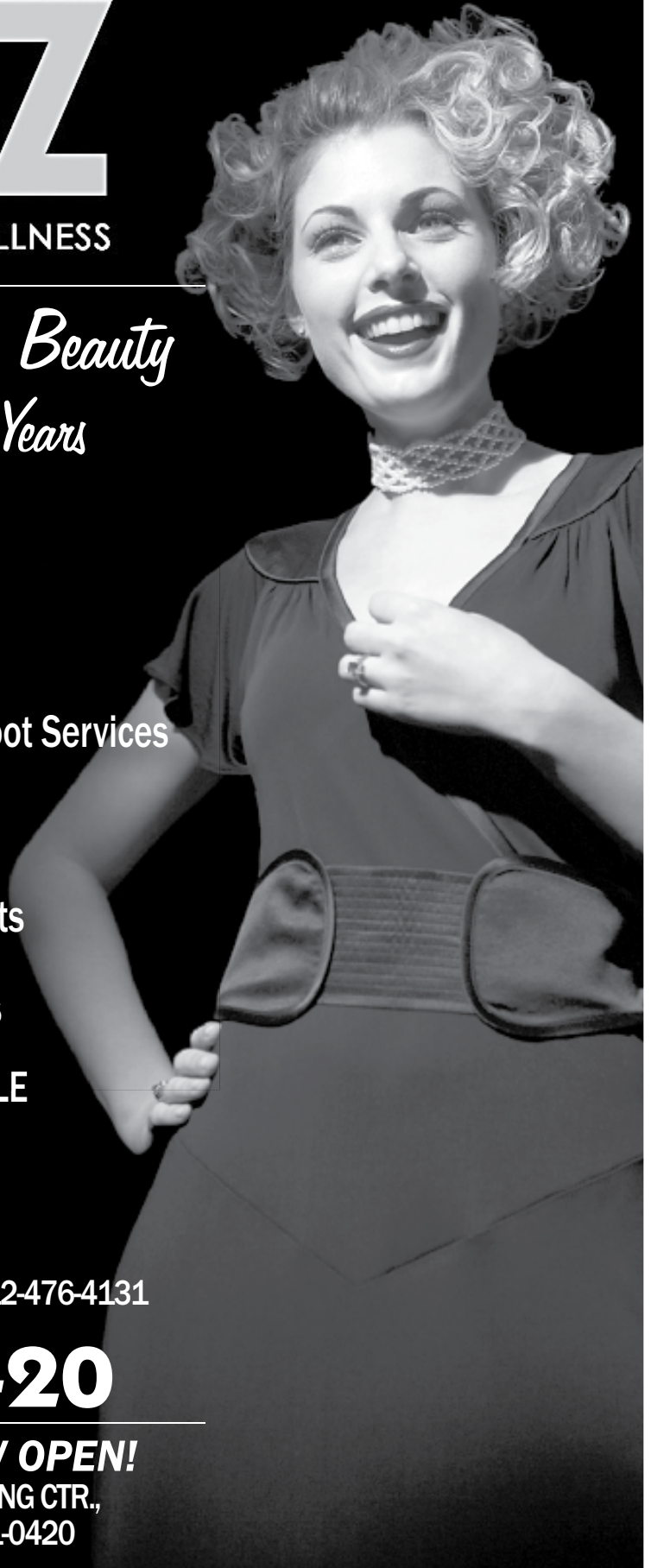
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After college, Kim began competing in long-distance triathlon, open-water swimming and Masters swimming.

Kim was recently awarded the City of Austin All-Star Award in January by past-City Manager Toby Futrell for outstanding performance in adult swim instruction and coaching.

She coached the City's Dick Nichols Summer League, who swam undefeated at the citywide Regional Championship each year under her leadership since 2001. Kim was also the Head Coach for City of Austin team at the TAAF Texas State competition for three years.

Kim also has coached for numerous triathlon training and conditioning clubs, is past Director of Aquatics at Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club. She was a dryland strength coach for US Swimming age-group team, Texas Gold Swimming.

Kim is certified as an ASCA level II coach, a WSI, a life guard and a life guard instructor. In addition, she holds a license in property and casualty insurance. Her bachelors from UT is in Journalism and her Masters of Counseling is in progress at St Edwards University.

Kim moved to Austin from Dallas, where she developed peer leadership programs on wellness, behavior modification and addiction prevention programs for Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, The Hockaday School and St Marks School for Boys in Dallas, Texas. She also worked in managed mental healthcare and employee assistance programs. She won an award from the City of Dallas in 1992 for her work with special populations.

Kim continues to specialize in clients with disabling conditions such as anxiety and panic disorder.

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**Grey Rock  
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*Submitted by Denise Fisher*

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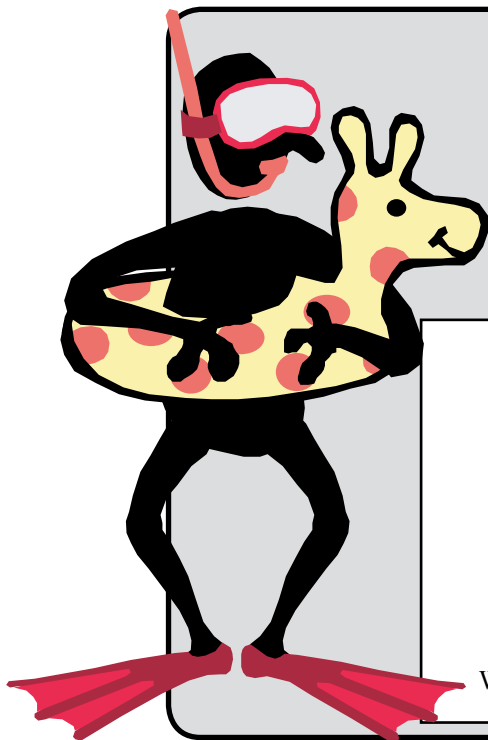
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To sign up for lessons or reserve space for parties (all inclusive birthdays, school parties, or just to have fun!), call the Swim Center at 288-6057.

### Pool Hours

Monday – Friday

Lap Swim 5:30am – 12noon

Closed 12-4pm

Lap/Family Swim 4:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

Lap Swim 7:30am – 8:00pm

Family Swim 10:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday

Lap/Family Swim 10:00am-7:00pm

We'll change to Summer Hours June 5!

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## Circle C Amenities Continued

### May Events at the Wildflower Center

*Submitted by Saralee Tiede*

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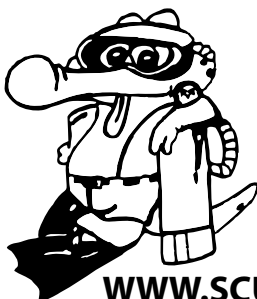
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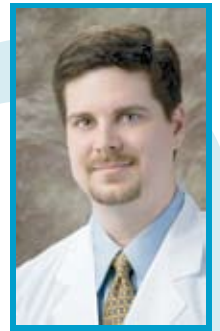
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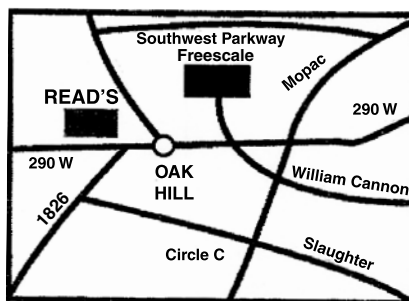
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Healthy soil supports a healthy landscape. Dedicate energy every year to improving your soil, and you will be richly rewarded with better blooms, improved water efficiency, and fewer disease problems. Work compost into garden and flower beds, and top-dress established areas and lawns with compost. Compost improves soil quality, and reduces or eliminates the need for fertilizer.

Water your garden efficiently and effectively. Although some watering is necessary to sustain gardens in the Hill Country, many people water too much! Over-watering wet or shallow soil results in weakened or diseased plants as well as runoff (water and money down the storm drain). For our thin and clay Hill Country soils, ½ inch, twice per week is the maximum amount you should need to water—even during the heat of summer. During spring and fall, ½ inch once per week is plenty.

Watering between dusk and dawn further increases the effectiveness of the water you use by reducing evaporation and increasing the amount of water that makes it to plant roots.

Twice per week summer watering is good for landscapes and also good for water supply. Over 60 percent of residential water is used on landscapes in the summer, resulting in water treatment plants experiencing peak demands. Efficient watering reduces the need to build new water treatment plants.

The City of Austin recently adopted a mandatory twice per week watering schedule effective May 1 through September 30. In April, the LCRA board will consider adopting the same watering schedule for LCRA water customers. The watering schedule is as follows:

Odd addresses: Wednesday and Saturday

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Commercial and HOA common areas: Tuesday and Friday

Healthy soil and efficient watering will assure that the vibrant flowers in your shopping cart at the garden center thrive in your yard throughout the growing season. Happy planting!


Elizabeth Drozda-Freeman is the conservation landscape specialist for the Lower Colorado River Authority. She can be reached at (512) 473-3200 Ext.2230 or [elizabeth.drozda-freeman@lcra.org](mailto:elizabeth.drozda-freeman@lcra.org) if you have comments, questions or suggestions for future gardening topics.

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Compost and Aeration are key ingredients to a healthy, vibrant green turf. The combination of both Compost and Aeration help to improve the lawn's root system, soil compaction and soil composition.

The first key ingredient is Aeration. This is the process of perforating the soil with small holes that allow water, air and fertilizer to get closer to the roots. This enables the roots to grow more deeply producing a healthier, greener turf. The aeration process removes thin, cigar-shaped plugs of dirt and then deposits them on the surface of the lawn. These plugs are left on the lawn in order to get oxygen to the root system.

When lawns are not aerated, air gets squeezed out of the soil and roots cannot grow as efficiently. "The soil under the lawn tends to compact readily because, unlike garden soil, it is virtually never worked or turned. For the lawn, aerating is the alternative to tilling."\*

The second key ingredient is the compost or top soil. Compost is an all natural, organic fertilizer that dispenses nutrients into your soil. The lawn is top dressed with compost after aerating. As it slowly decomposes throughout the year, it leaves you with a strong, green and lush lawn. Compost also has more of a significant amount of

additional nutrients than any "brand name" fertilizer you can buy at your local home and garden center.

The process of Aerating and applying compost decreases the soil compaction, allows nutrients into the soil and strengthens your lawn root system during the stresses of summer. Both Aerating and Composting are key factors to a healthy lawn.

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### *Classified Ads*

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## Diet and Your Health

Welcome to our new feature ‘**what you eat and your health**’ our aim is to help you help you.

The old saying “we are what we eat” is so true. Everything we consume is digested and absorbed into our bloodstream to ‘fuel’ our bodies. At the same time, without realizing it, we are feeding ourselves large quantities of chemical additives and preservatives, which can cause numerous health issues.

A large number of the things on your grocery list contain food additives that are intentionally added to modify visual appearance, taste, texture, processing, or the storage life of food. Not all of us can tolerate these additives. A reaction for some can lead to major health issues.

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for the waistline but did you know that there are also numbers of ‘good’ foods that can have an adverse effect on some individuals?

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- poor memory
- constipation
- poor digestion
- menstrual problems
- irritability
- fatigue

And these are to name just a few ailments which can be diet related.

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# Recipe of the Month:



## Picante Sauce

1 lb. peppers (bell, banana, & jalapeno; according to how hot you want the sauce; the seeds of the jalapeno peppers add a lot of WARMTH!)

3 onions                      3/4 C sugar                      3 qts. tomatoes  
4-5 cloves garlic      1 C vinegar                      2 T salt

Scald tomatoes and peel. Quarter and place in large pot. Chop peppers, onions, and garlic; and mix with tomatoes. Add sugar, vinegar and salt. Simmer slowly several hours until the sauce is the desired consistency.

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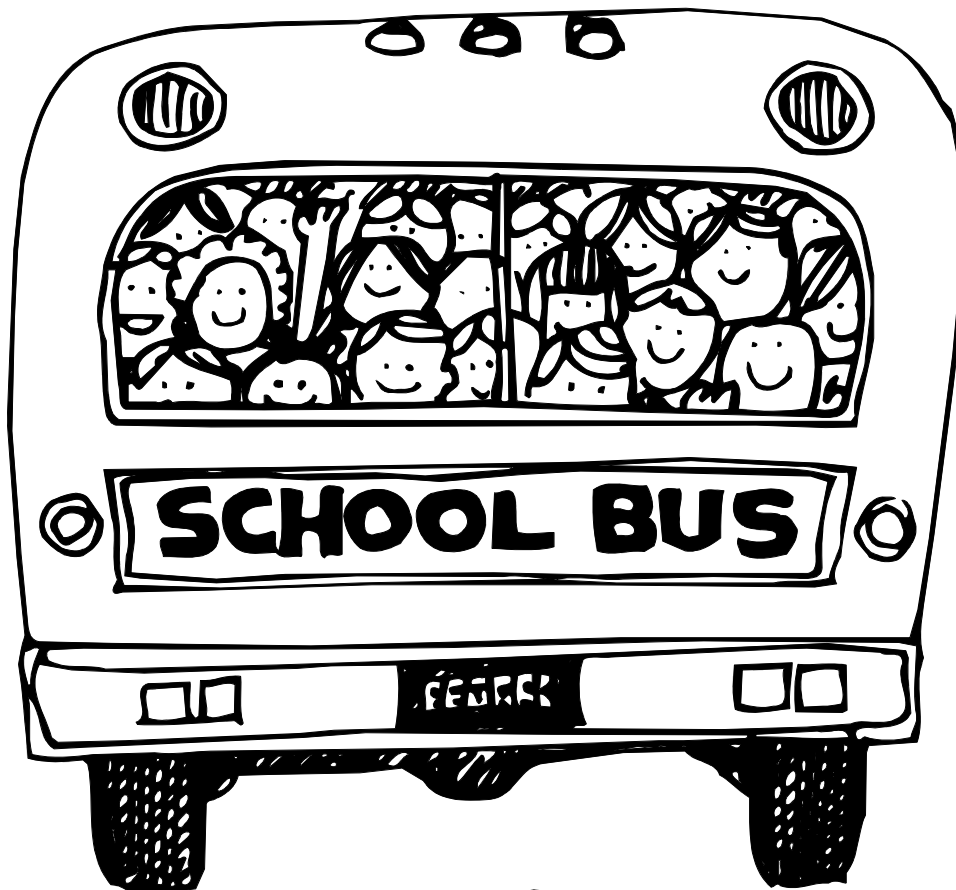
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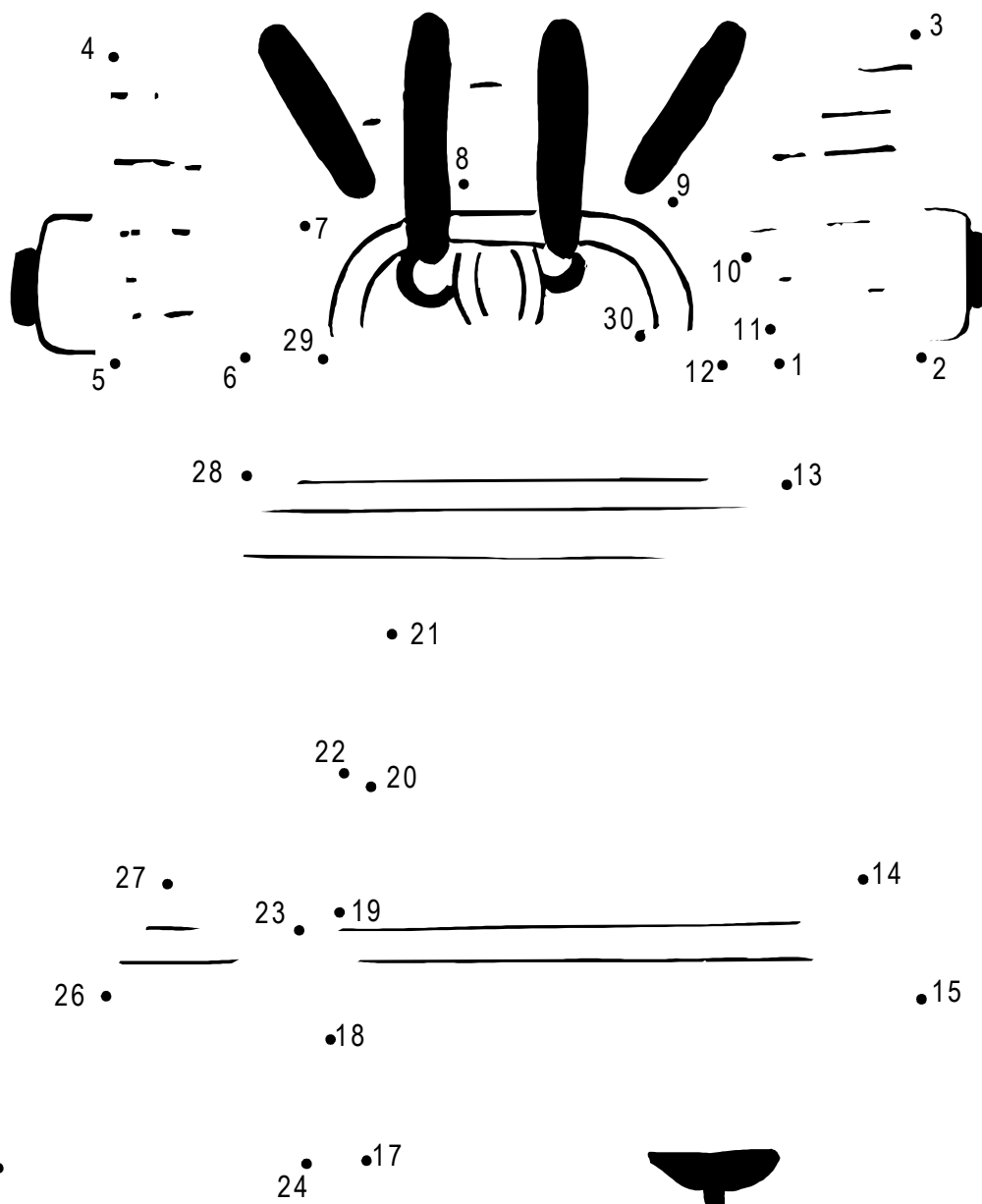
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Circle C

# Kids Corner

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## Circle C Newsletter

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	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	40	2,801	\$ 110	1992	62	22	9
North	19	1,962	\$ 131	1996	61	7	1
Wildflower	14	2,237	\$ 126	2002	35	6	1
On The Park	3	3,234	\$ 112	1997	22	2	0
Vintage Place	5	3,321	\$ 113	2005	74	5	0
Hielscher	12	3,085	\$ 122	2002	67	10	3
West	18	3,446	\$ 122	2004	94	8	2
Park West	7	2,393	\$ 141	2001	49	2	5
Park Place	4	2,462	\$ 133	2005	55	0	2
Muirfield	2	3,815	\$ 168	2005	89	6	2
Enclave/Stone Creek	8	2,615	\$ 121	2006	64	9	4
Alta Mira	10	2,924	\$ 132	2007	86	5	0
Circle C Ranch Total	142	2,749	\$ 122	1999	65	82	29
% Change Mo/Mo	4%	-2%	1%	0%	6%	15%	12%

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