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Committee Status Report

by Russ Hodes, CCHOA Treasurer

CCHOA has a lot of volunteers who help the organization make better choices and formulate policies, and ultimately, they allow the HOA to do more than it could without their valuable contributions. Most of the current and past board members are currently members of our committees and many have served on them, before becoming directors. It is still one of the best ways to learn more about the association and the challenges we all face, trying to make Circle C Ranch a better place to live.

If you have any interest at all in joining a committee or just looking into the kinds of things they have accomplished, contact our CCHOA office at 288-8663 or send an email to info@circlecranch.info and put the committee name on the subject line.

The board of directors and the CCHOA staff really depend on our committees to do a lot of work that we can't afford to pay professionals to do for us. They discuss a wide variety of issues and topics, they research solutions, and they make periodic recommendations to the board. Their work produced updates to our By-Laws, adding positions for more directors, the building of two new playgrounds, and many of the incremental improvements that are less obvious at our Swim Center, in our Landscaping, and in our HOA Offices. So, I want everyone to know not only how much we appreciate the committees, but how vital they are for enhancing our community and your property values.

All of the committees (except two) are open to all members to attend and participate. We welcome new member and the board approves a list of voting members for each committee about once a year. The most popular committees include the Events Committee (which plan and organize several adult and children's parties, as well as our famous 4th of July parade), the West Pool Committee (working on the new park and pool), and the Amenities committee (pool, parks, and playscapes).

Most of the Events Committee members are also teachers, parents, and other volunteers associated with the Child Development Center (CDC), but everyone is welcome. You have already met many of them, if you have attended any of our holiday parties or the 4th of July parade, which I personally enjoy as much as the kids.

As a board member, we each choose a couple of committees to work more closely with. Board members are not voting members of the committees, but they do serve as a liaison, to help facilitate information flows to and from the groups. I typically work with

the Communications and Safety committees, which are both working on security concerns.

Communications Committee

This is the smallest of the committees and we are very anxious to add more members, particularly folks who don't use computers or the Internet very much. We recognize that more and more of the HOA's communications are moving to the web site and email, but we also are aware of those who don't have that kind of interest or access. That is one reason that we use this monthly Newsletter, which goes out to every homeowner. This committee produced a very good Newsletter Guideline for us last year and they will be monitoring our new web site for suggestions on future improvements. They will be working with the Safety committee to consider some kind of method to reduce the number of door-to-door solicitors in the neighborhood and ways to improve Community Watch programs, where all the neighbors in the block have to meet and keep in contact with each other.

Safety committee

The first thing we looked at was gathering up accurate information. We started with what APD had in their very limited public database, and it got a lot more interesting when we talked to member of the surrounding neighborhoods. We need a little more help in keep those lines of communication working with the likes of Sendera, Deer Park, and the New Villages of Western Oaks. They, too, have been collecting information about property crimes in our neighborhood (Door-to-Door solicitors, home burglaries, BB gun attacks, graffiti, and other form of vandalism) and then contacting the police and Sheriff's office for help from law enforcement. Since many of these are low level crimes, they don't get a lot of attention from the police department, so the committee proposed things like our cash reward and it will encourage the Travis County DA to prosecute property crimes, rather than plea bargain them away.

Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee recently merged with the former Recreation/Pool committee members, as both are more focused on projects in our Amenities Master Plan. They were responsible for the new south fence at the pool, which will soon have a new gate and a shower for rinsing off the sand from our new Volleyball court. Later in the year they will be focusing on a second phase of improvements at Vintage Place and Wildflower Park, where we now have playscapes.

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Those sites are both funded for infrastructure improvements (water and electricity), more landscaping, and walking paths.

Landscaping ad hoc committee

A spinoff of the Amenities committee formed what we call and ad hoc committee. That's a temporary group that usually includes a board member, for an urgent task. This year, they prepared a landscaping Request for Bids Proposal (RFP), which goes to landscaping companies to issue a bid for the Circle C landscaping contract. This is a huge project and requires a considerable amount of time, expertise, and talent. Cynthia Moreland is heading up that committee, with Tony Gendron, Pat Northington, Sam Irwin and Jackie Trojanowski.

History Committee

History belongs to those who tell it

We don't currently have any members on a History committee, but I think that might be one of the most fun projects. We are collecting historical documents about Circle C Ranch, not just HOA materials. Old newsletter, announcements, and even marketing literature can be fascinating to review after 20 years! We are a unique neighborhood which has endured a lot of criticism over the years and we have also received a lot more recognition good press and outright for the good things that have come from our community. We have excellent schools, enviable parks, well preserved natural landscapes, and our property values are some of the best in Texas, if not the nation. We boast an award winning Landscape company, one of the largest single family home communities in the country, and one of the most civically active communities in Austin (top 5% of the voting precincts, top ranked scouting programs, the only non-profit children's school, and a full sized heated Olympic swimming pool).

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CCHOA News

Deed Restriction Update

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom

We will continue driving two sections of Circle C per month to note any violations of the deed restrictions. Violations may include, but are not limited to: excessive weeds, areas of no turf, dead shrubs and/or trees, yard art, grass that is not edged or mowed, areas of dead grass, boats, RV's, trailers and general home maintenance issues. We are required to send notification of deed restriction violations via certified mail and we also send regular mail. If you receive a deed restriction violation notice and would like to speak to us about your plans for improvement, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663. It's impossible to know everyone's individual situation, so we appreciate communication from you.

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



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 do YOUR part to keep Circle C a beautiful place to live.

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We know it is very difficult to find parking this time of year at the Swim Center, but please note that all parking spaces in front of the CDC legally belong to them and are for the sole use of CDC parents and staff; violators may be towed at owners' expense.

In addition, the parking spaces in front of the mail center are for residents picking up or dropping off mail – ONLY.

The red striped area in front of the swim center is for EMERGENCY vehicles ONLY – this is not a pick up and drop off zone. We recently had an emergency at the swim center and fire and EMS could not park due to cars parked in this area – please, please observe all marked fire zones.

May we suggest walking/biking to the swim center if you live within a reasonable distance or carpooling. If you must drive and all the parking lot spaces are full you may park along La Crosse, but remember that it is illegal to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and illegal to block intersections or traffic signs



Swim Center Capital Improvements

Submitted by Jason Bram

The Circle C Swim Center has recently undergone some capital budget improvements. We have installed a wrought iron gate to separate the basketball court and open area from the rest of the swim center so that residents will have access when the swim center is closed. Access will be through a side gate via the parking lot and residents will use their swim center ID card. We are also installing a sand volleyball court which will be next to the basketball court and a great activity for older children and adults. There will be a shower tower at the southwest corner of the swim center for residents to wash off before entering the swimming pool. In order to protect these amenities we are installing a camera security system which will be controlled from the swim center office. Cameras will monitor all outer areas of the swim center and record onto a DVD with a watermark stamp which will allow the HOA to use as evidence in the event of a crime. Last, but not least, we will install an ADA compliant chair lift that will allow those who need assistance to get in and out of the swimming pool safely. These projects all come out of our capital budget fund and you can find out more about these and other projects by visiting our website at www.circlecranch.info

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CCHOA News Continued**Circle C Landscape***Submitted by Susan Hoover*

With the long hot summer upon us, keeping everything alive is the challenge for July. Hopefully, everyone has adjusted to the City of Austin watering ordinance and your lawn and gardens are doing well.

We have been bothered this year by the high winds. The water just goes everywhere. I don't have any real tips for this, but hopefully, the water has blown onto your neighbor's lawn instead of into the streets. The early morning hours are probably the best to water as the wind is the most calm. Also, if things start really drying out, you can take advantage of multi cycle watering on your watering day. You can set your irrigation controller with more than one start time. Run the stations a shorter period of time and then repeat the process. This will cause less run off and allow deep watering.

Another good tip for the hot summer is to mow your lawn higher. While you ideally don't want to take off more than 1/3 of the blade at any time, setting the mower higher helps the roots of the turf stay shaded. For some grasses you can wait 10 or more days to mow. Be sure and leave your clippings on top of the lawn. They will provide some extra shade and nitrogen.

Also, making sure that you have adequate mulch in your beds and around your trees will keep the weeds down, the temperature lower and keep some moisture in and around the plants and trees. You have to water deeply, though, to make sure the water gets to the plants.

The third option that is encouraged is to set up a portion of your yard for watering with a rain barrel. The City of Austin sells them and they are easy to install off your gutters. Of course, it takes some rain to fill them up. They hold about 55 gallons and can easily be hooked up to a little self installed drip system.

On the commons areas this month, we try hard to keep everything alive. We will have completed our summer pruning by the time you get this newsletter, and you will see the landscape crew out watering things by hand this time of year. We are very happy with the new grass and beds that have been installed at some of our major intersections and hope you enjoy the look.

Keep bringing us your aluminum soda can pop tabs!

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 do YOUR part to keep Circle C a beautiful place to live.



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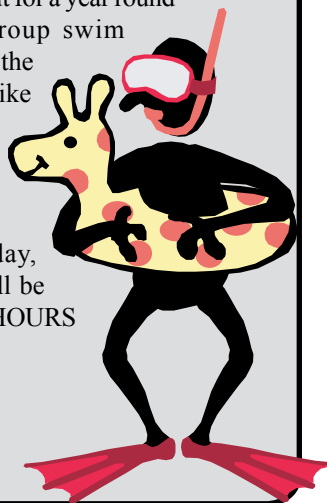
Circle C Swim Center News

The Circle C Swim Center Summer '08 Brochures are now available for you. Please stop by the Swim Center Office to pick up yours today. It has all of the swimming pool information that you will find helpful including POOL HOURS, SWIM LESSON INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS. This information is also available to you on the Circle C Ranch website.

If you are new to Circle C, please come by the Swim Center Office (next to the pool) and fill out a HOUSEHOLD PASS FORM to obtain your swim passes. If you have already filled out a HOUSEHOLD PASS FORM, please give us a call so we can ensure that your cards are waiting for you to pick up. Some residents may have received a call from us letting you know that your cards are ready to be picked up. We look forward to seeing you all!

The Circle C Seals age group swim team has had a super fun season so far with Coaches Brandon, Kim, Emily, Jessica, and Nicole! Their summer season will wrap up on June 28th, but stay on the lookout for a year round competitive age group swim team! Plans are in the works, and if you'd like more information you can check out their website at www.ccseals.org.

Reminder : Friday, July 4th the pool will be open for HOLIDAY HOURS 10:00am – 9:00 pm.



Development Update

Submitted by Jason Bram

There are no current updates to Stratus Tract 106 and Circle C North from last months' newsletter, but I do have other development news to share.

Escarpment Village will be welcoming some new tenants this summer. Blue Bamboo will be located next to Nuevo Leon and will be offering Thai and Vietnamese cuisine. We also welcome Natural Planet which will be opening next to Eye Tech and will be offering an organic menu. Booster Juice will also be joining Escarpment Village next door to Subway.



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POSTSCRIPT TO ME AND MY SHADOW

(Submitted by Jackie Rollins – JackieRollins02@aol.com)



Just Chillin - March 2008


The following is an update to the amazing story in the May 2008 CCR Newsletter about Park West resident Jackie Rollins' reunion with her missing cat, Shadow.

Goodbye

First, I would like to thank those of you who e-mailed and called me after reading Shadow's story in the May issue of this newsletter. I so appreciated your kind words, prayers and stories of your own beloved pets.

I am writing this now with a heavy heart to let you know that Shadow died peacefully in my arms on June 4 at Central Texas Veterinary Specialty Hospital. The cancer that he had so bravely fought for nearly three years finally took control of the last of his nine lives, and it was time to let him go. He had been home exactly eight weeks after our miraculous reunion. I will be forever grateful for the divine intervention that sent him home to me so that I could hold him and tell him goodbye when his time finally came. And though it came much too soon, I know he's in a better place now, over the proverbial Rainbow Bridge and no longer in discomfort and pain. He was a true survivor, undergoing two surgeries in two years, each

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Shadow - (Cont, from page 10)

time to remove a cancerous intestinal tumor. He amazed everyone with his spirit and will to live. Just two days before he was put to sleep, when he had stopped eating and I could see in his face and body language how miserable he was and how he wanted only to stay in a dark, cool place in back of shrubs in the front yard, he would still come out from his hiding place at the sound of my voice and rub against my leg. Dear, precious Shadow, the gentleman that he was, even made an effort to groom himself in the final hours of his life. The sadness I feel at the loss of this amazing cat is overwhelming, but happily, I still have the memories of our fourteen years together.

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Circle C Senior Men's Club

Submitted by AE Martin

The Circle C Senior Men's Club has grown to 25 members and continues to meet at 9 AM every Wednesday at Waterloo for breakfast and coffee. A typical morning will see 10-12 members enjoying some lively conversation ranging from sports to politics. All male residents of Circle C who call themselves a senior qualify to be a member. To join just show up for a meeting or send A.E.Martin (aemartin@austin.rr.com) a note if you have questions.

Dave Maril has taken on the task of organizing day trips for the group, and two visits to hill country attractions have been made. The first day trip was taken April 25 to the Commemorative Air Force Museum at the San Marcos airport. Eight guys traveled in two cars and then spent several hours looking at, sitting in, and climbing through beautifully restored W.W.II aircraft, including a B-25 Mitchell, P-39 Aircobra, several SJN Texans, and a half dozen other vintage aircraft. Two CAF volunteers who served in the war conducted the tour which included audio recordings of the men who flew or maintained aircraft in WWII. After the tour the CAF museum opened their squadron operation area and treated us to coffee and

doughnuts. We were all reminded of the challenges our parents faced in World War II and how much that generation sacrificed for those of us who followed. After the CAF museum visit lunch was enjoyed at a great cafe on the San Marcos River and then home to Circle C by 3:00 PM.

A second trip was made to the Nimitz museum in Fredericksburg on June 9. Again eight members carpooled in two vehicles for the trip. The Nimitz tells the story of the pacific battles of WWII with emphasis on the career of Admiral Nimitz who grew up in Fredericksburg. Although the museum was established many years ago it was recently completely remodeled and now includes a memorial to American presidents from FDR to Clinton. The George W. Bush exhibit hall holds most of the museum's artifacts and includes mockups of air and sea battles. For anyone interested in WWII history this is a must visit museum. After lunch at a German beer garden the group returned to Circle C stopping along the way for some fresh Fredericksburg peaches.

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued**T. J. VAUGHN APPOINTED
TO THE US AIR FORCE ACADEMY***Submitted by James Edwards*

U. S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett congratulates Circle C Ranch resident T. J. Vaughn on his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Congressman Doggett said, "It's was an honor to nominate T. J. and a privilege to now announce his official appointment to the Academy."

Congressman Doggett added, "Of the 9,200 talented applicants across the country who applied to the Air Force Academy, T. J. was chosen as one of the select group of only 1,600. He is an outstanding person, who demonstrates the leadership qualities, high academic standards, and overall excellence that our military academies demand. I am extremely proud of his accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom. I know that our nation's defense will be well served with T.J. serving as an officer in the United States Air Force."

The Academy letter of appointment states, "Your previous accomplishments indicate you have the

potential to meet the demands and challenges of the Academy and you should be extremely proud of your appointment as only the best of the best are so honored." According to the Air Force Academy, the appointment is equivalent to a scholarship valued at \$387,000.00. Appointees to all service academies are chosen from nominations received through Members of Congress and other federally elected officials throughout the country. Final appointments are selected by the service academies from a nationwide list of highly qualified nominees.


T. J. Vaughn, son of Drs. Cynthia Vaughn and James Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vaughn, is a senior at Bowie High School. His activities include football, track, National Honor Society and a volunteer for the Capital Area Food Bank. He will enter the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs on June 26 in the "Class of 2012."

**South Austin
Mystery
Book Club***Submitted by David Schieck,
a resident of Circle C*

If you love a good mystery story, come join us once a month at the South Austin Mystery Book Club. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at the Sunset Valley Barnes & Noble on Brodie Ln.

Our July 15th book selection is Collaborator of Bethlehem, by Matt Beynon Rees and our August book is A Rich Full Death, by Michael Diblin.

If you have any questions please give me a call, 301-4914.

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

Park West HOA News

(Specifically for Park West Residents) - Submitted by Jackie Rollins



Memorial Day BBQ

A good time was had by all who attended the annual event at the home of Alanna and Richard Scott. From the pictures included in this article, you'll recognize some of your friends and neighbors, and maybe even yourself, enjoying the delicious food catered by Pok-E-Jo's, homemade treats provided by some of the guests and, most of all, good fellowship. If you weren't able to attend, there's always next year! To see more pictures of the festivities, go to the Park West community website and click on the Portrait Gallery link.

Landscaper News

If you subscribe to Pearson Landscape Service's electronic newsletter for Park West residents, you learned that those "mystery" dead spots showing up on some residents' front yard turf grass were due to a sprayer with a small leak that, unfortunately, was dripping small amounts of weed killer onto the grass. Remedial steps were immediately taken, and the affected spots in the grass should have recovered by the time you read this newsletter. Apologies are extended for

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Park West HOA - *(Continued from page 14)*

the temporary unsightly appearance and any inconvenience you may have had. If you are just now learning about the cause of the spots, sign up now to be on the cutting edge of all that's happening in the landscape department by e-mailing info@pearsonlandscape.com.

Front Yard Watering

Don't go away this summer for an extended time, or even a few days, without ensuring that your automatic sprinkler will still be watering on its two designated days. This may be difficult for you to believe, but there are Park West residents who have left for parts unknown in warm weather and actually turned their automatic sprinkler system to the OFF position! The obvious clue is that the front yard grass is no longer a shade of green but a combination of yellow and orange. Both the Circle C Ranch Covenants and Park West HOA Rules address the necessity and requirement to water per the City of Austin's regulations. When attempts to locate the resident are unsuccessful, the HOA Board of Directors can authorize the landscaper to turn the sprinkler system on manually from the front yard. Unfortunately, by the time it gets to this point, the lawn's appearance may take awhile to recover. Also, it's a good idea to let a neighbor or an HOA Board member know how and where to contact you in case of a sprinkler or other problem that might arise during your absence.

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Park West HOA - (Continued from page 15)

Broken Record Department

Last month we introduced the Broken Record Department, addressing issues or requests that have to be repeated over and over again. Here are a few (again) for this month:

- Use your automatic sprinkler system according to the City of Austin ordinance:
 - Odd numbered houses – Wednesday and Saturday.
 - Even numbered houses – Thursday and Sunday.
 - NO sprinklers on between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. – ever.
- Place your garbage and recycling containers out of view from the street, either in the garage or behind the fence. Do not leave them curbside longer than a total of 12 hours from before and after pickup, and if you are gone on pickup day, arrange for a neighbor or friend to place them at the curb and return them to their resting place within the 12 hour time frame. Never put them out a day (or earlier) in advance or leave them out for a day or longer after pickup.
- Carry a plastic bag for the scooped poop when walking your dog.

Note: We're not making these up as we go along. All of the above can be found in City of Austin ordinances, the CCR Covenants and the PWHOA Rules.

Not Quite Ready for the Broken Record Department

....but getting close. Two more PWHOA Rules that bear mentioning are:

- Drive careful, to borrow a former Texas governor's phrase. The speed limit on all Park West streets is 20 mph. Please slow down.
- No overnight parking is allowed on the street. Move your vehicle onto the driveway or into the garage.

Note: The PWHOA Rules, just as all of our governing documents, are posted on the community website. Please take a few minutes to refresh your memory and read them through again.

Good Neighbor of the Month

Hats off to Charlie Rodenberg for opening the east and west entrance gates on Sunday, June 8, to allow traffic in for an open house. Les Weinstein, Park West HOA Board President who usually assumes that responsibility, was out of town and Charlie very graciously volunteered to do the honors, which also included closing the gates at the end of the day. Many thanks, Charlie!

If you know someone who deserves a mention as a good neighbor of the month, please e-mail their name and a brief description of what good deed they've done to JackieRollins02@aol.com for inclusion in next month's column. Until then, keep in touch with your suggestions and ideas for topics.



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Circle C Amenities

Circle C Tennis Club

Submitted by Fernando Velasco



Tennis Guru Vic Braden Visits Circle C Tennis Club

World known tennis Master Professional, Vic Braden visited the Circle C Tennis Club in June and gave clinics to adults and juniors. Show here with General Manager and Director of Tennis, Fernando Velasco

Summer Tennis Lessons

Take advantage of the Tennis Lessons being offered at the Circle C Tennis Club during the month of July:

Adult Program- Summer 2008

Monday: 6:00 – 7:00 pm (Co-Ed)

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Ladies)

Friday: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Ladies)

Saturday: 11:30 am – 12: 30 pm (Co-Ed)

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Circle C Amenities Continued

Circle C Tennis - (Continued from page 18)

Junior Programs - Summer 2008

- Pee-Wee for ages 3-5: (Half-Hour)
Monday: 8:30 – 9:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 – 9:00 AM
- Grand Prix for ages 6-8: (One-Hour)
Monday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- Grand Prix for ages 9-11: (One-Hour)
Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Thursday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- Grand Prix for ages 12-15:
(1 Hour and 1 ½ Hr Programs)
Monday: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Thursday: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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- Pre-Advanced Tournament Program – Level II
Tuesday: 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Thursday: 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- Pre-Advanced Tournament Program – Level III
Mon: 7-8:30 pm, Wed 7-8:30 pm, Fri: 4-5:30 pm
- Advanced Tournament Program (ATP):
Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm

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Mon – Fri, 10:00 am – 12 noon

- Members: \$99/week, \$22.50/day;
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- 6 – 9 yrs old: June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18
- 10– 13 yrs old: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, Aug 11

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Sessions are open to both Members of Circle C Tennis Club and Non-Members. To sign up, please stop by the Tennis Pro Shop. For more information, you may contact us at 301-8685

Guest Pass

If you are interested in trying out the tennis facilities, please give Fernando a call to receive a complimentary guest pass for you and your friends. To make arrangements, please call him at 301-8685. Passes will be provided based on open court availability.

July Events at the Wildflower Center

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

Nature Nights

July is all about Nature Nights at the Wildflower Center. It's the perfect low-cost summer evening family adventure and a great way to learn about our natural surroundings. The store is open till 9 p.m. and each store visitor 12 and under receives a free treat. \$1 admission. 6 to 9 p.m. on these dates:

Thursday, July 10--What are those fancy flies hovering in our gardens? This is a chance to learn about the life and times of dragonflies and explore our evening gardens. Who knows what night creatures may be out?

Thursday, July 17--Explore snakes and meet a few of our slithery friends.

Thursday, July 24--Raptors, those majestic birds of prey, are the topic. Texas is prime hawk-watching territory and this is the place to learn their habitat and habits.

Thursday, July 31--Fossils—Central Texas is famous for its fossils--see the remnants of sea creatures from long, long ago.

Imaginary Creatures on Display

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School News

Clayton Elementary News

Submitted by Catherine Thurm

Clayton Elementary is proud to announce that it's Math Pentathlon Team, comprised of students from Kindergarten to 5th grade, took the 2008 National Team Award for the National Mathematics Pentathlon Tournament. This is the first year that a Texas group has taken the National Team Award. Clayton is especially proud of its students for their outstanding accomplishment in their first year of tournament participation.

Coaches Angie Morris, Sara Debish, Kate Howard, Chris Terrell, Paul Hart and Linda Alvarez, all agree that the time put into practice by the team and the high level of parental involvement was paramount to the success of the team. Parents contributed both time and money to assure adequate games for the children to play with and a sizeable library that would allow the children to check out games and practice on their own. Way to go Cardinals!



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School News Continued

New Kiker Kinders

Submitted by Christy Zimmerman

August is near and so is the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Kiker Elementary is thrilled to welcome all new Kindergartners! To make this time even more exciting for your new kindergartner there will be informal weekly play dates throughout the summer. We will meet at the Slaughter Creek Park every Wednesday from 9-11am starting June 18th. If you are interested in finding out more and receiving communications from us regarding these play dates and other events please email either Christy Zimmerman (czimmerman@austin.rr.com) or Tracy White (tracywhite@austin.rr.com).

We look forward to meeting you and your new Kiker Kindergartner! See you Wednesdays!



Clayton Elementary Announces Summer Kindergarten Playdates

Submitted by Catherine Thurk

Join Clayton Elementary parents and get to know new and old friends at our upcoming Summer Kindergarten Playdates. All about-to-be Clayton Kindergartners are invited to attend one or more "meet-n-greets". No RSVP necessary. Just show up and have fun!

Clayton Kindergartners "meet-n-greet" Schedule:

- Tuesday, July 15, 9~11am, Circle C Park
- Wednesday, August 6, 5~7pm, Circle C Park
- Saturday, August 23, 9:30~12pm, 7921 Adelaide Dr.

To be put on the "meet-n-greet" e-mail list or for more information please contact Nina Fierro at nfierro@austin.rr.com or (512) 288-9141.

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School News Continued

Summer Reading Rocks at Mills Elementary!

Submitted by Neva Fernandez,

Mills Elementary wants all students to discover the fun and excitement of reading this summer. That's why the school is launching, Summer Reading Rocks, a program designed to keep students reading over the summer months. The school library at Mills will be open twice a week, for students to practice reading skills, check out books, and participate in book clubs and writing workshops.

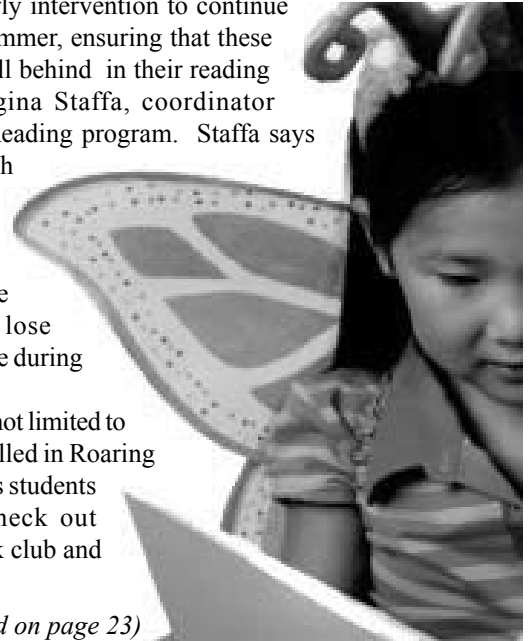
The program is possible only through a generous donation by Barnes & Noble Booksellers and the Salinas Family. Summer Reading Rocks grew out of a school-based reading initiative sponsored by Mills Elementary, called Roaring Readers. Roaring Readers is an early intervention program for struggling readers that focuses on fluency. The program has proven so successful at Mills, that 100% of the third graders who received help through the reading program, passed the TAKS reading test. In addition, 55% of those students received a commended rating, with a score of 94% or better.

The Roaring Reader program is completely staffed by more than 100 community volunteers. "With the support of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers, the Summer Reading Rocks program

will allow our early intervention to continue throughout the summer, ensuring that these students do not fall behind in their reading skills," says Regina Staffa, coordinator for the Roaring Reading program. Staffa says her research with Roaring Readers indicates that students who do not read over the summer months lose half the gains made during the school year.

The program is not limited to those student enrolled in Roaring Readers. All Mills students are invited to check out books, join a book club and explore reading.

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School News Continued

Summer Reading - (Continued from page 22)

For more information on the program or to find out how to volunteer, visit www.millspta.org.

Summer Reading Rocks Schedule

Tuesday, July 8 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 10 3:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 15 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 17 3:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 22 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 24 3:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 29 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 31 3:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, August 5 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, August 7 3:00 am – 6:00 pm

Note: The Mills library will be closed the week of July 4th



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Family-friendly Summer Jam Returns to Oak Hill UMC

Oak Hill United Methodist Church will hold its annual live music festival, called **Summer Jam '08** on Saturday, August 23, from 6pm to 9pm. The family-friendly event, which is open to the community, will feature the Mark Swayze Band a contemporary Christian band from San Antonio, Texas as well as performances by the Oak Hill UMC and Dripping Springs UMC praise bands. A wonderful barbeque dinner will be served and there will be plenty of fun kids' activities including a waterslide...bring a bathing suit!

Like last year, there will be a silent auction featuring crosses designed and created by members and friends of Oak Hill. The auction will also include some unique items and services donated by local merchants and members of the congregation. The proceeds of the silent auction will benefit youth ministries at the church.

Summer Jam will be held at the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, located 1 mile west of the "Y" across from the ACC Pinnacle campus on Highway 290. Tickets for the festival are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. The ticket price includes entry to all children's activities and a barbeque dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the church office. For more information, go to www.oakhillumc.org.

Oak Hill United Methodist Church holds worship services on Sundays at 8:45am, 10am and 11:15am.



Committee News

Update from the Safety Committee

Submitted by Lisa Schissler

At the May 19th meeting we were fortunate to have a gentleman from Deer Park join our meeting and inform us on how his neighborhood is dealing with vandalism and burglaries. One way to keep people you don't know such as salespeople and flyer distributors away from the front door is to post No Trespassing signs at the property line. If anyone crosses a clearly visible sign you can call the police on them. This may not be practical for those with wide frontages but would certainly be worthwhile for those with say a 50' frontage and/or a long drive leading to the house. Even if you don't take that measure if someone is walking from door to door in your area and you have suspicions call the police (311) and tell them there is a person of concern you would like to have checked out. It seems we can't legally keep "solicitors" out of our neighborhood but we sure can make them feel very unwelcome.

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For more information please contact:

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What are the rules on trash containers and recycle cart storage?

Trash containers and recycle carts are permitted to be at the curb only on your scheduled collection day. Trash containers and recycle carts are to be stored where not visible from the street at all other times.

Are basketball goals allowed in Circle C?

Permanently installed goals are not permitted in Circle C. The deed restrictions state that basketball goals are to be stored out of the view of neighbors when not in use. City of Austin code states that only motorized vehicles are allowed to be parked on public streets and all sidewalks must remain clear and open for pedestrians.

Are cars allowed to be parked on the street?

The CCHOA does not have jurisdiction over the streets in Circle C; they are the responsibility of the City of Austin. Obviously inoperable vehicles may not be parked or left on public streets for more than 72 hours. Please call 974-8119 to report an abandoned or non-operating vehicle. Please call 311 to report illegally parked vehicles.

What should I do about barking dogs and stray animals?

Stray Animals may be picked up by animal control by calling 311. The City of Austin states it is unlawful for dogs to make frequent noise disturbing to persons in the neighborhood and violations should be reported to the City. You may also call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 with specific date and time for excessive barking. The staff will send a cooperative letter to the homeowner.

How do I report a street light outage?

Every light pole has an assigned number mounted on the pole. Jot down the number and call the City of Austin at 505-7617.

Are boats, trailers and recreational vehicles allowed in Circle C?

The Deed Restrictions require that any vehicle or trailer other than a conventional automobile be stored, placed or parked in an area concealed from view of other Homeowners.

What are the rules on maintenance?

Homes are to be kept in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Lawns and garden areas should be

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Homeowner's Association FAQ Continued

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kept alive, free of weeds and attractive. Lawn mowing is required on a regular basis. Trees and shrubs are to be pruned. Public right of way and sidewalks should be clear and unobstructed. Litter, trash, dead vegetation and debris should be promptly removed.

What are the rules in Circle C on walking with your dog off leash and what about picking up after your dog?

Both of these issues fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Austin. It is against CoA ordinance to have a dog off leash except on your private property. It is also a requirement by the City that dog owners pick up and properly dispose of their dog's feces. In this regard, we recommend dog walkers carry a plastic grocery bag or newspaper sleeve. Slide it on like a glove, pick up the offensive matter, pull the bag back over your hand, knot it and throw it in your trashcan when you return home. Please keep our landscaped commons areas beautiful and clean for the enjoyment of all.

Do I have to submit plans for improvements and/or additions to my home?

All improvements such as decks, patio covers, pools, change in fencing or any other permanent structure must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. You may download an

application form as well as a fee schedule on our website at www.circlecranch.info under the "ACC" quick link section.

What do I need to visit the Swim Center?

All residents must possess and show their swim center ID card to enter the facility. ID cards are available at the aquatic office. Contact 288-6057 for information on what is required to obtain an ID. Guests of Circle C residents must pay a \$3 entrance fee and sign a liability waiver before entering the facility. Children under 3 are free.

Are door to door solicitors and door flyers allowed in Circle C?

Both of these issues are governed by the City of Austin. By City ordinance, solicitors must abide by "No Soliciting" signs on private property. Some neighbors have had success in placing a small "No Soliciting" sign near the doorbell and/or a small staked sign near the front porch.

What do new Texas residents need to know?

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety (www.txdps.state.tx.us) a new Texas resident is required by state law to obtain a Texas driver's license, get a Texas vehicle inspection and a vehicle title/registration within 30 days of moving to Texas to legally operate a vehicle.



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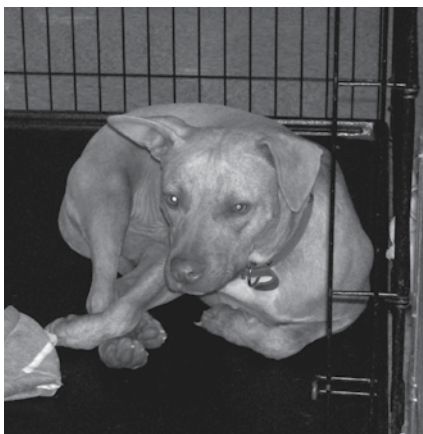
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Thunderstorms, Firecrackers, and Other Loud Sounds

Submitted by Luis Escobar, Dog Behavioral Therapist & Master Trainer

Does your dog jump at the clap of thunder? Does he bark at the bang of fireworks? Or is he calm with seemingly no reaction to the loud crashes?

Dogs have varying reactions to loud noises. Some may tear up the house, others may try to hide or run from the scary sounds, while others seem just fine.

If your dog appears fearful of clamoring sounds, check with your vet. Some dog's ears are so sensitive that the noisy clapping of thunder may actually hurt their ears. If a dog is somewhat deaf, these sounds may also cause adverse reactions. Your vet also can help if your pup needs a sedative to calm him during a noisy storm or explosive celebrations of the 4th of July. Also check with your vet about using Bach Rescue Remedy if a sedative is not appropriate.

Since you are not always home when storms hit, you will want to set up an area for your dog in which he feels safe. Crate training your dog offers him that safe haven. He should be able to access the designated refuge whenever you are not at home.

Some dogs react to an approaching storm long before it even reaches the area. It is as though that the dog is reacting to the sound of thunder from the distanced storm. The dog, however, is actually reacting to the presence of static electricity in the atmosphere (as happens with the drop of barometric pressure prior to a storm).

These dogs need to be grounded. An anti-static mat can be placed in or under the dog's kennel. The kennel should be situated in a way that the dog thinks it has entered the house. The kennel should be soundproofed with rubber-backed carpet with an extra piece of carpet across the opening to create a flap that closes after the dog enters.

If the kennel is a safe place, the dog should be allowed to come and go as it

wishes. Some dogs become so fearful that they may hurt themselves if the kennel is closed and they cannot escape. If the kennel is soundproofed, the bang of thunder and fireworks may be diminished and the dog may remain calm. If crating your dog is not a possibility or you do not have a crate, find a place where the sound is less intense. In a thunderstorm, the dog should be in a closed-in area that does not let in the flash of light.

The best solution, however, for dogs that are fearful of noises is desensitization. This is the process of helping your dog work through his fear of storms and other loud noises. It can be a slow process, and you must take time every day to work with your dog. Do not console your dog when he is fearful. Instead, distract him with something like play. He will be so busy playing that he may not even hear the thunder. You may also want to use a soundtrack of storm noises, firecrackers, car backfiring or other sharp sounds. Play the tape at a low level and simultaneously distract him by keeping him focused on play, on you or on another activity. Over time, increase the volume of the recording. Repeat this process until your dog has become accustomed to the noises.

Case Study: Rex, a Rottweiler, would begin acting anxious when a storm approached. The owner could not settle the dog, and he would hurt himself when the storm arrived. Rex would run through the house or the backyard crashing into things. One time he had escaped trying to run from the storm and was not found until after the weather calmed. The solution of using a crate with anti-static pads helped to calm Rex. The soundproofed crate diminished the sound of the thunder and the carpet prevented the flash of light inside. Rex is now calmer during a storm and much happier. The owner now has a calm dog and no longer needs to search for Rex after a storm.

Locks of Love Kickoff

Sunday, June 8 was the official "Ice cream kickoff" for the 1st annual "Locks of Love" campaign, the brainchild of Sandra Bennett.

Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides free hairpieces to children 18 years and younger in the US and Canada suffering from any type of medical hair loss.

The exceptionally well attended event was hosted by Rick and Kristi Nordin, at Cups and Cones in Steiner Ranch, Chandi Wagner, an executive with the Girl Scouts of America and other business sponsors.

The 69 girls, women and "Moms" who recently signed up to shed their locks for this worthy cause were treated to fancy "nails" & "toes" administered by local Girl Scouts, ice cream cones, fun games and more. Each participant was provided a beautiful headband to embellish and wear to all the coming events. "Jewels", puffy paints and glue were supplied at the craft table.

Most participants were photographed by Liz Humphrey. The girls will be treated to a "Back to School Measurement Party" in October. On December 7, 2008, the girls will be photographed again with their sleek new look.

Girls ranging in age from 3 years old to "Moms" have signed up to donate their luxurious locks to kids who cannot grow their own

hair. Moms and daughters have joined together to support this great cause. Girls from all over Austin, including Georgetown, Round Rock, South Austin, Steiner Ranch, Grand View Hills, River Place and Leander are participating. Many local Girl Scout Troops (including one entire Troop) and their leaders are also among the participants. Each contributing Girl Scout will earn a Merit Badge.

It's not too late to donate your long tresses to this most deserving group of kids. Hair must be ten inches long at time of cut and can be colored, but not highlighted or permed.

The next event created for these great girls is a fabulous "Girls Night Out". There will be more fun activities in store for the donors over the next 6 months. Mom and Daughter teams are encouraged to join in on the merriment.all in the name of fun, fun fun!

Local businesses have come together to support and help implement Sandra's idea. For more information, contact Sandra Bennett at 512-372-3500.



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NatureWatch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Dazzling Dragonflies

With their large, multi-faceted eyes, two pairs of strong, transparent wings, and an elongated body, the dragonfly is an ancient insect that inspires myth and lore in many world cultures. For Native Americans, their form can represent swiftness and energy, pure water, and even symbolize renewal after a time of great hardship.

Usually found around lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands, dragonflies typically eat mosquitoes, midges, and other small insects such as flies, bees, and even some butterflies. They capture their prey by claspings them with their spike-studded legs, and their prey cannot use their usual form of escape by diving away, since dragonflies always attack from underneath! Normally, dragonflies do not bite or sting humans, but if you grasp one by the abdomen, it will bite in order to escape.

The lifecycle of a dragonfly consists of three stages: egg, nymph, and adult. The female will lay her eggs directly on aquatic plants or merely drop them in water. Once hatched, these nymphs begin their life living underwater, eating other aquatic creatures. Nymphs of larger dragonflies will even eat the nymphs of smaller species! This nymphal stage can last as long as four years in some species, but most overwinter in ponds and marshes and emerge in the spring as adults. Once fully grown, the nymph will crawl out of the water

on the stem of a plant, break through its' skin (called the exuvia) and enlarge its' body and wings by pumping fluids into them.


Mature dragonflies are known for their aerial acrobatics, capable of hovering and rapid acceleration, and can both hunt and mate on the wing. They need to make the most of their time as aerial predators, since adults live only up to two months. Adult dragonflies are often confused with damselflies, but they are two distinct insect species. When at rest, damselflies often hold their wings together or slightly open above their body, whereas dragonflies hold their wings fully open horizontally or slightly down and forward. Additionally, the eyes on a damselfly are separated, while the eyes of most dragonflies touch. Both damselflies and dragonflies are members of the scientific order Odonata, so their lifecycles are very similar.

The common names for dragonfly species that occur in Texas are as colorful as the insects themselves – Twin-Spotted Spiketail, Roseate Skimmer, Eastern Pondhawk, Black Saddlebags, Blue-Faced Meadowhawk, Halloween Pennant, and Jade Clubtail to name a few. To some extent, the presence of dragonflies may be taken as an indicator of ecosystem quality. Local

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populations and diversity may be strongly affected by changes in water flow, turbidity, and in aquatic or waterside vegetation. Not surprisingly, the greatest number of species are found at sites with natural water flows, high water quality, native plants, and a variety of microhabitats.

When you see dragonflies this summer, admire their maneuverability, enjoy their jewel-like colors, appreciate their mosquito-eating, and be thankful that we no longer have the "giant dragonflies" from the Jurassic & Cretaceous geologic periods, when their wingspans were up to six times larger than those we have today!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them.

Teen Drivers: Accidents Waiting For A Place to Happen?

Submitted by Victor Thompson

"Mom, where are the car keys?" Your teen can't wait to start driving. But I know how worried you must be about your child getting behind the wheel of a car. Although the number of auto-accident injuries and fatalities among drivers between ages 15 and 20 is falling, accidents are still the leading cause of death for that age group. The good news: You can take steps to help keep your young driver safer:

- Limit night driving. Most fatal accidents involving young drivers occur between 9 p.m. and midnight. Night driving requires more skill than driving in daylight, and young drivers may be more prone to distraction, carelessness or fatigue when driving after dark. Let your teen get plenty of daytime-driving experience before you allow nighttime driving.

- Restrict the number of passengers. Nearly two-thirds of teen passenger deaths occur when the driver is also a teen. Teen friends in the car may distract a novice driver. And sometimes peer passengers encourage recklessness in a normally safe young driver. Limit the number of passengers your teen may have in the car.
- Choose safer wheels. That flashy red sports car or cool SUV may be your teen's dream machine, but think "safety" when shopping for a vehicle, and look for one with protective features. For example, midsize cars typically withstand crashes better than small ones, and many newer models hold up better in crashes than older ones. Newer cars also offer improved safety features such as airbags and antilock brakes.

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Travis County Sheriff Programs

Submitted by the Travis County Sheriff's Department

Personal Safety Programs

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For more information, contact: Andrea Buckley, (512) 854.4384

RoadShare Cycling Safety

This program educates adult cyclists and motorists on the importance to share the road to reduce cycling/traffic accidents; emphasis is placed on traffic laws and common courtesy.

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Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT)

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For more information, contact: James Kitchens, (512) 854.8413

Shattered Dreams

Shattered Dreams is an educational experience that reminds teens of all the dangers associated with drinking and driving. Teens are reminded that too many lives have already been lost and countless others severely impaired because of the tragic consequences of underage drinking and drinking when combined with driving.

For more information, contact: Derrick Taylor, (512) 854.4315

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)

Travis County Sheriff's Office is a chapter of the national SAVE organization created by students for students. SAVE's mission is to decrease the potential for violence in schools and communities by promoting meaningful student involvement in efforts to provide safer environments for learning, and is implemented in Travis County elementary and middle schools.

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Teen Dating Violence Awareness

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Community Events

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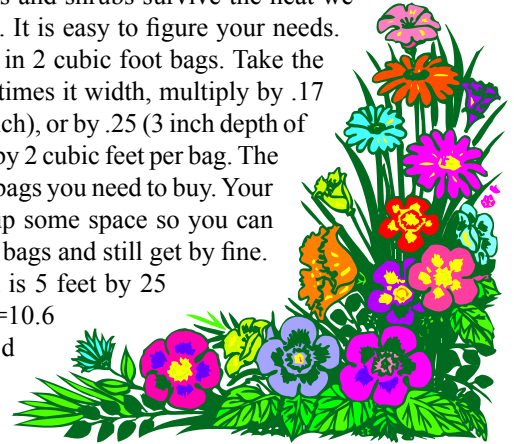
Submitted by Ron Kerwin

July heat will take its toll on our lawns, and everything in our lawns if we fail to use water properly. Water less frequently and deeper with each application. Our lawns need one inch of water per week. Do not water so much per application that it runs off into the street curbs, but do water as much as possible per each application. Put any straight-sided container out in the lawn, water for a specific period of time, and then simply measure the amount of water you caught in the container for that period of time. You now can figure an easy formula for the goal of 1 inch per week. Your lawn turf roots will seek a deeper soil level if you water longer with each application. Deeper roots will be healthier and less drought susceptible.

If your lawn turf is getting sparse under your trees, you might take a look at the following as a possible solution. Dead or damaged limbs in your trees are very visible right now. Remove them for a healthier and better looking tree. Raising the tree canopy will allow more sunlight to reach the lawn turf underneath. Raising the canopy means you simply remove the lower limbs from the tree trunk base upward to a point. This height varies with tree variety and it is basically up to your desires. After working on the canopy, you can work at thinning the tree. This involves removing the small diameter growths from each branch starting at the bottom limbs and working upward. Depending on the overall tree size you can remove these small growths out about 1/3 of the limb length from the main trunk.

Removing all this will allow more light to get through to your soil. It also allows for an increase in air circulation through the tree, which is also a benefit to the tree. Another option would be to construct a bed and plant ground cover (Asian Jasmine or English Ivy) as examples of shade loving plants.

This is a good month to remove rose bush branches that are sickly or dead. A light pruning now will increase your fall flower production. Get a good thick layer of mulch down in all your beds to help your flowers and shrubs survive the heat we all know is coming. It is easy to figure your needs. Most mulch comes in 2 cubic foot bags. Take the length of your bed times its width, multiply by .17 (2 inch depth of mulch), or by .25 (3 inch depth of mulch), and divide by 2 cubic feet per bag. The result is how many bags you need to buy. Your shrubs bases take up some space so you can subtract one or two bags and still get by fine. Example- your bed is 5 feet by 25 feet. $5 \times 25 \times .17 = 10.6$ bags, buy 10 and you'll be just fine.



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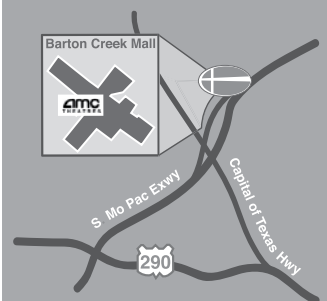
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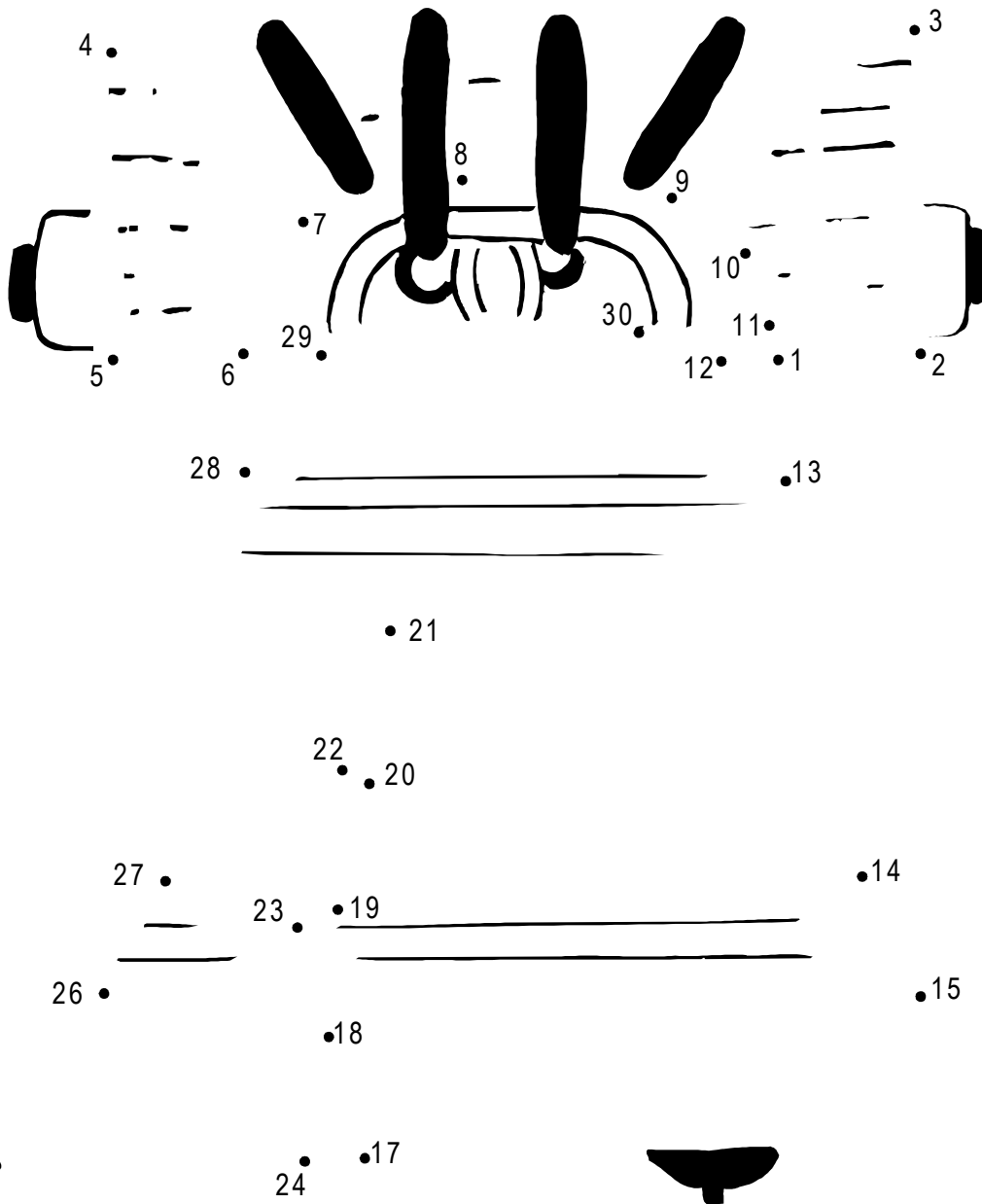


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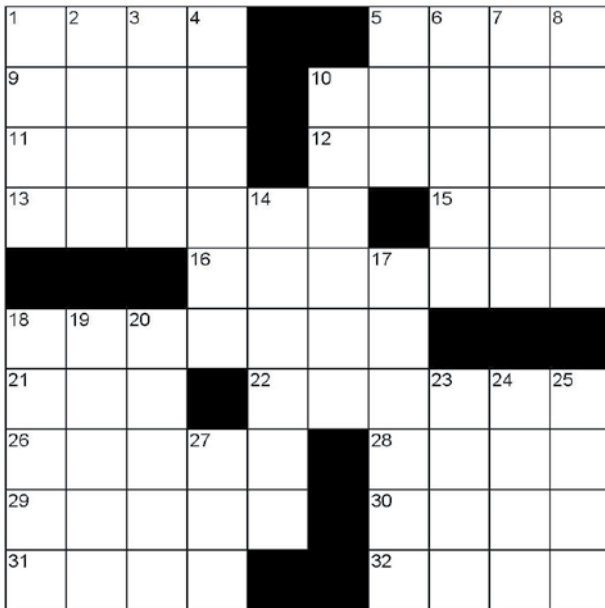
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Dot-To-Dot

Connect the dots to find the hidden image.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Curse
5. Glasses
9. Charge card
10. Japanese dish
11. Pear type
12. Type of alcohol
13. Mete out
15. Deer relative
16. Mountains
18. Sin
21. Fawn's mom
22. Rain shoe
26. Angry
28. Sole
29. Whoop
30. A spinning toy (2 wds.)
31. Plateau
32. Former magistrate of Venice

DOWN

1. Baby's "ball"
2. Famous cookies
3. Loch __ monster
4. Levy
5. Jag
6. Direct
7. Animal kingdom division
8. Soft materials
10. Member of an American Indian people
14. Dancer Rogers
17. Put more ammunition in
18. Abhorrence
19. Skill
20. Heroic actions
23. Upon
24. Slug
25. Publicity
27. Drink

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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (Dec '07 - May '08)					CURRENT MARKET	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	37	2,798	\$ 110	1992	65	22	14
North	21	2,034	\$ 129	1996	54	9	4
Wildflower	16	2,304	\$ 126	2001	47	5	2
On The Park	4	3,358	\$ 111	1997	44	1	0
Vintage Place	4	3,159	\$ 117	2004	92	7	1
Hielscher	10	3,251	\$ 118	2003	84	16	4
West	16	3,468	\$ 121	2004	96	14	6
Park West	8	2,361	\$ 142	2000	49	4	1
Park Place	5	2,522	\$ 131	2005	53	2	0
Muirfield	4	3,812	\$ 156	2005	99	5	2
Enclave/Stone Creek	14	2,564	\$ 126	2006	59	13	0
Alta Mira	6	2,834	\$ 135	2007	109	3	3
Circle C Ranch Total	145	2,737	\$ 123	1999	67	101	37
% Change Mo/Mo	5%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-3%	12%

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