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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Russ Hodes

This is the time of year that CCHOA begins the budget process for the next year. While 85% of the budget is fairly routine, we usually have a handful of major projects (Capital Projects) scheduled each year. Some of these projects are funded and completed in the same year, but others were either too large to be funded in one year, or they will take more than one budget cycle to complete.

First, I would like to report that our current budget income and expense are on track. We have been fortunate over the past years to be faced with a growing income level, but it will taper off over the next few years as the neighborhood is completed. We have had a lot of success in controlling our costs, improving our efficiencies, and maintaining a healthy reserve fund and cash flow. But, I anticipate growing expenses in utilities and for future amenity projects.

We have completed a very safe and successful summer season at the Swim Center. The swimming programs have continued to be successful, so we have also agreed to keep the pool open for the entire year. Because of that decision, we will be spending more in the Pool budget than we had anticipated. However, I don't think we will be starting the locker room roof project this year, so we won't be short of funds. That Locker Room Roof money will be kept in a reserve fund and I expect that we will be installing that roof sometime next year.

The next Capital Project is the Phase II infrastructure improvements for our two new playscapes (Vintage Place and Wildflower Park). We have allocated \$25,000 for that work in the 2008 budget. Each of those sites

needs water, electricity, walking paths, more shade, and landscaping. We definitely want to include residents in both of those neighborhoods for this part of the project, but to date, we have not heard from any of them. Please contact the CCHOA office and ask to join the Amenities Committee, which will be taking care of those improvements.

Next year, what I anticipate is that we will have a slightly larger income from dues (1-2%), a slightly higher pool budget (due to salaries, utilities, and more hours), and we now have to budget in a Texas Business Franchise Tax (\$11,000). This was a huge surprise to everyone, except our Tax Preparer, who notified me in July. Texas has apparently decided that HOA's should no longer be exempt from the Franchise Tax. The details and instructions were confusing, they were changed twice and the final forms didn't arrive until very late in the year. So, just as you were all heading out on the 4th of July parade, we had a huge check to the state of Texas for \$11,000 !

The new Swim Center (West Pool) will continue to be funded from the Amenity Fund, so that spending doesn't come out of our current budget. As of today, the Amenities Fund transfer has not been completed. We are still examining our legal obligations and getting an appraisal for the site.

I noted today (Sept 15th) that Merrill Lynch will be acquired by Bank of America. You should know that CCHOA keeps all of its' Reserve Funds in Merrill Lynch interest bearing accounts, as well as a Money Market account. I don't foresee any risks to our accounts as a result of the acquisition.

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CCHOA News

Deed Restriction Update

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom

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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 PLEASE CALL the HOA office at 288-8663. It's impossible to know everyone's individual situation, so we appreciate communication from you.

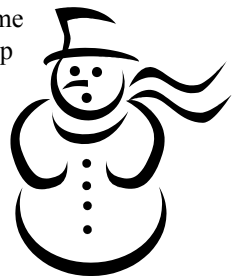
If you have a deed restriction to

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 3 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>



Holiday Party Volunteers Needed

Although it's still 90 degrees outside, it's already that time of year to start planning our Holiday Kid and Adult Events. We need YOU however to make it happen. Our Special Events Committee will be meeting over the next several months to brainstorm and plan the exciting children's event to be held on December 6, 2008 and the adult holiday event to be held on December 20, 2008 at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and we need new volunteers. If you have time to help plan or time to help on the day of the event, please send us an email at info@circlecranch.info. Remember, these events cannot happen without volunteers!



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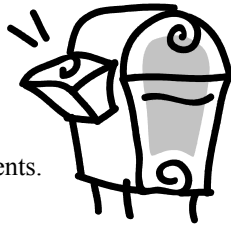
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CCHOA News Continued**Website Advertising**

We will be beginning a trial advertising period on the new website beginning October 15, 2008 (on a first come, first serve basis). The home page (www.circlecranch.info/Your-Home.htm) will have a block available for 15-25 rotating flash logo's at a monthly rate (the rate will be dependent on the feedback and our own costs to provide the service). The resolution will be 172 (W) x 152 (H) pixels (26,144 pixels). Each web page is 760 x 760 pixels (577,600 pixels) so the ads will be roughly 5% of the home page. Each ad will get a time share based on a full turn over every 60 seconds. Please contact the Management Office if you are interested at 288-8663.

Parking at the Dahlgreen Mail Center

We have received some calls about afternoon parking in front of the Dahlgreen mail center during school pick-up times making it difficult for residents to pick-up their mail. Please try to leave the parking clear directly in front of the mail center for residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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, in your garage or behind shrubbery. 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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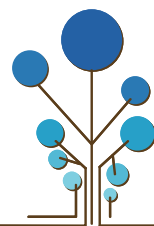


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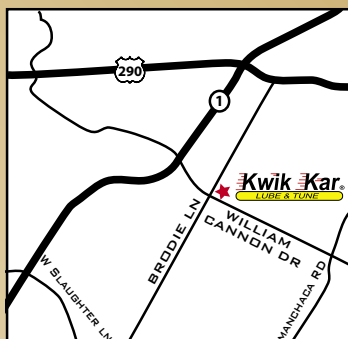
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Neighborhood Safety Awareness Meeting

Submitted by the Safety Committee

The Safety Committee (along with Austin Police Department Representatives) will host a safety awareness meeting at the Swim Center on Saturday, October 11th from noon to 2:30pm – cold drinks provided. Come share your concerns and/or ideas on safety for Circle C. Those interested can also check out the new camera security system at the Swim Center.

Education Committee Update

The AISD Facilities Use and Boundary Task Force (FUBTF) is in the middle of the process to arrive at the attendance zone for the new Southwest Middle School. As of September 10th, the FUBTF has held 7 previous meetings. The following is a schedule of the remaining meetings:

- October 7, 2008 (if needed) to be determined
- October 28, 2008
- November 11, 2008
- November 25, 2008 (if needed)

These meetings are scheduled from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the AISD Board Auditorium of the Carruth Administration Center unless specified otherwise. Dinner is served to the FUBTF members from 5:30 to 6:00; therefore the discussions usually do not begin until 6:00. Facility Use and Boundary Task Force meetings are open to the public; however, a typical agenda would not include public comment or questions.

At this time, 5 proposals are being analyzed by the FUBTF. By October 8th, the FUBTF will arrive at one proposal to be presented at the October CAC meetings for the various schools, i.e. Kiker, Mills, Clayton, Bailey, Bowie, Austin, Covington, Paredes, O. Henry, Small, Oak Hill, and Baranoff.

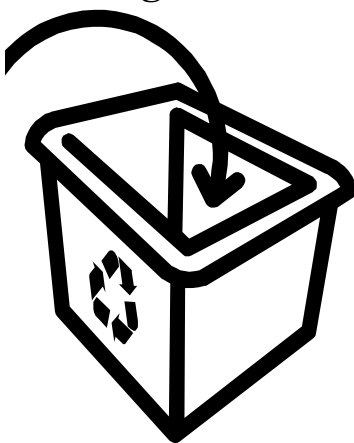
The October 28th FUBTF meeting will review the comments from the CAC meetings and, if appropriate, revise the proposal. A public hearing is scheduled for November 6th at 6:00. Another public hearing will be scheduled but the date is not known at this time. The November meetings for the FUBTF are to consider the comments from the public hearings and, if appropriate, revise the proposal. In late November or early December, the FUBTF should present the final proposal to the AISD Superintendent and Board of Trustees for their approval.

- A map of the Proposal B, which includes all of Circle C attending the new middle school, can be found at the following web address: http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/inside/docs/bond2004_SWMS_PlanB_2008012.pdf
- The web address of the new SW Middle School FUBTF can be found at: <http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/inside/2004bond/boundaries/swmiddleschool.phtml>
- Four additional proposals, two of which exclude a portion of Circle C, have been submitted and links to maps are available near the bottom of the SW Middle School FUBTF web page provided above.

CCHOA News Continued

City of Austin Single Stream Recycling
& New Schedule Begins

The City of Austin has delivered the new Single Stream Recycling carts to all homes in Circle C. Everyone will now be on a Monday recycling and solid waste pick up schedule. If you live west of Escarpment and north of Slaughter your recycling will be picked up Oct. 13, 27, etc. Otherwise your recycling will be picked up Oct 6, 20, etc. Questions? Call 974-1945 or for more information about the City of Austin's Single Stream recycling program, visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/singlestream.htm>

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Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Hopefully, by the time that you get this newsletter, fall will have arrived. During this period of time, things should be looking better as we emerge from the blistering summer and settle into a usual warm fall weather pattern. With a little luck, we will have had a few rains as well.

On the commons areas, we will be continuing all of the regular maintenance services of mowing, weeding, hedge trimming, etc. We are contributing an extra perennial trimming this fall, as our perennial beds have gotten leggy over the summer. We will also begin our more intensive fall mulching program. So, overall things will be getting a fresh appearance. We will be fertilizing and applying pre-emergent as well.

We are also making some changes to very small areas that never look good and are

difficult to maintain. Little squares of beds or grass around fire hydrants and stop signs or just little areas that are stuck between curbs and sidewalks are being filled in with flagstone. This will upgrade the overall "neatness" of the community look.

The CCHOA BOD approved funds to deal with the outlying postal areas. We have set up several in Circle C West. Because these are non irrigated areas, they have some special challenges, especially during the summer months. We have set them up with rock, granite, and xeriscape plantings. We have provided a crystal based product that will retain water around the roots of the plants during very dry periods. Over the next few months, we will be looking a possibly adding rain barrels at these locations to provide a little extra water during extreme drought conditions.

With regard to fire ant bait, fall is a good time to put some down. The best choice is a one time per year product called Fibrionil, marketed at the local stores as "Once and Done", or Top Choice among other names. You can easily broadcast it across your yard and it is very effective in controlling fire ants. If you did not do this in the spring, the fall is ideal.

If you have any input or comments regarding landscaping, please contact the CCHOA office at info@circlecranch.info and we will work with them on resolving any problems or answering any questions you might have.

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements

Twelve Family Girl Scout Garage Sale

Submitted by Kelly Churchill



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In addition to the garage sale items, the girls will be selling t-shirts supporting their "Heads Up Austin" safe driving campaign. The girls began this campaign after tragically losing their beloved leader, Amy Gawlik, in an automobile accident last December. They are working hard to promote their message that Austin drivers need to "Drive Smart!" Look for their public service announcement to run on Time Warner Cable soon and for more information about the girls' campaign, visit www.headsupaustin.org.

Eat Out and Benefit your School...

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

- Waterloo Ice House (Escarpment Village) - 1st Tuesday of each month - Clayton Elementary
- Mangieri's Pizza Cafe (Escarpment Village) - 2nd Monday of each month - Clayton Elementary
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Bowie City Limits Music Festival

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

Got your tickets yet? Get 'em now and get ready for the first annual **Bowie City Limits Music Festival** on Saturday, November 1, 2008. The music starts at 4 pm and includes **Cheap Sunglasses** (ZZ Top cover band), **DrumJam**, **The Steps** (with a new release), and **Mikey Powell and Villain's Trust** (the Mikey Powell - professional lacrosse player and singer/songwriter - and his band playing their first gig in Austin). Our headliner is Austin's very own **Bob Schneider**.

Be a part of this cool Bowie community event and enjoy great music in the spacious courtyard. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and prices will be going up soon, so don't dawdle.

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued**"Gorham Glen/
Kiker Elementary
Cut-Through"**

Now that the school year has begun again, I'd like to ask all the parents taking their kids to Kiker by way of Gorham Glen show those of us that live on the street some courtesy and patience as we try to get out of our driveways and head to work. Often times, I literally sit in my driveway for several minutes because of the constant traffic on our street – with drivers unwilling to stop long enough to let me pull out. Please give those of us that actually live on the street a break and a few seconds of your time by stopping when you see us trying to leave our homes.

*Thanking you in advance
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A Gorham Glen Lane resident

Michael

Submitted by Tracy Eilers, D.M. Executive Director Adoption Coalition of Texas

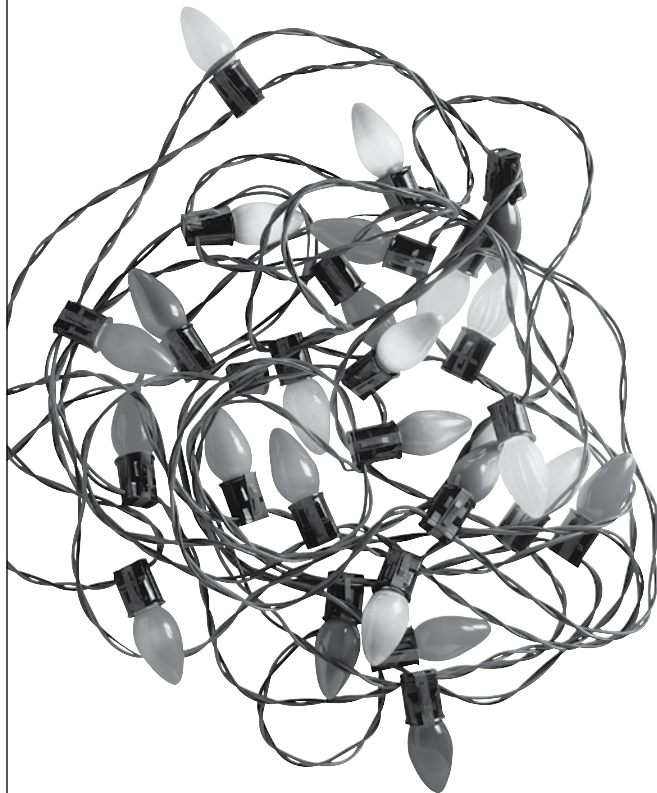
Imagine hearing a child ask "is it my turn yet" when asking about adoption. Michael has seen others find their forever family, and he is still patiently waiting and wondering, "is it my turn". Hopefully soon we can answer his question with a "yes Michael, it is your turn". Michael is a very sweet and loving 15 year old. He has a dog he cares for and has grown to love, an abused dog that he has rescued and nurtured.

Born in August 1993, Michael likes all of the things any boy would love - summer camps, go carts, fishing, baseball and anything that has to do with cars (and UT). He currently participates in special education and tries very hard in school. He hopes to play sports in school when he is adopted. Michael would do well with a single mother or a two parent family. Michael is a child who really wants a place to belong. He is very affectionate and has missed out on being a part of a family. He just wants someone to love him, and his dog. Could this be you?

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Park West HOA News

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

Breaking News

By now everyone should be aware of Park West's new (should we say newest?) garbage and recycling schedule. Blue recycling containers were delivered on September 11 and the tan ones taken away. The reason: the pilot program we participated in since January for "Single Stream" collection is over and the entire city is now in a permanent recycling program using the blue containers. Beginning Monday, September 15, garbage and recycling pick up for Park West is on Mondays. Recycling pick up is every other Monday, which began September 22. On October 6, the recycling program becomes true "Single Stream" and incorporates other items that can be recycled that weren't previously included in the program. To remind us of the recycling every-other-week schedule, a calendar was tucked under the lid of each container. If you didn't find yours or have misplaced it, contact HOA board member Jackie Rollins for another. She has plenty of extras on hand.

Please Don't Feed the Animals

We see this message at the zoo, but maybe we need to post it in our neighborhood. Why? Because some of our very kind-hearted

and caring residents are doing the one thing that we should never do – putting food out for furry critters like raccoons, possums, squirrels, et al. They are wild animals after all and by nature learn to fend for themselves. If we "mess with mother nature," they will return time after time for an easy meal, oftentimes remaining in the vicinity and thus creating an invitation for potentially destructive behavior. Here are some examples:

- Hiring of pest control companies by multiple neighbors at substantial cost to remove critters from their attics, not to mention the cost of repairing damages caused by raccoons to roofs and heating and air conditioning systems.
- Loss of a section of an alarm system due to squirrels chewing through the wiring.
- Risk of fire from critters chewing through wires.
- Danger to pets; transmittal of diseases.
- Increase in rodent population triggering a food source invitation to snakes and coyotes.

Please don't feed the animals.

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Landscaper News

Scott Smith of Pearson Landscape Service reports that the big items on the agenda are pre-emergent for weeds (to have been done by late September) and fertilization of the front turf and beds. Mulching will be done in October and November. Do you want to know more about what is scheduled - and when - for our front yards? The complete schedule is posted in the lower right corner of each mail center bulletin board. Despite efforts to inform everyone of its necessity and availability, only about thirty percent of Park West residents to date have requested a front yard sprinkler check - very disappointing, especially since it's free. The good news is that it's not too late! All you have to do is call or e-mail Jackie Rollins or Scott to have your sprinkler system checked. So, what are you waiting for?

New Request

If you're having any kind of landscaping or redesign work done (it goes without saying that you've requested approval for the work through the appropriate channels) and it involves, rock, stone, gravel or the like, **PLEASE** ensure that you or your contractor don't just dump the load directly onto the street at curbside but first place some sort of covering on the ground to protect the still new sealcoat and the street from unnecessary wear and tear. Likewise, if anything

is unloaded on your driveway, steps should be taken to protect its surface as well.

Broken Record Department

- 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. 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.
- 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.**

The Great Bunny Caper

Hippity hop. Has anyone lost the adorable bunny shown in the attached picture? He (or she) appeared on September 7 in Sue

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued

Park West HOA News- (Cont. from page 13)

Williams' front yard adjacent to the west mail center. Passersby out for a Sunday stroll with their pets and children stopped to offer advice and assistance in catching him when he hopped off, in order to keep him safely in one place until an owner could be found. Sue didn't get everyone's name who showed a willingness to help but would like to especially thank a new neighbor walking her dog who went home and got a net and her husband to try to catch the bunny; Jackie Rollins who responded to her call for help by taking the bunny's picture and making a flyer to post on both mail center bulletin boards; and "Lisa" who saw the poster and identified the bunny as the one she had trapped few days earlier but had escaped from her yard. She had actually found a temporary home for him, where he is now comfortably settled until his rightful owner claims him. If he's yours or you know who he belongs to, please contact Jackie Rollins at 301-1839 so that this furry fellow can be returned to its rightful home.



Helping Hands

With this issue of the newsletter, we are introducing a new topic in our column. Each month, we will feature one resident and a worthy cause they support. If you would like to have yours included in a future issue, please e-mail a note to Jackie at JackieRollins02@aol.com. This month we highlight Charlie Heard who has been donating his time and efforts on Saturday mornings to work at his church's Saturday Open Door Program. Part of this program involves the church's Fig Leaf Store where clothing for the homeless and poverty stricken is dispensed. Charlie is requesting that Park West residents save any clean, usable clothing that would otherwise be discarded and call him at 288-7557 or e-mail him at cheard@austin.rr.com for pickup. Primarily, the need is for men's clothing and sundries, including underwear, shoes, boots, personal hygiene items, bedding materials, back packs, etc. You can find additional information about the program posted on the open bulletin boards at the back of each mail center.

Been There, Done That

If you'd like to say a few words about a trip or trips you've taken, please e-mail your story to Jackie and she'll include it in a future

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CCHOA Clubs & Announcements *Continued*

Park West HOA News- *(Cont. from page 14)*

issue. Park West has some well-traveled residents with interesting tales to tell. Here are a few:

- Jackie Rollins attended AARP's Life @ 50+ National Event and Expo in Washington D.C. September 4-6. She reports that there were dozens of workshops offered, all geared toward a multitude of interests and lifestyles and featuring well-known celebrities, artists, writers and activists. But what was especially riveting, she adds, were the two live addresses to attendees by Senators Obama and McCain in separate sessions via satellite. Jackie also managed to squeeze into her summer schedule getaways to Orlando in June and Santa Fe and Taos in July.
- Veta and Darvin Winick report that they have both been very fortunate to have their eldest son living in Carmel, California. They say "it really is paradise....you never tire of looking at the coastline and sightseeing in Monterey and the Big Sur,,,we can 'be there, do that' anytime."
- This summer, Carol and Dorian de Wind traveled to South Padre Island, St. Louis, Kansas City, Los Angeles and - talk about going from the frying pan into the fire - Palm Desert, California. Most of the travel was for pleasure, visiting relatives and friends, but also to visit a very sick loved one. One of their travel highlights occurred en route to St. Louis, during an early morning stop for breakfast at Dots Café in Claremore, Oklahoma, population 15,873. It was especially memorable - not because of the delicious breakfast at Claremore's oldest café; not because Claremore is a lovely little town with the friendliest of people; and not because Claremore was Will Rogers' hometown - but because, while they were enjoying breakfast, a neatly dressed, friendly young man came into the café and started shaking hands and animatedly talking to all of the dozen or so customers. The young man, it turns out - he couldn't have been more than 35 - was Oklahoma State Senator Andrew Rice, campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat presently occupied by the powerful Jim Inhofe. Andrew was spending perhaps an entire morning in this tiny café, in tiny Claremont, looking for a handful of votes. The de Winds had just observed "an example of the grassroots politics and campaigning that is at the heart of our democracy."

Good Neighbors of the Month....

We have no specific names to mention this month, but a thank you to Dave Maril for submitting the following tribute to our unsung good neighbors who bring in your paper/trash carts when you are away.... feed your cat/dog/fish while you frolic at the beach....run to H-E-B to pick up a few things you need when you're under the weather....take an elderly neighbor to the emergency room when asked....scoop up their dog's poop and any other poop found along the way. ...pick up trash at the mail center and can it....offer other neighbors unused tickets to an event...help another neighbor with his or her taxes. There are lots of "silent" good neighbors in Park West seeking no recognition and doing what good neighbors have always done. Hats off to each and every one of you!

...and Others

While not actually a neighbor, let's also recognize Pearson Landscape for the things they do over and above the landscape contract, such as voluntarily maintaining the trash containers at both mail centers (have you seen any overflowing lately?), replacing the mail center flowers eaten by the deer or wilted by the heat at no cost to the HOA and many, many other "little" things on a daily basis. Thanks and muchas gracias to all of the workers at Pearson Landscape.

If you know someone who should be given credit for being a good neighbor, 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, your suggestions and ideas for topics are appreciated. And please consider submitting a "trip report" for Been There, Done That and an item for the Helping Hands section.

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Urgent! What to do if you lose your wallet or purse...

Howdy Neighbor,

A neighbor of mine recently lost her purse. The few items that were lost; like cell phone, make-up bag, reading glasses, hairbrush, \$45 cash and her wallet will be missed. Even though losing some of those things is inconvenient the real pain is those Credit Cards and the chance of identity theft!

Here is a piece of paper you can write all your numbers on and keep in a safe place, just in case you lose your purse or wallet. These are the steps to take if you lose your wallet or purse; #3 is the one most people don't know to do.

1. Cancel all credit cards immediately. This includes bank, phone, department store and oil company cards. To do this you need to have all the toll free numbers handy. Write them down right here right now and put this letter where you can find it easily:

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Acct. number

Phone number

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your wallet or purse was lost or stolen. This proves to credit providers that you were diligent.

3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations and Social Security Administration immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number. This is the step most people don't know to take. The toll free numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 **Experian:** (formerly TRW) 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 800-680-7289 **Social Security Admin:** 1-800-269-0271

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School News



Volunteers (like you!) help students SOAR to new heights in reading

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

We all like a little special attention now and again. And when you're a kid in elementary school, that extra attention could make the difference between passing and failing the state mandated TAKS test.

Six years ago Kiker Elementary parent Sue Smaus started "Camp Read", a program designed to give additional individual to students in danger of failing the reading portion of the TAKS test. In 2006, the program was transplanted to Clayton Elementary. Redubbed "SOAR" (Students on Adventures in Reading), the program has helped over 100 students prepare for the state exam.

According to program coordinator Nina Telangs, children are selected to participate based on their benchmark scores. If the teacher or the administration thinks that the student will benefit

from some individual attention, they participate in SOAR. The SOAR student is typically one who doesn't have a reading disability, but just needs practice.

There's truth to the old adage that practice makes perfect. Last year, every child who participated in the spring semester of SOAR passed in the first try. And what's more, over 50% of the 3rd grade SOAR children earned commended scores in their reading TAKS test.

At the core of this wildly successful program is a team of 80 to 100 dedicated volunteers. These volunteers "mentors" devote just two half hours per week to reading with a child, cheering them on, and giving them the special attention they need to, well, soar.

Sign up to volunteer at www.mysignup.com/clayton_soar or contact volunteer coordinator, Melinda McKenna at soar@AUSTINREPS.com



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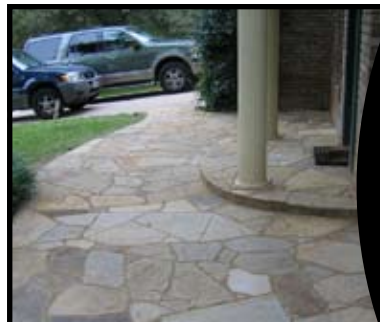
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School News Continued**Book Fair Safari!***Submitted by Zonia Smith*

Mark your calendars to come to Kiker and Clayton's Book Fair Monday, Nov. 3rd through Friday, Nov. 7th. Circle C families, friends, and neighbors are all invited to come out and support our neighborhood schools by visiting our school's Scholastic Book Fairs. We will have many children's books and lots of extras such as software, educational toys, adult gift books, teacher books, preschool books, and lots more! This is a great place to start your holiday shopping! Kiker Book Fair will be open on Election Day until 700 p.m! All voters welcome!

VISA/MC/AmEx/Disc are accepted!

Kiker Book Fair Safari Hours:

Mon.	11/3	7:45 - 4:00	First Day Drawing! Purchase a book and enter \$25 drawing!
Tue.	11/4	7:45 - 7:00	Open Late for Family Night and for Voters! - Drawing!
Wed.	11/5	7:45 - 4:00	Great day to buy books!
Thu.	11/6	7:45 - 7:00	Open Late for Family Night! - Drawing!
Fri.	11/7	7:45 - 4:00	Last day for Book Fair!
Fri.	11/7	6:00 - 9:00	Open for PTA's Read-a-Rama!

Clayton Book Fair Safari Hours:

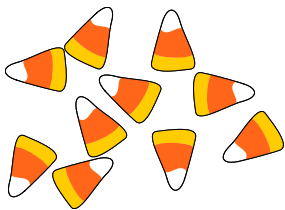
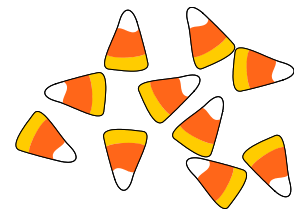
Mon.	11/3	8:00 - 4:30	First Day of Fair!
Tue.	11/4	8:00 - 4:30	Great day to buy books!
Wed.	11/5	8:00 - 4:30	Shop at "Lunch with Someone Grand!"
Thu.	11/6	8:00 - 8:00	Open Late for PTA Meeting! Drawing for \$25 in free books!
Fri.	11/7	8:00 - 4:30	Last day for Book Fair!

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Introducing:**Trunk-or-Treat**

Date: Saturday, Oct. 25 **Time:** 6 PM until 8 PM

Where: Oak Hill United Methodist Church - 7815 Hwy 290W Austin, TX 78736

What is "Trunk-or-Treat"?

Trunk-or-Treat is an exciting NEW event sponsored by OHUMC's Fellowship Committee.

Church members are being invited to DECORATE their automobiles' tailgates, hatchbacks, and trunks in a fun, not-too-scary Halloween theme. Children and their families of our Church and the Oak Hill community will be invited to "trunk-or-treat" in our Church parking lot and enjoy Hot Dogs, Frito Pies and Nachos for dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Other fun events during the evening include a Carved Pumpkin Contest, Decorated Trunk Contest, and a Costume Contest!

This event is FREE!!

Candy and treats are to be provided by the tailgaters, hatchbackers and trunks who have decorated their automobiles for trunk-or-treat.

Decorated automobiles must be PARKED at OHUMC by 5:30 PM on Saturday, Oct 25.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 6 PM until 7:15 PM.

Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the hot dogs, frito pies, and nachos.

School News Continued



Kiker Update: Look What's Happening! *Please Join Us!*

Retired? Work Part Time? Love Kids and Want to Contribute to the Community? Kiker's Mentor Program Needs You!

Volunteers from the community work with students as positive role models and help students have a bigger world. Mentors commit to participate in the program for a minimum of one school year and meet with their assigned student on the Kiker campus for 30 to 60 minutes once a week.

Each applicant will submit a letter of personal recommendation, undergo a background check by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety and attend a two hour training session. To ensure confidentiality, we seek individuals who do not have a student at Kiker.

Please let us know if you are available to make a difference in the life of a child at Kiker Elementary. Please contact one of the following people.

- Warren Faulkner, Program Coordinator – 414-2584, wfaulkner@austinisd.org
- Randie Fraser, Training Coordinator – 414-5353, rfraser@austinisd.org
- Deanett Osterloh, Program Volunteer – 565-9507, costerloh@austin.rr.com

Annual Fall Festival Saturday, October 4, 2008 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Kiker Shade Cover & Adjacent Grounds

Everyone is invited for a day of fun! Join us for musical performances, technical interactive demonstrations, games, food, and more! Admission is \$1.00 per person (ages 3 and under are free). All games/activities and performances are included! Concession revenue benefits the Kiker Student Council. The cost of individual food and beverage items will range \$.50 to \$2.00. Exact change/small bills appreciated.

Great American Magazine Sale October 20-31, 2008

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Annual Market Day – Vendors Wanted!

Friday, December 5, 2008

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Kiker Gymnasium

Start (or finish!) your holiday shopping! More than twenty-five vendors will offer must have products during Market Day. Admission is free but everyone must sign in at Kiker's front office and wear a guest sticker. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Dee Dee Green, ddgreen@austin.rr.com, or Christy Zimmerman, czimmerman@austin.rr.com.

Kiker Elementary and First Bloom

Submitted by Karen Sydek

Twenty-three 3rd through 5th grade Kiker Elementary students participated in the National Park Foundation's First Bloom program last month. The program was launched by Mrs. Laura Bush in 2007 to educate children about native plants, proper placement and care, habitat restoration, and conservation. The organization's goal is to encourage young people to be mindful of their natural environment. Students worked for three days preparing the grounds for planting, learning which foliage will thrive in the area, and designing the landscape plan. On the fourth day, the group traveled to The Wildflower Center to select plants. That afternoon, students worked with Wildflower Center and National Park Foundation volunteers, parents, and teachers to plant the more than one hundred plants donated by The Wildflower Center around and in a disappearing stream located on the school's campus. Kiker's aquatic ecosystem and native plant garden will be used as an educational tool for outdoor study.

The First Bloom Program is a nationwide program with Austin chosen out of 5 major metropolitan areas for the year 2008. Kiker Elementary is honored to have been selected. For more information about First Bloom, visit <http://www.nationalparks.org/who-we-help/youth-engagement/?fa=first-bloom>

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Circle C Amenities

October Events at the Wildflower Center

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

Fall Plant Sale & Gardening Festival

Members Preview 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 17

Public Sale 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19

Select from the best assortment of native plants, shrubs and trees. Heritage trees from the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park. Bring a wagon. Plant list at www.wildflower.org. Book signings in the store and author Roy Morey lectures on Little Big Bend at 11 a.m. Friday.

Nature Nights – Spiders - 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 10

Family fun with "Spider Joe" Lapp, and Dave Moellendorf of the Austin Arachnological Services and some of their friends. \$1 admission.

Art by Linda Calvert Jacobson

Saturday, October 18, through Sunday, December 14

Paintings by one of Central Texas' most exciting artists. At the McDermott Learning Center. Meet the artist from noon to 2 p.m. October 18.

Goblins in the Garden - 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26

Spooky fun in our haunted gardens. Enjoy the not so scary Scarecrow Exhibit and the Punkin' Patch. Free treats in the store for all children under 12 and drawing for prizes. Admission, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and students, \$3 children 5 through 12, members and children under 5 free.



Kaya Houston at "Goblins In The Garden"

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Circle C Amenities Continued

Circle C Tennis Club

Submitted by Fernando Velasco



The WTTA Ladies' Tea earned First Place in the Spring Season and moved up to Championship Flight. From left to right: Cindy Breed (captain), Judy Haugen, Gina Hughes (co-captain), Debi Young, Michele Haggerty and Marie Martin. Not in picture, Lisa Laird and Donna Auger.



Circle C Tennis Club Offers New Children's Tennis Program

QuickStart participants of the first Circle C Tournament held on August 30. Back row: Tom Gilburg, Mathew Ngo, CC Burgess, Coach Mari, Kaylen Combs and Brennan Foreman. Front row: Jackson Foreman, Carolyn Christian, and Maura Evans.

QuickStart tennis is a new format to help kids ten and under learn and play the game. To make it easier, the USTA has changed the court sizes, racquet sizes, the balls, scoring system and even the height of the net.

Now any child between the ages of five and ten can start playing tennis almost immediately-even if they have never picked up a racquet before.

Like other popular youth sports, QuickStart stresses the importance of play and team competition. It is also part of the USTA Jr. Team Tennis League that Circle C participates

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Circle C Amenities Continued

CC Tennis Club - (Continued from page 25) in the Fall and Spring.

Under this method, more kids will have the opportunity to experience this new format, have fun playing with their friends and develop skills that will become the foundation of their game.

This QuickStart method is now being used in the Pee Wee Tennis Clinics and the Grand Prix programs for ages 10 and under.

For more detail information, call us at 301-8685 or visit our website: www.CircleCTennis.com

Circle C Tennis Club

The Circle C Tennis Club is the most "affordable" private Club in Austin. The dues paid to the Circle C Home Owners Association do not give automatic usage of the courts. Residents and non-residents of Circle C Ranch are welcome to join. There is an affordable one time non-refundable Initiation Fee for the different types of Membership. Monthly dues paid allow

Members to use the Tennis Courts on an unlimited basis, plus be able participate in all the programs that the Tennis Club offers. As part of your membership, you can take advantage of the complimentary clinic given each week for women players.

At the Tennis Club, you will find valuable, friendly first-class beginner lessons and opportunities to attend our cardio tennis workouts. Our tennis teams, for both men and women, play in the WTTA and USTA/ATL Leagues throughout the year in all levels of play, starting from advanced beginners through tournament players. Our Junior programs are very active and offers lessons for all age and play levels, starting with our Pee-Wee classes to college bound tennis players.

Social Mixers are scheduled once a month, and our Men's and Ladies' weekly nights are well attended.

For membership information, please contact us at 301-8685 or visit us at the tennis

facility located across the Grey Rock Golf Club.

Fall Tennis Programs

The Circle C Tennis Club will be offering lessons for adults and juniors of all ages and abilities during the Fall months. Lessons are taught by Fernando Velasco, Darin Pleasant, Mari Toro, Mandon Maloney, and Danny Rodriguez.

Fall Schedule – Begins the week of August 25, 2007

Juniors

- Pee Wee for ages 3-5 (half-hour sessions)
 - Mon. and Wed. 4:00 – 4:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 6-8:
 - Mon. and Wed. 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 9-11:
 - Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Grand Prix for ages 12-15:
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CC Tennis Club - (Continued from page 26)

- Pre-Advanced Tournament Players – Level I (By Invitation Only)
 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- Pre-Advanced Tournament Players – Level II (By Invitation Only)
 - Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- Pre-Advanced Tournament Players – Level III (By Invitation Only)
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 - Friday, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- ATP (Advanced Tournament Players) (By Invitation Only)
 - Monday through Friday, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults Beginners

- Monday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Co-ed)
- Thursday, 8:30 – 9:30 am (Ladies)
- Friday, 10:00 – 11:00 am (Ladies)
- Saturday, 11:30 – 12:30 pm (Co-Ed)

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THE BEST TIME TO EXERCISE

Contrary to popular belief, women aren't the only ones with biological clocks. We all have them, and heed their ticking on a daily basis.

If you are a regular exerciser, you may have already determined your most productive time to exercise and follow a routine that works best for you.

On the other hand, if your exercise time varies from day to day, and it's wearing you out instead of pumping you up, you may be interested in the work of scientists who are studying the proverbial internal clock and how to best determine what time of day you should schedule your workouts.

Rhythm: It's Not Just For Dancing

The secret appears to lie in circadian rhythms, the daily cycles that our bodies follow. These rhythms originate in the hypothalamus and regulate everything from body temperature and metabolism to blood pressure.

The rhythms result from the firing rate of neurons. They have conformed to our 24-hour light-to-dark cycle, and may be regulated and reregulated each day according to the environment.

Warm Is Better

It is the influence of circadian rhythms on body temperature that seems to yield the most control over the quality of a workout. When body temperature is at its highest, your workouts will likely be more productive; when your temperature is low, chances are your exercise session may be less than optimal.

Body temperature is at its lowest about one to three hours before most of us wake up in the morning, in contrast to late afternoon when body temperature reaches its peak. (To

determine your own circadian peak, refer to the box to the right.)

Studies have consistently shown that exercise during these late-in-the-day hours produces better performance and more power. Muscles are warm and more flexible, perceived exertion is low, reaction time is quicker, strength is at its peak, and resting heart rate and blood pressure are low.

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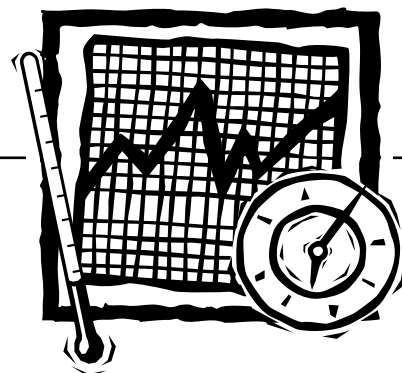
First of all, don't change your schedule if you feel good beginning your day with exercise. Everyone agrees that exercise at any time is better than no exercise at all. In fact, people who exercise in the morning are more successful at making it a habit.

And though it has been suggested that morning exercise may put some people at higher risk for heart attack, further research indicates that there is simply a generalized increased risk of heart attacks in the morning. If your schedule favors an early workout, emphasize stretching and a good warm-up to insure that your body is ready for action.

Other Considerations

If stress relief is your goal, exercise always works, all the time. And if you're wondering when it's best to train for an upcoming event, it all depends on what time you'll actually be competing. If an upcoming marathon begins at 7:00 a.m., try training at that time of day.

Though training at any time of day will raise performance levels, research has shown that the ability to maintain sustained exercise is adaptive to circadian rhythms. In other words, consistently training in the morning will allow you to sustain exercise during a morning marathon longer than if you train in the evening.



Find Your Peak

To determine your own circadian peak in body temperature, record your temperature every couple of hours for five to six consecutive days. Body temperature usually fluctuates by plus or minus 1.5 degrees throughout the day. Try exercising during the period three hours before and after your highest temperature. If you are an early bird or a night owl, you may notice that your temperature peaks one to two hours before or after the norm (between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.); you can adjust your exercise time accordingly.

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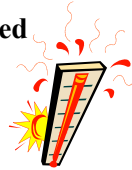
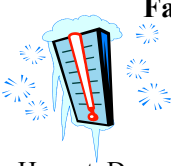
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- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know



Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
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- You should know where your children are going
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspicious

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro-waved later
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Wildflower	17	2,211	\$ 125	\$ 277	2001	42	2	1
On The Park	5	3,659	\$ 118	\$ 433	1996	34	5	0
Vintage Place	3	3,065	\$ 113	\$ 345	2002	58	10	0
Hielscher	18	3,045	\$ 119	\$ 362	2003	50	14	2
West	20	3,317	\$ 119	\$ 396	2004	47	15	1
Park West	8	2,405	\$ 133	\$ 320	2001	62	7	0
Park Place	4	2,507	\$ 128	\$ 320	2004	54	3	0
Muirfield	6	3,858	\$ 129	\$ 497	2006	83	2	0
Enclave/Stone Creek	8	2,664	\$ 125	\$ 333	2006	78	10	0
Alta Mira	11	2,903	\$ 126	\$ 364	2007	74	4	1
Circle C Ranch Total	162	2,757	\$ 120	\$ 332	2000	52	108	13
% Change Mo/Mo	-1%	0%	-3%	-3%	0%	-9%	-9%	-50%

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