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2009 Capital Budget Projects

This year's Capital Budget Projects include:

- Landscape - Water Meter Upgrade Escarpment
- Landscape - Irrigation Central Control
- Landscape - Turf Replacement
- Landscape - Bed Upgrades
- Landscape - Outlying Area Upgrades
- Electric - Bollard Lights Replacement
- Electric - Slaughter Lighting
- Swim Center - Solar Panels for Toddler Pool
- Swim Center - Flash heater for showers
- Swim Center - Upgrade Volleyball Net - COMPLETE
- Swim Center - Furniture Bench Seats
- Swim Center - Replace Picnic Tables
- Swim Center - Fence Repair/Replacement
- Swim Center - Upgrade drains - COMPLETE
- Move mailboxes
- Bathhouse Roof
- Playscapes Phase II cont.
- Sidewalk Completion

These projects will be summarized on the website (http://www.circlecranch.info/doc/toc.asp?assn_id=14837&link_id=147047) under the Resource Center Tab – Financial section.

CCHOA Annual Meeting Election Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2009 CCHOA Annual Meeting and Board of Director Election. Unfortunately the deadline for this newsletter edition was prior to the meeting, but once we have the results of the election we will post on the CCHOA website, www.circlecranch.info

Thank You to Cynthia Moreland and Mary Goehring for their service to the Circle C Homeowners Association.

Early Voting Give-A-Ways A Success!



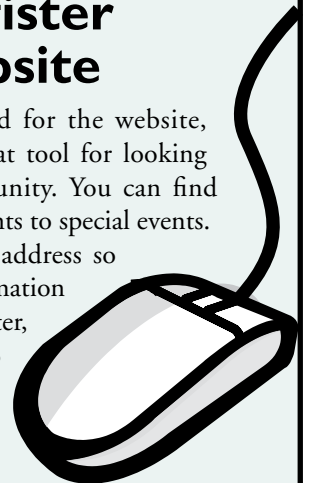
Cub Scout Pack 12

As we reported in last month's newsletter we opted out of on-line voting this year and instead opted to have early voting give-a-ways to ensure we reach our quorum for the meeting. Three prizes will be given away in the three weeks leading up to the annual meeting date. At time of printing we have had one winner for the week ending Friday, March 6, 2009. We will publish a complete list of winners in the May newsletter. Cub Scout Pack 12 will lend a hand each Tuesday to randomly draw a name for first and second place. We would like to thank Pack 12 for their support.

Please Register for the Website

If you haven't already registered for the website, please do so. The website is a great tool for looking up information about our community. You can find everything from governing documents to special events.

Also, please register your email address so that we can send you timely information regarding the Association. To register, visit: <http://www.circlecranch.info> and click "Click Here to Register Now". All you need is your address and owner of record.



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Bowie High School	414.5247
SAYSA.....	899.1049

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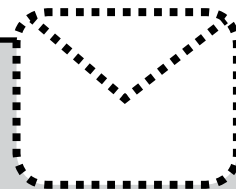
April 11 – Easter Egg Hunt
April 12 – Swim Center Closed
April 18 – Garage Sale/Donation Drive

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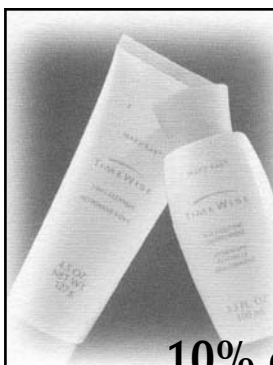
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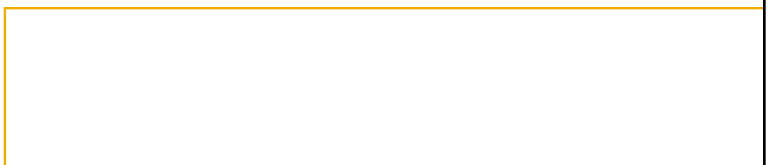
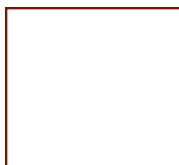


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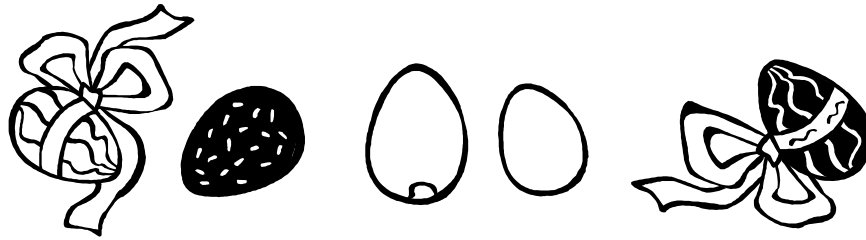
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Circle C Homeowners Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come visit the Easter Bunny!
Enjoy cookies and water after the hunt.

April 11, 2009

9:30am

(Please be on time, as the hunt will begin exactly at 9:30am).
Swim Center Plaza

Admission: \$1/child
Ages 1-10yrs.

There will be 3 areas for the following age groups:
1-3yr (back of the CDC)
4-6yr (front of the CDC)
7-10yr (Swim Center)

***Limit 10 eggs per child, once each child has collected 10 eggs, we will
allow children to go through a second time.**



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CCHOA News

GARAGE SALE

We will advertise for a community wide garage sale on Saturday, April 18th from 8am to 5pm. Residents are encouraged to host their individual garage sale as there should be lots of traffic on this day. Please limit signage to your street. For those items that don't sell, the Salvation Army will be on-site to take donations and Goodwill will be hosting an *off-site* donation drive that you can read about on page 7. A reminder that the dumpsters in the Swim Center parking lot are NOT for individual homeowners use.

The Salvation Army will be in the Swim Center/CDC parking lot starting at 11am to accept donations. They will accept clothing, furniture and household goods that are in good enough condition to be re-sold in stores. There will be an attendant who will be able to give donation receipts. For more information about the Salvation Army, visit: http://www.salvationarmy.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf

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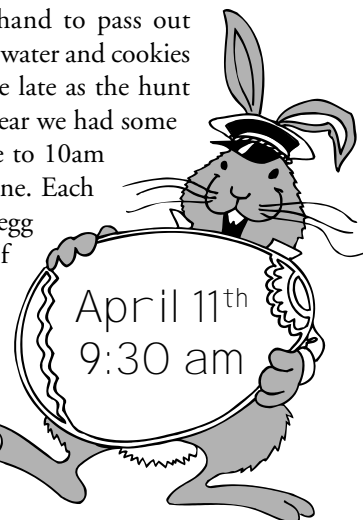


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CCHOA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 9:30am sharp! We will have age groups 1-3 and 4-6 at the CDC and age group 7-10 at the Swim Center. The cost is \$1 per child. Each child is asked to collect a maximum of 10 eggs; if there are more leftover after the first run, we'll open it up a second time. Please be sure your child has a basket or container to carry their eggs

The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pass out candy and take pictures. We'll have water and cookies after the event. PLEASE do not be late as the hunt will begin at exactly 9:30am, last year we had some upset kiddos who showed up close to 10am only to realize all the eggs were gone. Each section will have a special golden egg with a surprise prize for the family. If you retrieve a golden egg, you can your prize on Monday, April 13 HOA office by calling 288-8663.



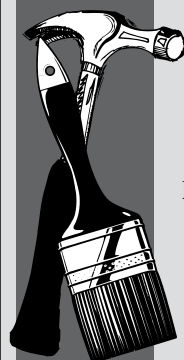
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Goodwill Weigh Good Donation Drive

Submitted by Courtney Mason

The goal of this year's Central Texas' donation drive is to collect 725,000 lbs of donated goods. It's a great time for you to get rid of clutter and help the community. The donated items such as gently used clothing, cars, boats, and computers can help Goodwill place as many as 42 individuals in competitive employment. The community powered four day drive directly serves the Goodwill mission with the funds generated from selling the donated goods in our retail stores. These funds then translate into job training and search assistance, case management and youth service programs, such as school-to-work transition and GED training. During this current, more challenging economy, more Central Texans than ever need our help.

Goodwill bases the donations on the idea of recycling and reducing waste in the community. The Weigh Good donation drive is an excellent way to get neighbors, friends and co-workers together to turn spring cleaning into an eco-friendly activity. It is a great free activity to get your community together to help others. Along with tax deductions, Goodwill will also be giving out great prizes.

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas' Weigh Good donation drive takes place Thursday April 16 – Sunday April 19. Bring your donations to any Goodwill location throughout the Austin area. For a list of locations or more information on Goodwill's mission, go to www.austingoodwill.org.

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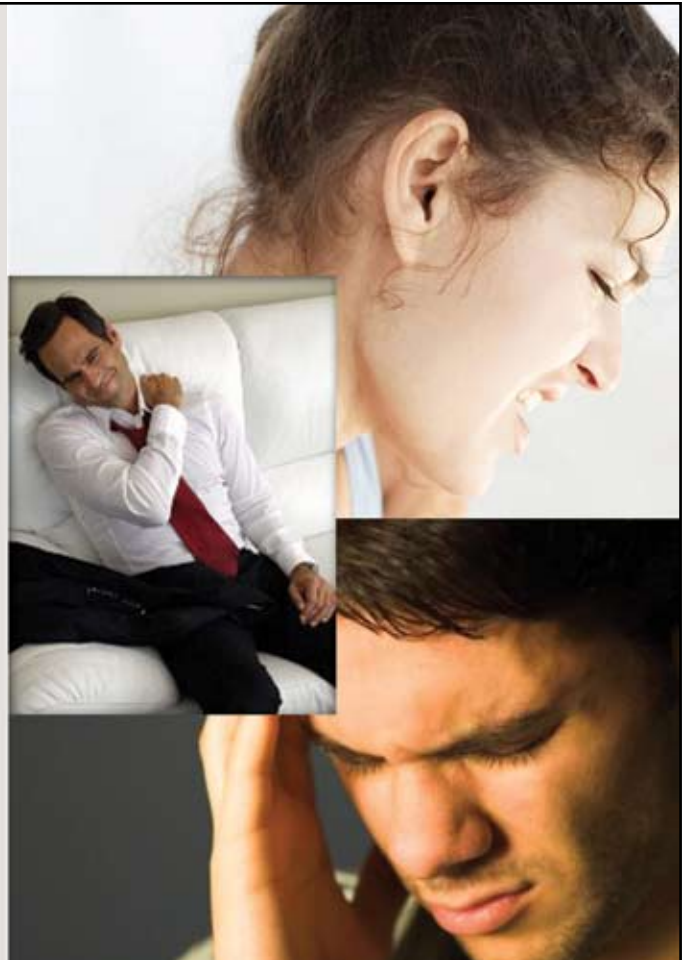
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panel interior doors throughout, stained mahogany entry door and French back door. Extended 12'x13' covered patio, two-pane Divided Lite windows and a radiant barrier roof.

7804 Haggans • 3,742 square feet • 5 Bedrooms • 2.5 Bathrooms • \$455,123

This spacious home features nine-foot ceilings throughout. The master bath features double doors, a marble garden tub with 12x12 tile splash, a separate shower with 12x12 tile surround, cultured marble countertops and maple cabinets. The gourmet kitchen boasts raised panel maple cabinets, granite countertops and a



12x12 tile backsplash with all black appliances. Third bay garage with side-yard access. Two covered back yard patios. Fireplace in the family room with a stone surround. The wrought iron stair rail, 6-panel interior doors and the crown molding in the master bedroom and dining room add to the polished look of the home. The front door is a beautiful stained mahogany.

11108 Bastogne Loop • 2,679 square feet • 4 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • \$399,839



This home features raised panel cherry cabinets, 2-panel interior doors, Hunter Douglas 2 inch blinds, two pane Divided Lite windows and a Tyvek moisture barrier wrap and coffered ceilings throughout the home. The kitchen has cherry cabinets, granite countertops, 6x6 Travertine tile backsplash, a kitchen

island for more counter space and stainless steel appliances. The den has double french doors and a 3rd bay garage has been added. The master bath features cultured marble countertops, a soft water system and a marble garden tub with tile splash and separate shower with tile surround. And the master bedroom has crown molding. Flood lights with motion detectors on the sides and rear of the home. The fireplace in the family room has a beautiful stone surround and mantle. The family room is pre-wired for surround sound. The dining room is finished off with crown molding and a chair rail. The Honeywell FocusPro 6000 air conditioner with programmable thermostat will help with utility bills. Four sides brick and a 30-year composition shingle roof.

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Deed Restriction News

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager

Recently I have spoken with several residents who have concerns with violations in their part of the neighborhood. Although staff is driving areas each month, we do rely on homeowners emailing or calling the HOA office to report violations. We are in a large neighborhood (over 4300 homes) and violations can change from day to day. 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 received a notification last fall regarding your turf, shrubs or plant, please be prepared to have these violations cured by the end of March. Also, a reminder that your driveway should not be used to store potted plants. The design guidelines allow for up to two decorative pieces which should be incorporated into your landscaping.

I've also spoken with residents who have voiced a concern over trash cans stored in sight and I'd like to explain our current policy. The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions language on trash cans state when a trash can should be put at the street for pick up (the language is twice a week for 12 hours, written back when we had twice a week pick up); however they it doesn't speak to when or where the can(s) should be stored outside of the trash pick-up time. For this reason, we will send a cooperative letter to the owner about their trash can(s).

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 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>



CCHOA News Continued

Be A Good Neighbor

We receive quite a few calls and emails regarding parking along the street. Ideally the best place to park is your garage, then your driveway and then if you must park in the street, please be sure that you are parked in front of your home and are considerate to your neighbors.

Speeding along Gorham Glen

From time to time we receive reports from residents about speeding on certain streets within the Circle C neighborhood. Recently we have received a report about speeding on Gorham Glen Lane. We advise residents to fill out a report form via the City of Austin website at: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/help/directory_s.htm to report excessive speeding. You may also report to the HOA office at 288-8663 and we will include in the next newsletter.



Bring Your Tabs

Don't forget to bring us your aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Some of you are now in the habit of collecting the aluminum can tabs and we appreciate you taking the time to bring them to the HOA office. We will continue to collect aluminum soda can tabs in the management office so please DO NOT throw your cans away without taking off the tabs. The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central

Texas. To read more about the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas, you can visit <http://www.rmhc-austin.org/>








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Circle C Swim Center Announcements

Submitted by Brandon Ducote

Programs and Classes for Children and Adults

Group & Private Swim Lessons

The Swim Center is currently accepting registrations for spring and summer swim lessons. Our quality swim lesson program offers trained and experienced instructors with low student/teacher ratios. Group and private lessons are available. Sign up soon, space is limited!

Youth Clinics

- Youth Swim Conditioning is a developmental class for swimmers from elementary through high school.
- Quick Start Clinic for new swimmers preparing for the Seals Swim Team ~ April 6-9.
- Seals Stroke Clinic ~ April 13 -16.

Adult Programs and Classes

- Safety courses including Heartsaver First Aid, Heartsaver Adult with AED, and Healthcare Provider.
- Master's Swimming on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am – 9am.
- Adult Swim Conditioning on Tuesday & Thursday from 8am – 9am.
- Water Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-10am.

Register NOW – Classes fill up fast! Don't forget to drop by and pick up your pool pass if you don't already have one. For more information, call us at 288-6057 or visit the website at www.circlecranch.info.

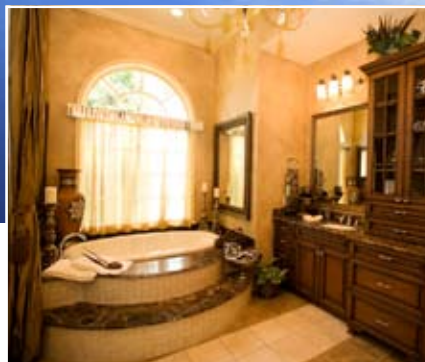


Swim Center Renovations

The Circle C Swim Center has undergone some extensive renovations to prepare for the summer and we still have several projects to complete in the next couple of months. The volleyball court recently received over 20 tons of fresh sand and a new adjustable net. Moreover, the competition pool and wading pool have been upgraded with new lights and drains. While the competition pool was drained the edges of the pool were painted and the side drains cleaned. The Swim Center bath house will soon receive a new roof and we will add solar panels to the roof to help heat the baby pool. All of these improvements are planned to be completed before the summer season starts. Hope to see you at the pool.

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Circle C Seals Registration



Circle C Seals will have Summer Swim Team Registration at the Circle C pool on the following dates:
- April 4 - 3-5pm

All new swimmers will need to pass a swim test. Your swimmer will need to swim 25 yards in under 1 minute. Swimmers must be 4 years of age by May 1st of 2009 to attend.

Please download the registration packet from www.ccseals.org and bring it with you.

Returning swimmer registration begins March 2nd. Please drop off your completed packet and check at the Circle C pool. Checks should be made out to "Circle C Seals".

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On October 11, 2008; 11 year old JD Hartman had a near drowning accident in the family pool. His dad took him out of the water and began CPR. EMS arrived promptly and were able to start JD's heart again.

Following the accident, JD was taken to Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, Texas. He was in ICU at Dell until November 6th when he was transferred to Our Children's House at Baylor in Dallas, Texas. Today, JD is in Dallas. He is still in a coma but improving with slow but steady progress.

This family needs all the prayers and support that we can offer. To help with some of the bills, some friends have purchased orange bracelets and are selling them to raise money for the family and to show our community support. Nobody can ever imagine something so tragic happening to their children or families. The Hartman's have said that all of the well wishers and support have meant the world to them and have helped them continue to push through this very trying time.

The expenses associated with JD's accident continue to be realized. These expenses include modifications to the Hartman's home, a vehicle to accommodate JD's needs, medical procedures and a great deal of other issues that will either not be covered at all or only partially covered by medical insurance.

If you'd like to contribute to this fund instead of purchasing bracelets, please make your check payable to: First Evangelical Free Church. In the memo line write: Hartman Family Expense Fund.

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If you would like to take a meal to the Hartman family, please visit the Pray for JD website and follow the link to the care calendar.

You may purchase a bracelet for \$5 at the Child Development Center. All of the proceeds will go directly to the Hartman Family. You can pay with cash or write a check to the First Evangelical Free Church of Austin and write in the memo line "Hartman Family Expense Fund". You can also order the bracelets online at www.prayforjd.com.

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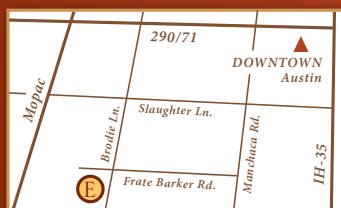
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A Message to Our Circle C Neighbors

From the Park West Homeowners Association • Submitted by Frances Bush, PWHOA Board of Directors

It is obvious to most of us living in Circle C that we are extremely fortunate to have the benefit of very appealing natural surroundings. Most of us were probably very impressed on our first visit(s) to this area. The sight of the walkers, bike riders and all the others enjoying the environs of this area was heartwarming and made us want to be a part of such a community. As we live here, I believe that, for most of us, this feeling grows stronger.

What we do not always realize is that to keep this that type of neighborhood, we all have to work to keep it that way! One of the more important things to consider is that our right to enjoy this area ends where our neighbor's begins. Specifically, I am referring to what those of us in Park West refer to as "Lot 103." Lot 103 is a watershed protection area buffering Slaughter Creek and its watershed from many areas of Circle C. Although this area belongs to Park West, areas such as this are regulated by the City of Austin and are designed to protect our waterways from urban sprawl, which is another term for our neighborhoods. For those who remember what happens to Lot 103 (and others like it) when we receive heavy rainfalls, it is understandable why these areas are created. The retention ponds fill

up very rapidly and suddenly become torrents of floodwaters that hold the run-off from our streets and yards. During other periods, such as the recent drought, these areas provide nature an opportunity to restore some balance to our ecosystem, but also present a fire danger if someone drops a cigarette or creates a spark.

It is important also for us to remember that those who are fortunate enough to border this area paid considerably to have this privilege. Those lots were sold at a premium as the neighborhood grew, and they are still commanding a premium as they resale. The additional price that was paid was meant to ensure that the view, as well as a certain amount of privacy, would come with that premium. Over the years, others have assumed that the area was intended for the recreational use of the public and has been used by hordes of people as such. Since many of the homes bordering this area are within a few feet of those well-worn paths used by so many, this traffic has intruded on their quality of life. Just imagine sitting on your back porch in your pajamas or robe enjoying a cup of coffee and a commune with nature. Suddenly, your peaceful

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A Message to Our CC Neighbors (Continued from Page 14)

morning is interrupted by groups of joggers or bikers with their dogs. While most of these folks are respectful of your right to privacy, a considerable number have taken the liberty to relieve themselves (or other acts that should be performed privately) in your backyard.

It is for this reason, as well as the City of Austin's request that we not allow Lot 103 to be used for recreational purposes and/or back access to the Municipal Park that borders this area, that measures were taken by previous Boards of Directors to eliminate the traffic in that area. There are also the concerns of Park West residents to liability issues that arise as a result of use of this area. The gates, fencing and signs that were installed were ignored, and even destroyed. As a result, a more substantial gate and fencing were installed to prevent trespassing. Individual homeowners financed much of this.

While we do not intend to be unmindful of the wants of our neighbors, we do need to ensure that the area for which we are responsible and that we must pay to maintain is used for the purpose for which it was created, watershed protection. Unfortunately, that purpose is in conflict with the recreational uses so many desire for that area. A look at the well-worn paths through the area can attest to that. There are so many areas surrounding and within Circle C in which we can walk and enjoy nature. We ask that others please use these public areas and respect the efforts we are making to ensure the appropriate uses of our area. Basically, Lot 103 is not open to the public! Please heed the "No Trespassing" signs. Thank you for your cooperation.

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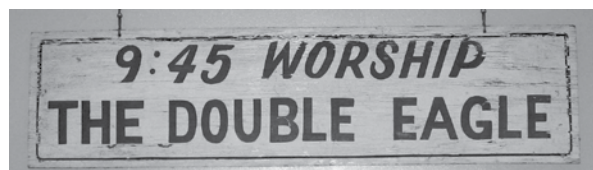
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Park West HOA News

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

Covenant Change Announcement

The votes have been tallied and certified, and the majority has spoken, with 127 homeowners voting for the change which removes responsibility for the Street Yard area irrigation systems, trees with over 8' clearance and driveways from the HOA and places it with each homeowner. That's a comfortable 71.3%. (70% of all homeowners had to vote "yes" for the change to take place.) The rest of the votes included forty-five voting no, three abstaining from the vote and three who didn't respond. The Board will soon be convening a committee to revise and rewrite the rules and add additional standards for this sweeping change to the HOA's responsibilities. In addition, check your mail for an upcoming letter which will include information from the Board

regarding sprinkler checks and payment for irrigation repairs.

Board of Directors News

The PWHOA Board of Directors extends a vote of thanks to Suzanne Lowe for volunteering to fill a Board vacancy for one year.

Landscaper News and Sprinkler Checks

Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about it! Sign up for your free sprinkler check! In fact, this was the opening line a year ago to get your attention to sign up for a FREE sprinkler check. And guess what? Less than 40% of you did! That's bad news, especially now that the covenant change turns the cost of repairs and replacement parts over to you instead of the HOA. One way to help avoid those out-of-pocket expenses is – guess what? – a free sprinkler check to ensure that everything is

in working order and dealt with in a timely manner to avoid more costly repairs later on. E-mail scott@pearsonlandscape.com to set up an appointment for yours. Typically, you should be home in case the landscaper has to access the control box in your garage. You can also e-mail JackieRollins02@aol.com to coordinate the check. (Jackie will be happy to be your "stand-in" if it's inconvenient for you to be at home at the time of the check. You'll need to arrange this with her personally.) You can also call her at 940-5745. Scott says that this is the year of the "war on weeds" and in last month's column he mentioned he was using a new preemergent that has garnered rave reviews from the industry. We certainly are hopeful that this battle will be won.

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Don't Feed the Animals

It's now illegal to feed deer in Austin on purpose. The City Council unanimously approved a ban on February 12, 2009, on deer feeding in the city limits. The fines for violating the ban range from \$75 to \$125 per violation.

Broken Record Department

- No overnight parking is allowed on the street. Move your vehicle onto the driveway or into the garage.
- 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.
- Never, ever walk your dog off-leash. Walking an unleashed pet is in violation of City of Austin ordinances, Circle C Covenants and Park West HOA rules.

- The speed limit on all Park West streets is 20 mph. There are signs. Please slow down.
- Remove those unsightly oil stains on your driveway as part of routine driveway/Street Yard maintenance.

Helping Hands

1. The volunteers of Seton Southwest Hospital, many of whom live right here in Park West, are sponsoring a Garden Sale fundraiser in the hospital's lobby on Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days. Here's your chance to get a head start with your spring gardening by purchasing plants and other greenery from an abundant and beautiful selection while contributing to a worthy cause. On April 9, there will also be a Bake Sale and a chance to win a very special Easter Basket. All proceeds directly benefit the hospital. 2. Alanna Scott is excited to announce that the Austin Area Association of Perioperative Nurses, of which she is a member, is hosting their 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Circle C's own Grey Rock Golf Club on April 28, with tee time at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from the tournament provide continuing education for nurses and financial support to nursing students and perioperative nurses pursuing advanced degrees. Contact

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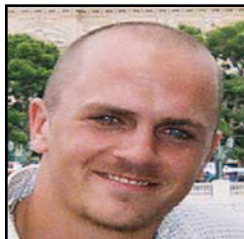
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Good Neighbor of the Month

We, the Park West HOA Board of Directors, would like to nominate Jackie Rollins as our good neighbor of the month. She works hard to keep Park West in order. She is our Secretary, liaison to the Landscaper, writes the monthly article for the Park West HOA column in this newsletter, puts out and takes in garage and recycling cans for homeowners, picks up dog poop that thoughtless pet owners didn't pick up, posts notices at the mail centers to keep us informed, looks after neighbors that need a little extra help, etc, etc... Most importantly, she cares about the neighborhood enough to enforce the rules that exist so that Park West will continue to be the special place that it is!! She does all of this and more with a sunny disposition, and we would just like to personally thank her for the TIME and ENERGY she puts into this community for the benefit of every homeowner. Thank you, Jackie! You are a super neighbor!

If you know someone who should be given credit for being a good neighbor, please e-mail their name(s) 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.

**International MOMS Club
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Submitted by Pamela Ekrot

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Kiker Annual Fundraiser • May 3 & 4, 2009

Submitted by Karen Syzdek

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2009 Camp Kaleidoscope

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All forms must be turned into the Circle C CDC (located next to the pool at 5917 La Crosse Avenue) and will be completed on a first come, first serve basis. Questions, please call 512/288-9792.

Camp Kaleidoscope will be held at Clayton Elementary from 7:00am – 6:00pm for all 5 sessions. Each Session will cost \$400 or a discounted rate of \$760 if you sign up for 2 consecutive sessions.

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Submitted by Michelle Moon Reinhardt



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Fernando Velasco Named PTR Male Player of the Year

Submitted by Fernando Velasco



The Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) presented its annual awards this week during the 2009 PTR International Tennis Symposium. The event, which includes 60-plus on court and classroom presentations, a tennis trade show and \$25,000 Championships, was held February 14-20, 2009, at Van der Meer Shipyard Racquet Club on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Fernando Velasco, of Austin, Texas, was named PTR Male Player of the Year. Velasco is currently ranked #1 in Texas and #20 in the National USTA 65 and over Singles.

Upon receiving the award during a reception attended by over 300 tennis professionals from all over the world, he thanked his family, coaches, and the Circle C Tennis Club that support his competing in tournaments locally, state and also nationally. He mentioned that "competing for me is not about winning. It is nice to be the winner of a match, but most important is about establishing lifetime relationships with players and people of all ages that participate".

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Butterfly Gardening

Submitted by Machel Dunlop

Butterfly gardening is a wonderful way to watch the life cycle of insects and add some beauty to your backyard, but it may not be for everyone. Before starting a butterfly garden, realize that caterpillars, the immature stage of butterflies will eat plants, so if you do not want the occasional tattered plant in your yard, you might want to skip butterfly-attracting plants.

The best butterfly gardens provide a wide variety of food sources for both adults and immature stages. Adults feed on nectar, so you should try utilizing plants that will provide blooms in each season as well as providing a variety of color. Larvae will eat the foliage of plants, but some are very particular about what plants they will eat. You can find some ideas of plants you can use at the bottom of the article.

It is also a good idea to provide open areas in the garden to allow butterflies to bask in the sun as well as shaded or protected areas so they may hide from the elements. Butterflies also need a water source. Using a shallow dish filled with pebbles or sand to hold water can allow butterflies to drink without the problem of drowning.

Be careful about using pesticides around your butterfly garden. Remember, butterflies are insects and can be killed by many common insecticides that are used to manage insect pests. Also, be aware of pesticide drift that may occur when applying pesticide to other areas of your yard.

Some plant ideas for caterpillars (food sources): milkweed, butterfly weed, cottonwood, poplar, willow, parsley, dill, fennel, spicebush, sweet bay, saffras, Dutchman's pipevine, citrus, Hercules club, canna, nettles, thistles, pecans, walnuts, passionflower vines, mistletoe, legumes, hackberry, elm, shrimp plant, dicliptera, ruellia, hollyhock and snapdragon.

Some plant ideas for attracting adult butterflies (nectar sources): aster, blazing star, butterfly bush, butterfly weed, cone flower, flame bush, goldenrod, ironweed, lantana, loosestrife, Mexican heather, Mexican milkweed, Mexican mint marigold, mist flower, phlox, salvia, verbena and zinnia.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Also check out www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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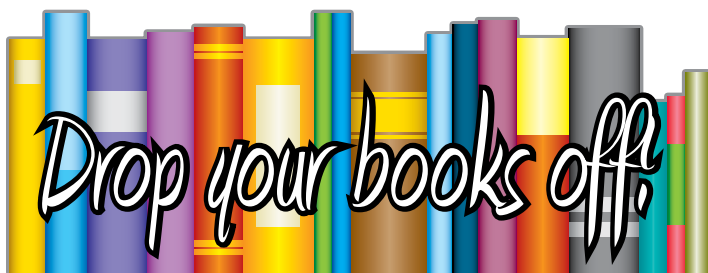


CCHOA Clubs & Announcements Continued

Got Books? Local Girl Scout Troop 787 Wants Them!

Submitted by Riley Syzdek

Girl Scout Troop 787 of the Oak Hill Service Unit will host Bowling for Books in May. While the event is for Girl Scouts only, everyone is invited to donate new or gently used children's books. The books will be given to The Pajama Program: Delivering warm sleepwear and nurturing books to children in need - pajamaprogram.org. Please donate books April 17-19 at 5713 Gorham Glen Ln. A large box will be near the front door. Drop off your books as you visit the area yard sales on April 18th. Or, if you're having a sale, bring the books you don't sell afterward.




Lover of the Veloway? 'Shade the Veloway' Project could use your help!

Submitted by Nicole Fisher

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By Fernando M. Velasco • General Manager and Director of Tennis • Circle C Tennis Club

Spring time is a good time to start playing the “game of a lifetime”: TENNIS!! As I play in many tournaments all over the country, it is nice to see people actively playing not only competitive, but also socially. The USTA even offers National and International Tournaments in both singles and doubles in the ages 30 through 90 in increments of 5 years.

The first thing to do is to contact a tennis center or club and find out the beginner classes they offer. Even if someone has played a few years ago, this is a good way to get back into the game again. A good program may last from six to 10 weeks, meeting once a week for about one hour each. The pro, would start with the basic grips on forehand and backhand, and also work with the proper footwork.

Once the player feels comfortable with moving and hitting the ball at the same time, the next step would be to teach the volleys, overhead and serve. At this point, advice would be given to the players to practice with each other and simply rally back and forth as many times as possible.

All players need is a good pair of tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. Walking/running shoes have a tendency to turn ankles, develop “plantar fasciitis”, or hurt the “tennis calf” muscle. They also leave black marks on the tennis court.

A good club will provide with demo rackets for the players to try out. A player should find the proper grip size and the proper weight and thickness of frame to fit their game.

In order to get used to the different bounce of the ball, one needs to spend a great deal of time just hitting balls. I recommend practicing against a wall, or use a ball machine that feeds balls. Players will learn to adjust to the depth, height and power of the ball by spending as much “court” time as possible.

In future articles, I will give you advice on how to select the proper racket, strings and shoes, and will provide you with information on how to get involved in leagues and tournaments. Get a “spring” start on your game and contact your local tennis club or park district to get started as soon as possible.

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Spring is Upon Us, Make Sure Your Irrigation System is Ready

Article submitted by Jacob Johnson, Austin Water Utility, Water Conservation Division

Spring is quickly approaching and now is the time to make sure your irrigation system is ready to start working again after being off all winter. How? Follow the tips below:

See For Yourself

The fastest way to check your irrigation system is to check it yourself. Here's how:

- First, set your controller to operate a two-minute test program. (If the controller does not have a pre-programmed test program, set each zone to come on for only two minutes using the C or D program that may not be normally used.)
- Start the program manually and then watch the system as it runs through each station.
- Look for heads that are broken or leaking, heads that are misaligned and not watering what they ought to, or heads that are clogged or obstructed by grass runners or shrubs.

Ideally, the test program should be run monthly to keep track of how the system is functioning. This may also prevent increases in your water bill caused by leaks or multiple broken heads. To keep

your irrigation system running as efficiently as possible, call a licensed irrigator to fix the problems for you.

Don't Overdo It

Your spring watering schedule should be half of what you'd water during the summer. Yet, in their eagerness to see new green grass, spring is when people are most likely to overwater plants and turf. With cool temperatures in the evenings and mornings, it is not necessary to water as frequently as you would during the summer.

- Beginning in March or April, we recommend watering once every 7 to 10 days with one start time.
- Remember, the mandatory watering schedule begins on May 1st each year. Any irrigation with an automatic system or hose-end sprinkler must be used on an assigned watering day.
- Set controllers to run before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. It's a more effective use of water, and it's the law.
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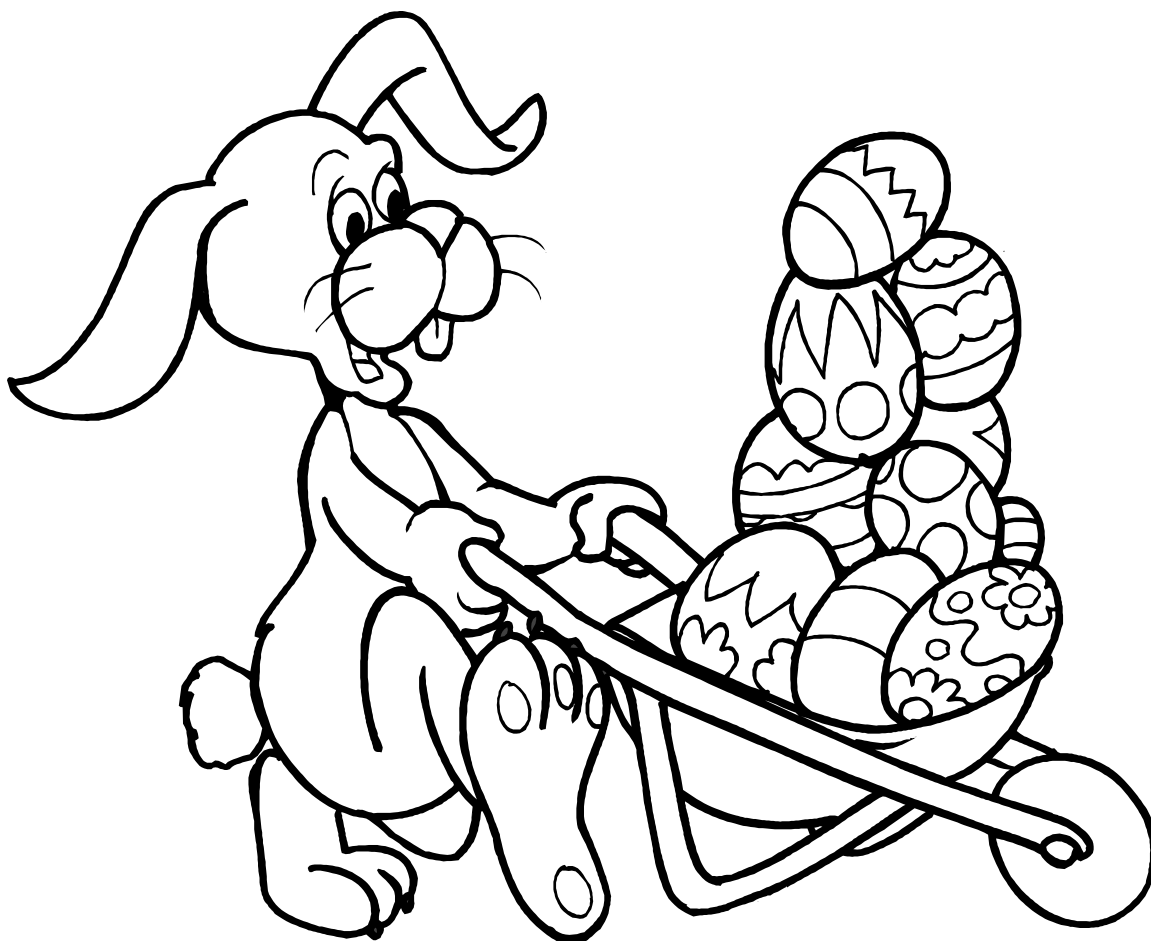
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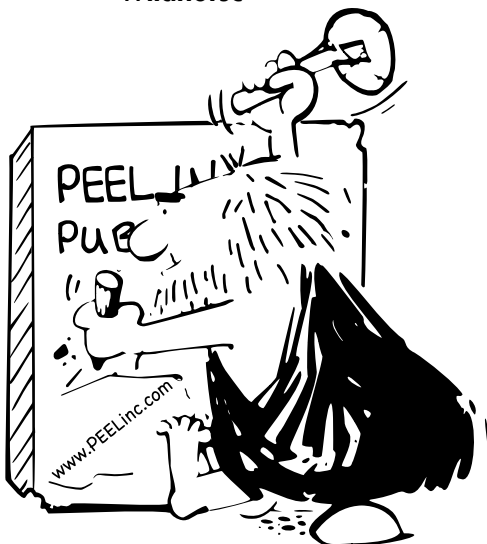
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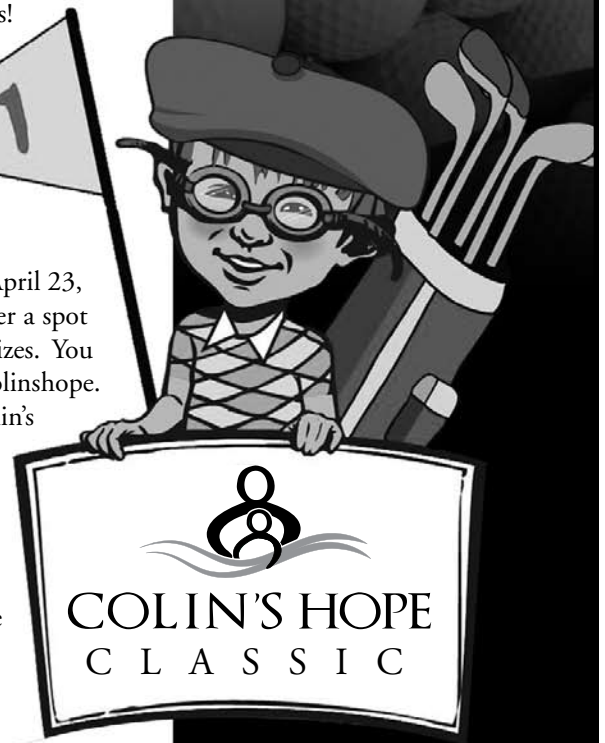
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The tournament is a fundraiser for a new local charity, Colin's Hope, which was founded in August 2008 in honor of Colin Krogh Holst. Colin was only 4 years old when he drowned in a local public pool last June. Sadly, after struggling to understand how this could happen, his family and friends learned that his death is only one of so many like it, as drowning is the second leading cause of death in children under the age of 14. Armed with this knowledge, Colin's family decided to find a way to turn their unimaginable loss into an organization driven to save children from drowning, and Colin's Hope was born. The charity is a nonprofit foundation which creates and supports programs to aid in the prevention of childhood drowning. Colin's Hope has had the privilege to work alongside other nonprofits such as The Junior League of Austin, YMCA and Partnerships for Children to implement initiatives such as sponsoring swim lessons for underprivileged children and educating parents, children, and lifeguards on water safety. You can learn more about Colin's Hope at www.colinshope.org.

The foundation's first fundraiser was the sale of Colin's Cookbook in the fall. The cookbook, which began with recipes from all the meals provided to the family after Colin's death, was a huge success, raising more than \$10,000 for Colin's Hope and allowing the foundation to begin to have a presence in our community.

The Colin's Hope Classic will be the second major fundraiser for Colin's Hope, and its all-volunteer staff hopes to raise more than \$40,000. This would allow them to initiate many more water safety awareness programs and efforts to improve water safety standards throughout the community as the summer swim season approaches! Colin's Hope is privileged to have Garrett Weber-Gale, a Gold Medal Olympian at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Texas Longhorn alum, as the Honorary Chair for the tournament. Garrett Weber-Gale has generated his own buzz lately by winning his first of two Olympic gold medals as part of the U.S. 4x100 relay team in the race that is now widely considered to be the best relay swimming race of all time!

The tournament will be held at The Hills of Lakeway, Yaupon course, on April 23, 2009 at 1:00pm. Registration fees are \$150 per person, which gives the golfer a spot in the 4-person scramble, lunch, dinner and numerous generously donated prizes. You can register to play in this inaugural tournament securely online at www.colinshope.org. Once registered, participants have the opportunity to help support Colin's Hope through raising pledges. However, if golf is not your game but you are interested in helping this amazing group in honoring Colin and helping prevent childhood drowning, the tournament is still looking for sponsors, prize donations or simply good, old-fashioned volunteers! All questions or interested parties should be sent to info@colinshope.org. However you choose to participate, we do know, as 4-year old Colin loved to say, that it will be one of your "best days ever."



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	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	22	2,700	\$ 109	\$ 296	1993	69	21	4
North	9	1,994	\$ 126	\$ 251	1996	42	2	1
Wildflower	3	2,189	\$ 124	\$ 271	2001	75	3	4
On The Park	3	3,301	\$ 114	\$ 375	1996	46	2	2
Vintage Place	1	3,075	\$ 94	\$ 290	2006	112	6	1
Hielscher	13	2,924	\$ 119	\$ 348	2003	69	10	3
West	10	3,312	\$ 117	\$ 387	2004	80	12	3
Park West	1	2,373	\$ 131	\$ 310	2003	57	9	1
Park Place	2	2,634	\$ 116	\$ 305	2005	44	5	0
Muirfield	1	2,884	\$ 147	\$ 423	2006	23	6	0
Enclave/Stone Creek	2	2,743	\$ 114	\$ 314	2008	101	17	4
Alta Mira	3	2,916	\$ 125	\$ 364	2007	110	2	2
Circle C Ranch Total	70	2,754	\$ 117	\$ 322	1999	68	95	25
% Change Mo/Mo	-21%	-1%	-3%	-4%	0%	2%	9%	0%

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