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CIRCLE C HOA NEW POOL PROJECT UPDATE

As reported in last month's newsletter, the planning for the new pool and community center are well underway. The board, along with our project managers, are working with the design team to finalize a conceptual drawing of the project so that we can begin the city permit review process. We hope to have a finalized "footprint" of the project to share with everyone sometime in July, hopefully in the July newsletter. The pool design plans currently include a recreation pool that will include two beach entries, an adult cove and a splash deck with water features for babies and toddlers. Other ideas are still in the works. The community center building plans currently include HOA offices, several possible conference rooms/meeting areas, an outdoor patio and lawn and full service café. The design team has done a wonderful job of incorporating the natural landscape into the layout so that we save as many trees as possible and end up with a lot of natural shade.

We will continue to post updates here every month as well as on the website. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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CCHOA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The CCHOA will host their annual 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 3rd from 9am to 11am in the Swim Center Plaza. We need volunteers to help set-up, help kids with decorating their wheels, judging the "Best Wheels" contest, handing out water and ice pops and clean-up. If you have a few hours to spare, please send us an email at info@circlecranch.info.

**See flyer on page 13 for more details on the parade.*



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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to info@circlecranch.info by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 BBQ Cook-off
6 Circle C Open House Tours 1-4 pm	7	8	9	10 Newsletter Article Deadline	11	12
13	14	15	16 Monthly BOD Meeting 7pm, CDC	17	18	19
20 Circle C Open House Tours 1-4 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26 Child Fingerprint ID Event
27	28	29	30			

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- Mandatory Watering for Commercial and Residential
 - Commercial and Multifamily water on Tuesdays & Fridays
 - Single family homes have 2 watering days a week
 - Odd addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays
 - Even addresses: Thursdays and Sundays
- No outdoor irrigation between 10am and 7pm
- Hand Watering allowed anytime
- **Reporting Violations:** If you see someone watering when they shouldn't be, the best thing to do is to call Austin 3-1-1 or go online to fill out a water waste report. Please provide as much information as possible (address, date, time, type of violation). We will make sure violators understand the right way to water their landscape, and will help them comply with the ordinance. If they refuse to comply, they can be ticketed as violations are a Class C misdemeanor.

Reminder

No Poultry Allowed in Circle C

We've received a lot of inquiries lately on whether residents can have chicken's and/or chicken coops in their backyard. While this may sound like a great way to have eggs for breakfast every morning, it's not allowed per the CCR's. Article V, Section 3a states, "No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any property, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes, and further provided that they do not become an annoyance or nuisance to other property owners."

Lawn Clippings

Now that we are entering the growing season most of you are mowing your grass once a week or once every other week which results in a lot of grass clippings. The best thing you can do with your grass clippings is to blow or sweep them back onto your lawn so that they are recycled. DO NOT blow your grass clippings in the street as they end up in our storm water drains. You may also bag your lawn clippings in brown paper refuse bags available at Home Depot or Lowes and the City will pick these up for free on your scheduled garbage day (Monday). Please do not set these out any earlier than Sunday evening.



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Safety & Land Use Alert

We have many drainage areas, retention ponds and open spaces here in Circle C. While we know many want to enjoy these spaces, we also want parents to remind their children of potential dangers, specifically snakes that make their home in these areas.

The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department has the following guidelines for drainage easements and water quality areas:

In most cases, drainage easements, water quality protection setbacks and storm water structures such as water quality and detention ponds are off limits to the general public. The reason is twofold: to protect the public from potential dangers and to protect sensitive and important environmental features.

The purpose of these areas is to convey and treat storm water and/or protect environmentally sensitive areas where a natural drainage feature has been identified. An example is a cave or sink hole that recharges the aquifer. These areas are also subject to rapid changes in conditions during storms and may be potentially dangerous.

No Trespassing Zones

In most of these areas, the City has erected "No Trespassing" signs as an indication that you should not access the area at all. The Field Operations Division is committed to working with folks on particular locations and will erect additional "No Trespassing" signs as needed. We have been reluctant to install fencing, as it can be rather costly when considering the length of fencing generally required to be effective. In addition, it can make access to the area more difficult for maintenance personnel.

Pedestrian Use Areas

In some cases, designated trails have been established when limited foot traffic may be appropriate. Under no circumstance should these trails be used by people on bicycles or motorized vehicles. These activities are very disruptive to the environment, causing loss of vegetative cover and a great deal of erosion. This in turn allows for sediment discharges into the drainage channels, recharge features and water quality ponds, limiting their effectiveness, damaging them and possibly causing flooding.

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 you are parked in front of your home and are considerate to your neighbors.

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Circle C Swim Center News

Submitted by Brandon Ducote, Aquatics Director

In latest Swim Center news, Aquatics Director Brandon Ducote implemented a new practice to help stem any influx of bathroom incidents in the pool. As of late April, all guests 17 and under will be required to take a 10-minute break from swimming at the top of every hour to attend to sunscreen, water and restroom needs. In addition to providing time for younger guests to grab a bite from the Circle C café, the new practice also serves as built in potty breaks for those of our guests still in the process of potty training.

Another positive development for the swim center is a key reduction in chemical usage. Brandon and Facilities Coordinator Robert Bardeleben will be overseeing an important change from using muriatic acid to using CO2 to balance the PH level of the pool. Not only does this reduce the chemical stringency of the pool, it's safer to handle for swim center staff.

"By using CO2, we eliminate the dangers and

costs associated with muriatic acid," Bardeleben said. Last but not least, the swim season is underway and so are new swim programs. Starting in early May, classes for all ages and swimming abilities will be open to new registrants. In order to ensure that every youth registers for the appropriate swim class, premiere instructor Amanda Hartman will conduct swim evaluations every Sunday and Monday between 4 and 5 pm. Swim evaluations are essential to finding the best class to match a swimmer's ability, and Coach Amanda is committed to the fun and safety of her students.

"I take water safety very seriously and feel that little kids need to know how to be safe in the water. When the kids are having fun, they are more likely to pay attention and learn what I am trying to teach them," Hartman said. Whether a swimmer is learning to float or perfecting the butterfly stroke, the Swim Center is going to be full of aquatic activity this season, so come over and join the fun!

Barking Dogs Dispute Resolution

In previous newsletters we have run articles on how to handle a barking dog complaint. We would like to also recommend another option, dispute resolution, for handling barking dog issues amongst neighbors. The Dispute Resolution Center offers mediation services for \$35 per party. Someone who has a problem with a neighbor can contact the DRC to request a mediation. The staff at the DRC will then contact the neighbor and try to find a time to schedule a mediation at the DRC.

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If you live on a corner and are replacing your fencing with an identical fence, you do not need to go through the Architectural Review process, smooth side of the fence needs to face the street. This also applies to fencing that abuts a school, open space or other areas that face streets.

If you wish to raise the height of the fence between properties, you will need a permit from the City of Austin and you will need to submit the permit and a review form to the Architectural Control Committee. All front fences that face the street will need to remain at six foot height, and any side fences that meet the front fence will need to angle down to six feet at the front so the view from the street is even and does not show fences of varying heights.

Escarpment Fence

The Court finds that on February 16, 2010 and March 4, 2010, came on to be heard the above styled and numbered cause. All parties to this lawsuit appeared by and through their respective representatives and counsel. Upon consideration of the applicable law, evidence presented at trial, Agreed Stipulations (filed with the Court on March 4, 2010), the governing Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Circle C Ranch Subdivision ("CCRs") and arguments of counsel, the Court makes the following findings.

The Court finds that, under the applicable law and the governing CCR's, the Circle C Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. does not own the Escarpment Fence that is the subject of this litigation.

The Court further finds that, under the applicable law and the governing CCR's, the Circle C Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. does not have a duty to repair, replace or maintain the Escarpment Fence that is the subject of this litigation. The plaintiffs have filed a motion for a new trial.



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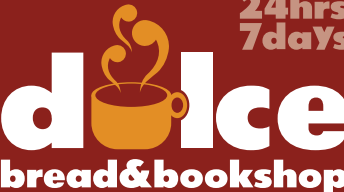
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Landscape Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Spring this year seemed to fly past pretty fast. One day it was massive amounts of oak pollen and the next day we were experiencing 90 degree plus days. So, as we head forward toward the summer, I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the City of Austin water conservation ordinance and what it means to individual homeowners and commercial properties (the CCHOA commons areas are categorized as commercial according to the City). For each individual homeowner, please make sure you are within the City of Austin required watering schedule: even addresses: Thursday/Sunday, odd addresses: Wednesday/Saturday. All watering is limited to the hours of after 7:00p.m and before 10:00 a.m.

For the extensive commons areas, we file a large property water variance with the City. This is a plan that allows us to water two times per week, and in order to accommodate some of our large water runs, we can run various sections on different days. Our primary watering days are Tuesday/Friday. However, on Slaughter Lane and Escarpment, including the swim center area, we water various areas on Wednesday/Saturday or Sunday/Thursday. We are also required to water between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. As we get the system going full force, we are subject to some of the problems of an irrigation system including broken or missing nozzles, heads that come loose, or leaking pipes and valves. If you see any malfunction of the system please contact the CCHOA office at info@circlecranch. info or at 288-8663. We also can apply for a new landscape watering variance if we install new plant materials. This variance lasts a month and allows daily watering the first 10 days, then every other day watering, and then every third day watering in order to establish new vegetation. Look on the Circle C website at www.circlecranch. info for any areas that have a new watering variance.

As we move into early summer, we will continue all of the standard maintenance services. We have also planted new turf in the Escarpment/LaCrosse area, and are in the process of replacing some of the perennial plants that did not make it through last winter's freezes. We will be replacing trees at the Escarpment median north of LaCrosse where the Bradford Pear trees were taken down in the fall, which is prime time for tree planting. Other projects that are ongoing are installing more drip irrigation in selected location to enhance our water conservation efforts. We will also be mowing the park areas in early June, and repeat the drainage areas/greenbelts if they are high.

With your home lawns, the watering schedule should be adequate to keep everything looking pretty good. If you have new trees, give them an extra drink every week with a hand held hose. They don't need to drown, but it will be better for them if they never dry out. The end of June is a good time to prune back the early flowering spring perennials and touch up the rest for neat and tidy beds.

CIRCLE C BBQ COOK-OFF

And Family Festival

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the most fun events of the year, please contact us at info@circlecranch.info

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All registration forms are due by May 28, 2010. There will be no on-site registration on the day of the cook-off. Judging will begin at noon with turn-ins at separate times. Cooks may begin set-up anytime on Friday, June 4 beginning at 7pm.
2. A barbeque team may have no more than 4 people per team. The team captain must be a Circle C Resident.
3. Barbeque must be cooked from scratch on-site the day of (or night before) the cook-off. It must be prepared in the open at the team's booth site. No gas cooking allowed.
4. Teams are asked to prepare and cook food in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge. All food, equipment and utensils must be stored at



least 6" off the floor on pallets, shelving or tables at all times.

5. Each team will be given one parking space at the back of the swim center. Spaces will be numbered and each team, upon registration, will be given a number. Appropriate themed decoration of your area and related costuming is encouraged, but please remember this is a family event.
6. Cooking will take place in the designated parking space area only. Cooks must provide their own materials to include: table, chairs, shade, cooking utensils & ingredients.
7. At the discretion of the head judge, cooks may be required to taste their own barbeque in front of a judge at any time during the event.
8. Firearms, explosives or other pyrotechnics will not be allowed on the premises.
9. Lone Star BBQ Society Rules apply. Complete rules and forms will be posted on the CCHOA website.

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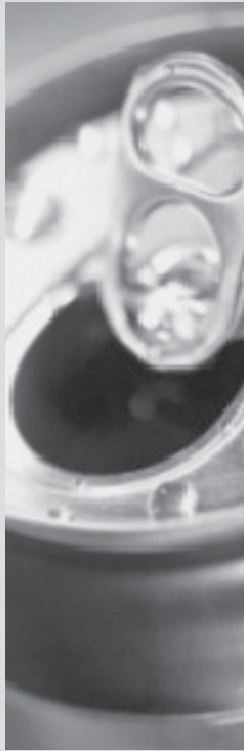


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As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drives at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) parked in the driveway. The HOA is required by state law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at www.circlecranch.info



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Clubs & Announcements

Austin Police Department *Child Fingerprint ID Event*



The Austin Police Department and Court Stotts-State Farm will be hosting a child fingerprint event at the Swim Center Plaza on Saturday, June 26th from 10am to 1pm. This event is FREE for Circle C and all kid's Pre-K through 7th grade are welcome. State Farm will also be holding a raffle for prizes, including a bike!!

Camp Kaleidoscope

June 7th through August 13th, Clayton Elementary and Circle C Child Development Center will once again be partnering to host interactive and engaging summer sessions by Clayton and CDC teachers. Camp Kaleidoscope will include weekly swimming, arts and crafts, outdoor play, sports, cooking, field trips and semi-monthly themes. Community service projects will be incorporated into each session. Camp will be held on the Clayton Elementary campus.

Who can come? Pre-K (going into Kinder) through 5th grade

Options?

- 1) Monday thru Friday, 7 am – 6 pm. \$400 per two-week session or a discounted rate of \$760, if you sign up for two consecutive sessions.
- 2) Monday thru Friday, 9 am – 1 pm. \$250 per two-week session or a discounted rate of \$460, if you sign up for two consecutive sessions.

Session Dates?

June 7th – 18th	Be an Ologist
June 21st – July 2nd	There's no "I" in Team
July 5th – 16th	Come Join the Circus
July 19th – 30th	Now, That's Entertainment
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Questions? Please contact Circle C CDC for additional information and registration at (512) 288-9792 or visit our website www.circleccdc.org.




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MOMS Club of Austin - Southwest

Submitted by Kim Gallant

Are you new to the area or a new mom who wants to get out and meet new people? We're a friendly, active support group just for you, the stay-at-home mom. We are the International MOMS Club with a chapter in your neighborhood. We offer a variety of activities, play dates, outings, educational speakers and most importantly, support. For more information, email swaustinmomsclub@gmail.com.

The Stiletto Stampede for the Cure

Submitted by Michelle Patterson

Save the Date! The Stiletto Stampede for the Cure™ is back at the Hill Country Galleria, Saturday, October 16, 2010! Presented by IdealHeel™ and Dillard's, the Stiletto Stampede for the Cure benefits the Susan G Komen Austin Affiliate. The Stiletto Stampede for the Cure is a high heel dash (100 yards) with a mission to encourage young women and men to know and understand the risks of breast cancer and empower them to prevent the disease by utilizing overall Breast Self-Awareness through early detection, screening methods and education. More information is available online at www.stilettostampede4thecure.org

Rotary Club of Austin-Oak Hill

Submitted by Maria Burbridge

The Rotary Club of Austin-Oak Hill will host a Book Fair with the Barnes & Noble Sunset Valley and Westlake stores, May 28-31, 2010, to benefit our Literacy Projects. We would be delighted to have you participate in our fundraiser. It is so easy to do! Just purchase books from one of the participating Barnes & Noble locations, give the cashier our voucher number (see below), and a percentage of the proceeds will be credited to our projects.

Can't come into the bookstore? Not a problem! Just visit bn.com/bookfairs anytime May 28-31, use our voucher number, and we will receive credit for your purchase.

Our projects include donation of dictionaries, thesauruses, and atlases to local elementary schools. We are also helping to stock the shelves of the new library at the Ross Baldwin Elementary School.

Additionally, if you purchase a book for the new library through the Barnes & Noble location in Sunset Valley, you can personalize a bookplate for it in honor of someone special to you. What a great idea for a gift that keeps on giving. Remember, Father's Day is only weeks away. Rotarians will be doing free gift wrapping for books purchased using our voucher number.

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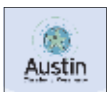
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International Friendships

Submitted by Andrea Gay

For the 2010-2011 school year, Nacel Open Door, a non-profit international student exchange organization, will be welcoming nearly 500 international high school students from over 25 countries to the United States.

Hosting an international exchange student with Nacel Open Door is a great way for families and individuals to learn about a different culture. This is an opportunity to form a lasting friendship with and to create an unforgettable experience for a high school student from Europe, Asia, South or Central America, and Mexico.

Nacel Open Door is a J-1 exchange program sponsor, under the designation of the U.S. Department of State and has a full listing by the CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel). Nacel Open Door's central mission is to promote international understanding and language education, based on the belief that it is essential for young people to develop a deeper awareness of their role as citizens of the world through direct experience with other cultures and languages.

Nacel Open Door is currently seeking families who are interested in welcoming an international exchange student into their home for either five or ten months. During their stay, students attend high school in the local community. Host families provide a warm, nurturing environment, as well as room and board. Students have their own health insurance and spending money. The program represents an excellent opportunity for students from another country to learn about the United States while participating in American family and community life.

If you would like more information about the benefits of hosting an exchange student, please contact Nacel Open Door at 1-800-622-3553 or visit the web site at www.nacelopendoor.org.

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Austin Newcomers Club

June Luncheon

Austin Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Join us at our monthly luncheon as well as take the opportunity to learn about and become involved in many of the varied fun Interest groups.

Time: 11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon

Date: June 16, 2010

(Reservations required by Thursday, June 10th)

Location: Green Pastures Restaurant

811 W Live Oak Street, Austin, 78704

Luncheon Cost: \$20 per person

For Luncheon Reservations email: [LuncheonDirector@](mailto:LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com)

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For other Newcomers information visit

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June Program: Wild Women of the Old West - originally scheduled for January

The Old West was difficult for women. Not all had brave

husbands who provided for them and made the family living. Frontier women without the protection of a husband or parents were left to do whatever they could to survive.

Many of the men who were outlaws have become legends with heroic stature. The women outlaws are not well known, but many had fascinating lives.

These are not the pioneer women with the sunbonnets who organized our churches, but women who made up their own rules and did what they had to do to live in a tough and lonely world.

Martha McLain will tell us the stories of these women. Marti's family has ranched in Sutton Country, Texas for over 100 years. She is a graduate of the University of Texas, did her graduate work in American Studies at the University of Texas Permian Basin, and studied Spanish and archeology in Mexico City and Guadalajara.

She has held various offices in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and was named a Honorary Regent for Life in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is the author of Love Letter of the Old West and April 1, 1902, a columnist, play director (won Best Direction of a Drama award), and speaker.



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Dorian emigrated from the Netherlands to the USA in 1957 when he was only 17 years old. Less than a year later he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio. From that beginning, and for the next 50 years, it was a whirlwind of training, travel, advanced education and extensive overseas assignments with both the military and his future civilian employer.

While on his first overseas assignment to a special-missions flying organization just outside of London, it was love-at-first-sight for then 17-year-old Carol Cruttenden. Marriage quickly followed. Dorian received his U.S. citizenship (he is a native of Ecuador) and returned to Lackland for Officer Candidate School. A brand-new baby boy arrived just before they began an overseas assignment to Germany. Carol and Dorian were blessed with a second child, a daughter, who currently lives in Circle C, and has made them the proud grandparents of a now 10-year-old boy.

While Dorian is proud of all his military service, his most rewarding assignment was being responsible for the reception,

processing, and relocation of approximately 600 South Vietnamese refugees after the "Fall of Saigon" in 1975.

After retiring from the Air Force, Dorian continued his communication-electronics engineering profession with Lockheed Martin. His most memorable assignment with was as the chief systems engineer for the final installation and commissioning of a military air defense and civil air traffic control system in Saudi Arabia.

Dorian's professional satisfaction and challenge with this 5-year stay in a Middle Eastern country was matched by Carol's learning experience and fascination with a new and different culture, albeit this was 25 years ago in a different time, long before 9/11. After the mystique of Saudi Arabia, there were 5 years of hustle and bustle of Brussels and London before Dorian concluded his career with Lockheed. This marked the start of a quiet and relaxing retirement in Austin---just a few miles from where it all began.

Happily settled in Park West, Carol enjoys gardening and china painting. Dorian enjoys writing, translating Spanish, Dutch and German articles and playing tennis. Dorian is often a contributor to the Letters to the Editor column in the Austin American Statesman. Both cherish time with their grandson. Dorian, an Aggie, has a special thank you to Carol for her steadfast support and encouragement through two careers which

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included moving 16 times to over 12 different cities in five countries and two continents.

(To read an interesting "summary" of Dorian's life and careers, please go to <http://themoderatevoice.com/71430/my-life-in-seven-days/>)

Looking Over the Fence



Charles (Chuck) and Jean Griffith have created a beautiful and welcoming haven for themselves in their backyard at 6108 Tasajillo Trail. Not only is there joy for them, there is also a home for the natural wildlife which

lives around us in Austin, Texas. The National Wildlife Association has certified their endeavors as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. The requirements for this certification are for the area to contain all the elements necessary for wildflowers and native species to survive. This includes water, food and a sheltering cover.

After retiring from a life with a busy schedule, it is good for the Griffiths to have time to enjoy the view from their hot tub which can be viewed in

the background of the picture. Chuck retired as the Executive Director of Austin Airports. This included Bergstrom and Mueller Airports. In her earlier life, Jean was Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Texas in Austin. They often travel to cooler climate areas. Their native Habitat survives nicely in their absence.

Report from Interest Groups

Several groups for Park West HOA were organized earlier this year. Barbara Cothron reports the Travel Group has enjoyed a day trip to Fredericksburg and Blanton Museum. They are considering a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. They welcome any fellow residents of our HOA. Her phone is 512 288-1995.

The Book Group is led by Nancy Hall. They are reading *Tortilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle for the June 23rd meeting. Lori Pizarek is hostess. You can reply to her at 512 301-2701 if you would like to attend the June meeting.

Until Next Time....

My name is Glynda Eschle. I have volunteered to edit the Park West portion of the Circle C Newsletter. With the printing schedule in mind, it is necessary to have articles available for the Newsletter editor by the 10th day prior to the month of issue. I welcome any constructive suggestions or information you would like to contribute. I can be reached at 6542 Tasajillo Trail: by phone at 288-1503: and by email at glynda.eschle@sbcglobal.net



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Mills Team Makes Winning *Music Memories*

submitted by Kristen Card



The Mills Elementary Music Memory Team [pictured] hit just the right notes at the 31st annual AISD All-City Music Memory Contest, held May 1st at Travis High School. Together, the Mills team earned 2 second-place ribbons and 16 first-place ribbons. A dozen of the blue-ribbon winners also earned the Malcolm Gregory Award for achieving a perfect score.

Music Memory is a nationally recognized curriculum designed to give grades 3-6 students a lifelong love of music through the in-depth study of 16 selections each school year. The musical pieces cover five major historical periods, and feature well-known composers of orchestral, choral, vocal and keyboard pieces.

Mills music teacher and team coach Debbie Tannert led the All-City Contest. Ms. Tannert is the granddaughter of award namesake Malcolm Gregory, who was an AISD Music Memory participant in 1921-22 and was instrumental in bringing the contest back to the district in 1979. His daughter – Ms. Tannert's mother – Mollie Tower was AISD's Elementary and Secondary Choral Music Coordinator at the time. This year, Ms. Tower assisted Ms. Tannert with the presentation of the awards named for their father/grandfather.

THE MILLS TEAM AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Malcolm Gregory Award & 1st place ribbon:

Jena Blumenthal	Daniel Miller
Jonas Ebner	Brendan Pegg
Austin Fuller	Claire Rudy
Sagar Ganeshan	Evan Seidel
Emma Ginsberg	Harrison Tran
Hyeonseung Lee	Joylin Wei

1st place ribbon:

Bradley Barto
Liam Ebner
Maddie Drga
Juliana Nicole Garcia

2nd place ribbon:

Joshua Pham
Zoe Zapatero

Congratulations to the Mills Music Memory Team and Ms. Tannert for their good work in naming those tunes!

Summer Reading Rocks Again *at Mills*

submitted by Kristen Card

Summer's here! So have those other two little words of summertime been uttered at your house yet?

I'm bored!

Mills Elementary's Summer Reading Rocks program returns to the rescue! Summer Reading Rocks will keep the Mills library open over the summer from June 15th to July 29th. Every Tuesday 3-6 p.m. and every Thursday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Mills parents and kids (including incoming kindergarteners!) can come participate in storytimes, book clubs, computer time, reader theater, or just hang out and get into some good books. Third-graders-to-be are especially encouraged to explore selections from the Texas Bluebonnet Award booklist.

Books will be available for checkout – students can check out up to five books for two weeks, and parents can get their own library card and check out up to ten books at a time. Final due date for all books will be July 29th.

Enjoy reading activities in an air-conditioned atmosphere, keep kid boredom at bay, and maintain not only your child's reading skills, but also your parental summertime sanity. Come to Summer Reading Rocks at Mills!

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Submitted by Angela Alexander

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Senior "Dawgs"-7th & 8th Grade

All 7th & 8th graders must furnish a current (last 12 months) physical exam before participation can be allowed.

COST: \$110 per camper

\$165-two campers from same household

DESCRIPTION: Campers will receive appropriate level instruction in tennis specific conditioning activities, fundamental tennis skills, rules, and etiquette in a positive, encouraging atmosphere that highlights the benefits of this terrific lifetime sport. The camp will be under the direction of the Bowie Tennis Coaching Staff, and clinicians will be current Bulldog players. Camp proceeds will support the Bowie HS Tennis program. Participants must bring their own racquets and shoes. Camp fees include a personal tee shirt and water bottle.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Pre-registration is required

for necessary staffing arrangements. Please complete application form on the Bowie High School Tennis website or call 512-441-3117, and mail or deliver it (it must be received before the registration deadline of 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3rd with the appropriate registration fee, no cash payments please).

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(Circle One) Division: "Pup" "Junior" "Senior" Skill Level: Novice Intermediate \

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Address: _____

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for each participant: Adult Sizes: S M L XL

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School News

Gorzycki Ms Choir *Receives Sweepstakes*

Submitted by Brad Heckler, Choir Director

The Gorzycki Middle School Choir participated in UIL Choir Contest on Thursday, April 15 at the Hays Performing Arts Center. They were required to sing three songs from a standardized music list (one of them acapella) for three judges in the Hays Performing Arts auditorium. They immediately went to a separate room to sing for three more judges where they were required to sing a two page song with two part harmony. They had never seen the song before & only had 6 minutes to practice with no help from the director, Mr. Brad Heckler, other than keeping the beat & speaking them through it during the first six minutes. After the first six minutes, they were required to sing this song with only the pitches that were given to them by the director. The girls received top scores from all six judges. This means they received a sweepstakes trophy. Only fifteen out of fifty groups who performed received sweepstakes scores. Some of the 7th & 8th grade girls who participated were as follows: Robyn Arnecke, Claire Benschoter, Danielle Cox, Jessica Domicoli, Marki Ernst, Samantha Graybill, Jayna Hamilton, Jordan Herbert, Katherine Johnson, Alexandra Matthews, Megan Schwab, McKenzie Simons, Hailey Stewart, Rachel Tarrant, Sofie Thomas, Rebecca Tomaino, Belana Torres.



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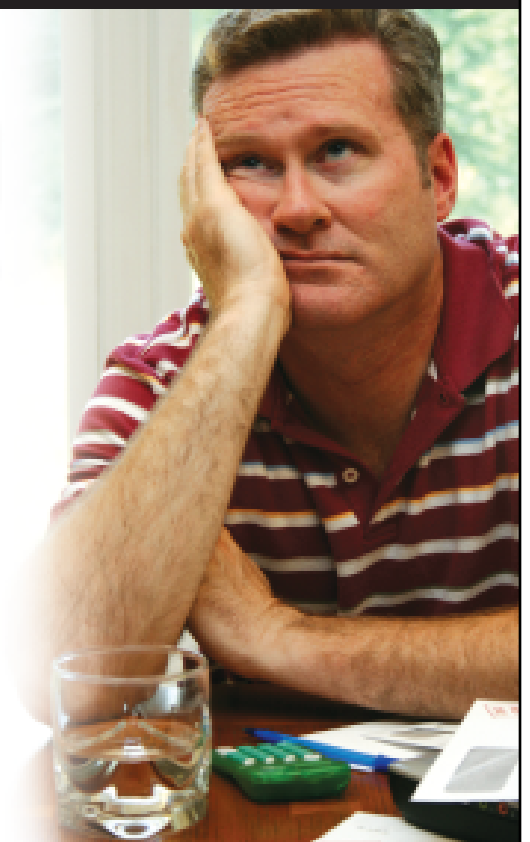
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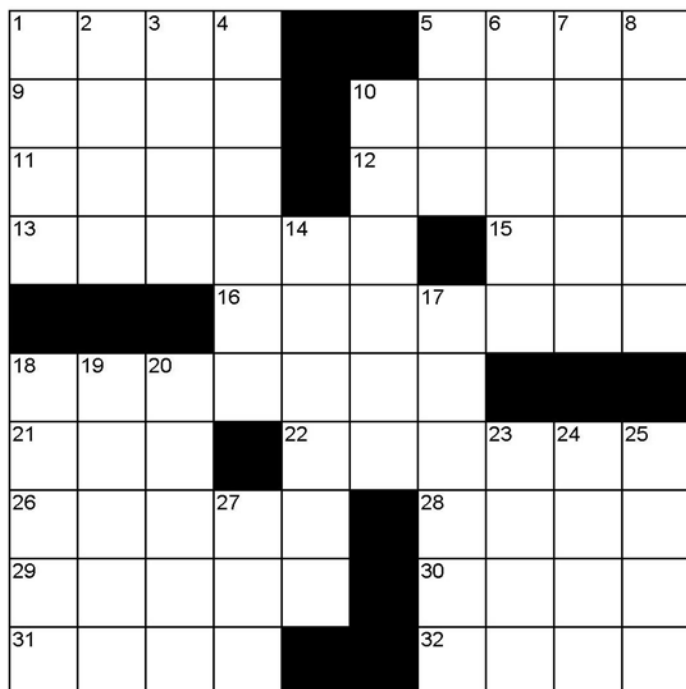
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Crossword Puzzle



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1. Among
5. Cubby
9. Santa call (2 wds.)
10. British princess
11. Absent
12. Praise
13. Her former last name
15. Ball holder
16. Surpasses
18. Bar enforcer
21. Trail
22. Humorous
26. Bets
28. Information
29. Vista
30. Paradise
31. Animal group
32. Lady

DOWN

1. Hit
2. State
3. Tai
4. Saucy Girl
5. Tyrannosaurus
6. Speak
7. Eyed
8. Tiny insects
10. Wears mesh mask to fight
14. Tax
17. Worn
18. Cheeky
19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
20. Whoop
23. Cipher
24. Object
25. Walking stick
27. The __ (final word)

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What a Fire Ant Is

There are many different types of fire ants, and they are found all throughout the southeastern and southwestern United States. The most common and aggressive kind is the red imported fire ant, which is reddish-brown and measures about 1/8-inch long (about half the size of a pencil eraser).

Red imported fire ants live in colonies that first nest in the ground, and then create a mound of dirt over the nest. These mounds can grow up to 18 inches high and over 2 feet wide! Red imported fire ants' nests can be found on lawns, in parks, on playgrounds, in fields, and in pastures. Some red imported fire ants create nests in walls of buildings.

What a Fire Ant Sting Looks and Feels Like

A person who gets stung by a fire ant will feel a sharp pain and burning. A person who steps on a fire ant mound will get a lot of stings at once because the ants have been disturbed where they all live together. Each sting will turn into an itchy white blister over the next day.

What You Should Do

If you ever think that you have been stung by a fire ant, tell an adult immediately. That's because the venom (poison) in the fire ants' stings can cause the area of the sting to swell up quite a bit, and a doctor may want to have a look to make sure you

are not having an allergic reaction. The symptoms of an allergic reaction include hives (red patches on the skin that sting and itch), nausea, dizziness, a tight feeling in the throat, or difficulty breathing. If these symptoms occur, the person needs to get medical attention right away.

But more often, you can follow these steps after a fire ant sting:

Wash the area with soap and water.

Apply some ice to the area.

Check with the doctor if you have redness, swelling, or itching.

What a Doctor Will Do

A doctor may suggest giving a medicine called an antihistamine to control swelling and itching. If you are having a more severe allergic reaction to a fire ant sting, he or she may give you a shot fights the reaction. People who know that they are allergic to fire ant stings also sometimes carry emergency medicine that they can give to themselves to prevent a severe reaction from happening.

How to Avoid Getting Bitten

The best way to avoid getting bitten by fire ants is to keep your shoes on when playing near fire ant mounds. If you come across one, don't ever poke at it or try to play with it.

Reviewed by: Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD

Date reviewed: September 2007

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Sudoku

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8			5	6		4		
			2		8		1	
1						2		7
		3	9				5	
5					3			4
		1			4			
			6	9				
6		7						
		4				1		2

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Wildflower	15	2,151	\$ 124	\$ 268	2001	45	3	9
On The Park	5	3,484	\$ 103	\$ 358	1996	164	4	4
Vintage Place	6	3,202	\$ 106	\$ 338	2004	31	5	3
Hilscher	25	3,138	\$ 117	\$ 367	2003	47	26	9
West	4	3,434	\$ 111	\$ 382	2005	80	3	1
Park West	8	2,388	\$ 131	\$ 311	2001	65	8	2
Park Place	7	2,574	\$ 121	\$ 307	2005	80	2	2
Muirfield	1	3,558	\$ 112	\$ 399	2006	43	6	1
Enclave/Stone Creek	6	2,651	\$ 118	\$ 313	2008	79	2	3
Alta Mira	14	2,927	\$ 122	\$ 358	2008	102	5	3
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