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2nd Annual BBQ Cook-Off and Family Festival a Big Success!



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CCHOA NEW POOL PROJECT UPDATE

At the time of submission for this newsletter, the project team was still finalizing details for the site plan submittal to the City. They are also still working out the details on the design so we will post more details when complete.

The project has been officially named – Circle C Community Center which encompasses the buildings and pool. We will continue to post updates here in the newsletter every month as well as on the HOA website. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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 page 14 for details on the parade.

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July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CIRCLE C OPEN HOUSE is a neighborhood-wide tour of open houses. Any realtor or FSBO may register their home within Circle C. Tours are held every other Sunday from 1pm to 4pm in Circle C. Submit your listings by 12pm (noon) on Friday to have your property on the next tour. Questions? Email info@circlecopenhouse.com or www.circlecopenhouse.com				1	2	3 Circle C Annual 4th of July Parade, 8:30am
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JUNE 18 – 19	ASTRO BOY
JUNE 25 – 26	THE SPY NEXT DOOR
JULY 2 – 4	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE*
JULY 9 – 10	MONSTERS VS. ALIENS
JULY 16 – 17	HOTEL FOR DOGS
JULY 23 – 24	CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
JULY 30 – 31	SHORTS
AUG 6 – 7	PLANET 51
AUG 13 – 14	CURIOUS GEORGE 2
AUG 20 – 21	THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG
AUG 27 – 28	EARTH
SEPT 3 – 5	ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

* Sunday screening added ** Monday Screening added

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Clearly in View:

As we drive the neighborhood on a routine basis, we notice that many homes have their address (on the front of the home exterior) blocked by shrubbery or plants. Please trim back your landscape that so your address can be clearly viewed from the street.

SNAKE ALERT

We have received several reports of snake sightings in Circle C (adjacent to homes), both coral snakes and rattle snakes. Parents, please speak to your children about what they should do if they see a snake. The LCRA has a great snake safety sheet online at: <http://www.lcra.org/newsletter/currents/july07/SnakeSafety.pdf>

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.

CIRCLE C SELECT 2010-2011 SWIMTEAM -

We Want You!

The Circle C Select Swim team is a year round program created to develop each swimmer's technique, conditioning, discipline, goal setting, self-esteem and competitiveness while learning the sport of swimming. The year round season will begin July 19th with a two week stroke clinic followed by daily practices beginning August 2nd. The program has applied to be an AISD Off Campus Physical Education Provider. AISD students in 7th grade or higher may apply for a PE waiver for the 2010-2011 school year. To be eligible for the AISD waiver, a swimmer must have registered for the team, paid all applicable fees, and submitted a completed PE waiver to the swim center by August 16th. Contact Brandon Ducote, Aquatics Director, at 288-6057 or aquatics@circlec ranch.info for more information.



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CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Brandon Ducote, Aquatics Director

Welcome to Summer 2010!
Our summer hours began
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Lap Swim - Tuesday through Friday 6am-10am and Saturday 7am-10am.

Lap and Recreational Swim
Tuesday-Friday 10am-9pm
Saturday from 10am-9pm
Sunday from 10am-8pm.

*We look forward to seeing
you at the pool!*

Our Staff

Our Guard of the Month is Nathan Szalwinski. Nathan helped out a great deal this month filling in for other guards as needed and pitching in with swim lessons as well as solving computer issues for us in the office! Nathan is a great example of how our staff not only keeps the facility safe and running smoothly, but is also friendly helpful

to patrons, and willing to put forth the effort to get done what needs to get done. Great job Nathan!

The Front Desk Attendant of the month is Jackson Daly. Jackson is new to the pool this summer and he went to work immediately upon being hired by putting together our new first aid bench. Jackson has been spotted helping out all over the pool deck, to the point of playing a victim for lifeguard training purposes. Behind the front desk, Jackson maintains a calm and friendly demeanor, and has willingly worked late to cover after hours parties. Great Job Jackson!

Facility Use

***** Remember, pool use is contingent upon payment of HOA dues. If you are unsure of whether your dues have been paid, please contact the HOA accountant, Terri Giles, at 451-9901.*****

If you are a new to the neighborhood, we will need you to fill out a Household Pass Form and provide proof of residence. If you are renting, we will also need a letter from your landlord releasing the pool use to your family. We can provide you with these forms at the front desk. If you have college students or other family members in the home who are over the age of 22, we will also need proof of residence for them to process the household pass forms.

Have guests? Each family can have up to four guests at a time, and there is a \$3.00 admission fee for guests. You can also purchase a guest pass that is good for 25 visits for \$40.00. If you are hosting a larger group, we can always book a party and reserve a pavilion for you. Please call us to get our rates for larger groups.

As always, grandparents and grandchildren of residents have free admission to the pool!
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CCHOA News

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Keeping the pool safe

We have put several policies into place to try and optimize pool safety for everyone. In an effort to minimize contamination, there are ten minute breaks at the top of every hour. We hope that this will allow parents to encourage their children to take a restroom break – we know it can be hard to get them to stop playing long enough to get a drink, reapply sunscreen and use the restroom! Hopefully this will make it easier on everyone and prevent bathroom accidents in the pool.

The facility is closed on Mondays to allow for facility maintenance, as well as for hyper-chlorination of the pool. This is another step we are taking to try and prevent water-born illnesses, such as the cryptosporidium outbreaks that were occurring in Austin last year.

Who's At the Pool?

We have numerous groups who are playing or training at the pool this summer.

Water Aerobics are in the recreational area Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10

am, and we have swim lessons going on Tuesday through Friday 9-11:30 and in the afternoons from 4-6:30 pm.

The Circle C Seals summer league will be working out from 8am-11am Tuesday thru Friday and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 5-6:30pm through the end of June.

The Circle C Select Team has a conditioning clinic that runs through June and July from 7am-8am.

T3, a triathlon training group, runs the Adult Coached Swim and uses the facility Wednesday and Fridays 5:45-7:15 am and Wednesday evenings from 6pm-7pm.

Once again, the pool is hosting the Kaleidoscope and Voyager Daycamp programs from the CDC and Kiker Elementary. The kids splash in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:15am-12:30 and from 1:00-2:30 respectively.

Big News

The Circle C HOA board of Directors recently approved the continuation of the Circle C Select USA swim team. The

team had a great inaugural season last year, with enthusiastic parent volunteers and 80 registered swimmers. A new Head Coach to lead the program has been selected and registration for the program will be open to Circle C residents beginning June 28th and non-residents beginning July 12th.

This program will be very beneficial to the Circle C community. This provides a year round competitive team to the youth in our community.

Additionally, the Select Team will generate much needed revenue to off-set the cost of winter heating so that the facility can remain available for lap swimming to our residents year round.

Movie Nights

Another summer activity supported by the HOA are the Summer Movie Nights. July 10th the swim center will be showing the family flick Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, so grab your suits and floats and be sure to join us around dusk (9pm) for an evening of laughter and fun in the water!

Oak Hill United Methodist Church announces



Music & Drama (MAD) Camp

MAD Camp is for children and youth just finishing first through eighth grades and will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 5-9 and July 12-16 (it is a two week camp). Cost is \$35/person or \$55/2 or more in same family.

This year's show is "Schoolhouse Rock" and promises to be lots of fun!

Registration forms are available in the church office, the narthex, or can be downloaded from the church website. Please register by July 1.

Cub Camp

Cub Camp is a half-day activity camp for children 3 years old through those just finishing Kindergarten, and will be held August 2 - 6, 9 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$35/child or \$55/2 or more in same family. Space is limited and it is already filling up, so get your registrations in today!

Information and registration forms are available in the church office, the narthex, or can be downloaded from the church website.



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Oak Hill United Methodist Church is located on Hwy. 290, just west of the Hwy. 290/Hwy. 71 split ("the Y") in Oak Hill. We are directly across from the ACC Pinnacle Building. Visit our website at www.oakhillumc.org or call 288-3836 for more information.

Architectural Control Committee Update

Artificial Turf

Some of you may have received flyers on your front doors advertising synthetic turf with the phrase "Approved and Used by the Circle C Homeowners Association." We wanted to clarify to residents exactly what uses are and have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

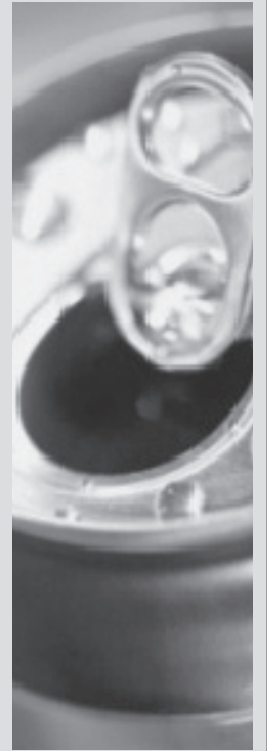
The ACC reviewed a synthetic turf product and approved it only for use in back yards. Some residents have installed putting greens or small soccer areas in their back yards using this product. Synthetic turf or artificial turf is not approved for any front yard use. If any owner installs this product in the front yard, they would be subject to the deed restriction procedure. If you have any questions about this product for use in your back yard only, please contact Susan Hoover at shoover@onr.com.

The ACC also approved a small amount of the product to be used at the Circle C Swim Center in a high use area that had drainage challenges. This area was not able to sustain the heavy traffic and use of tables without creating a lot of mud. The turf was approved in a limited way for this purpose. *The Circle C Homeowners Association does not endorse any vendor with regard to this product.*

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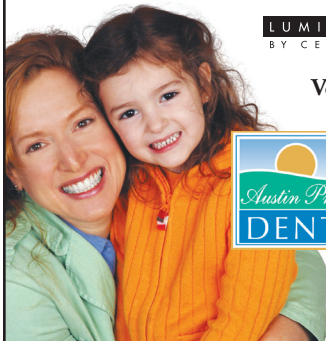
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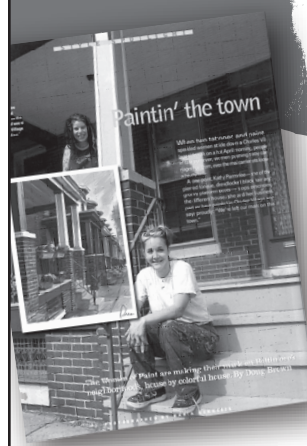
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Submitted by Susan Hoover

Trees, trees, trees. This time of year it is particularly important that we give our trees a little extra attention, particularly if the summer pans out to be our typical very hot and dry weather.

If you live in a new home location, your young trees need a regular watering schedule that allows a deep soaking with a drying period in between. You don't want to drown a tree, so be as carefully about overwatering as you are about watering. In general, most young trees benefit from about 30 minutes of soaking with a hose two times per week during the hottest weather. You can put your hand down about six inches into the soil and determine when the soil is becoming dry. If it is dry and cracking, that is too dry. If it is wet and soggy, your tree doesn't need any extra water. Also, it is good to leave the shade trees be for the first year and complete a juvenile prune to establish good leader branches after about a year.



Older, established trees will also benefit from extra water when we get into those drought conditions of July, August and September.

The Circle C Homeowners Association takes great care in protecting, caring for and renewing the tree habitat of Circle C. There are over 2000 shade trees on the property. The tree care plan for Circle C specifies caring for these trees by health pruning,

documenting and treating disease, re-vegetating the urban forest with diversified trees. Prior to any commons areas being accepted by the CCHOA for landscape maintenance, the builder/developer must plant the area to comply with the specifications of the Association. This includes a certain number of both shade and ornamental trees. Homeowners can look forward to the last area along Spruce Canyon in front of the new KB Home lots to being landscaped in this manner.

Since Circle C is within the City of Austin, both homeowners and the Association commons areas fall under the tree regulations of the City. The city ordinance designates all trees that are 19 inches caliper (60 inches circumference, measured four feet up the trunk) as protected trees. Everyone living within the City is required to have a permit to remove any tree of this size, no matter what species, even if the tree is dead. The only exception to this regulation is if the tree is in imminent danger of harming people or property. Homeowners can find extensive information regarding the City regulations on the City website at www.ci.austin.tx.us, under the Development tab, Tree Protection. There is also a lot of helpful information regarding trees in this section.

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Circle C Landscape Update I- (Continued from Page 10)

Over the past few years the CCHOA has had trees pruned in the following areas: Escarpment, LaCrosse from Mopac to Escarpment, Wildflower Park, Circle C North and selected protected trees throughout. Oak Wilt treatment has been implemented in Circle C North, Wildflower Park, Escarpment and South Bay for trees that are located near oak wilt centers. In the fall, the CCHOA will be adding trees to the median on Escarpment just north of LaCrosse where the Bradford Pear trees were removed earlier this year. Other improvements include running bubblers to trees that are affected by the extreme heat and drought, and replacing trees that have been hit by traffic or declined in other ways.

For your personal trees, we encourage you to call a certified arborist for pruning large trees or diagnosing disease, and make sure that if you are thinking of removing a tree, you obtain the proper permit from the City of Austin. Each home in Circle C is required to have two shade trees unless you are in an area such as Park West, which requires only one. If you remove a tree from the front yard, please fill out a submission form for the Architectural Control Committee and email it in and they will check and let you know if you need to plant an additional tree as a replacement.

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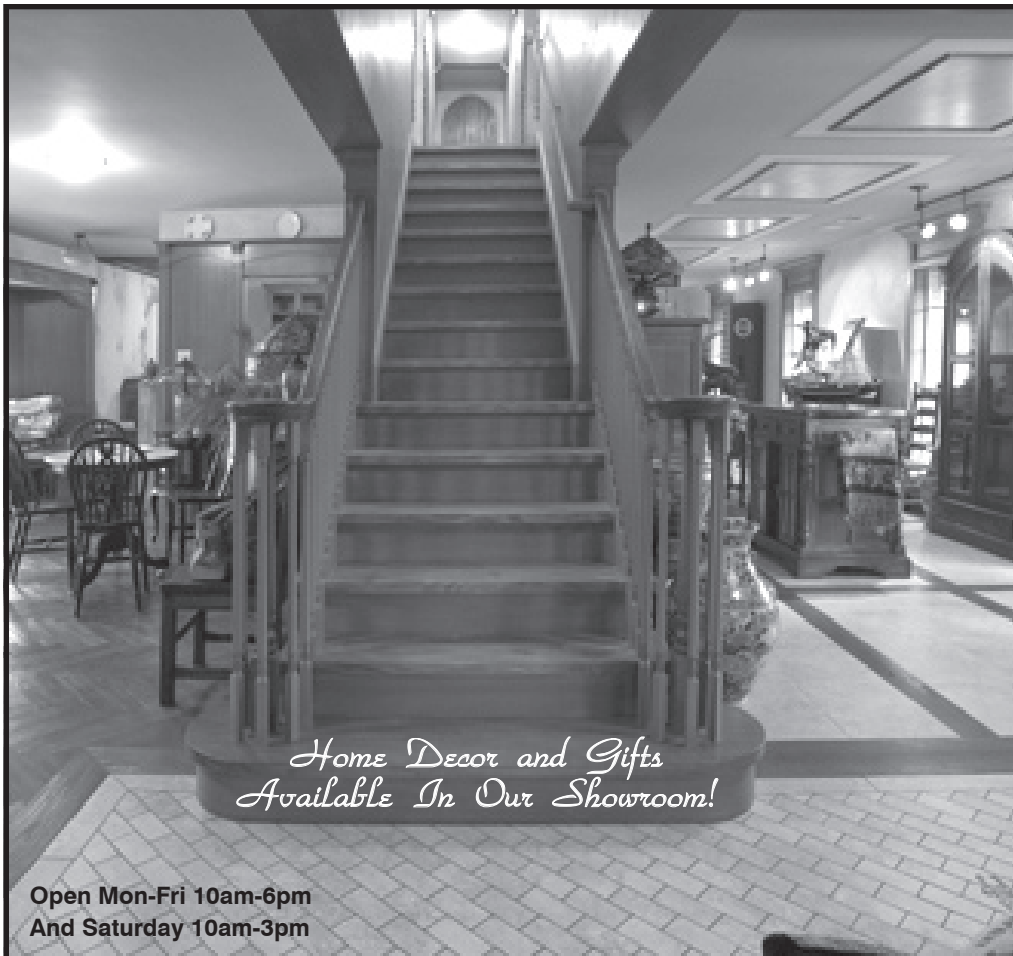
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2ND ANNUAL BBQ COOK-OFF

A BIG Success!!

The CCHOA hosted the 2nd annual BBQ Cook-Off and Family Festival on June 5th and over 700 residents attended. We would like to THANK the Special Events Committee (Walter Reinhardt, Linda Graf, Daphne Bamburg, Terri Savage, Michelle Moran and Billy Howe), resident volunteer Ross Harrison, HOA Staff Lucy Jefferson, Gale Foster and Robert Bardeleben and all of our BBQ teams.

A special THANK YOU to the Circle C CDC and staff for helping with this event – we wouldn't be able to conduct any of our special events without their help!

We had over 14 BBQ teams participate this year and here is a list of the winners:


- Grand Champion: Smokey & the Bandits (Captain: John Santos)
- Brisket 1st Place: Butt-Heads BBQ (Captain: Ed Moran)
- Brisket 2nd Place: Smokey and the Bandits (Captain: John Santos), Meet Me in St. Louis (Captain: Topher Stapleton) and Enclave Rednecks (Captain: Hank Foradory)
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- Chicken 2nd Place: Roughriders (Captain: Dean Law)
- Chicken 3rd Place: Smokey and the Bandits (Captain: John Santos)
- Pulled Pork 1st Place: Billy's Crew (Captain Billy Howe)
- Pulled Pork 2nd Place: Butt-Heads BBQ (Captain: Ed Moran)
- Pulled Pork 3rd Place: The Smoke Monsters (Captain: Calvin Watson)
- Beans 1st Place: Smoke Monsters (Captain: Calvin Watson)
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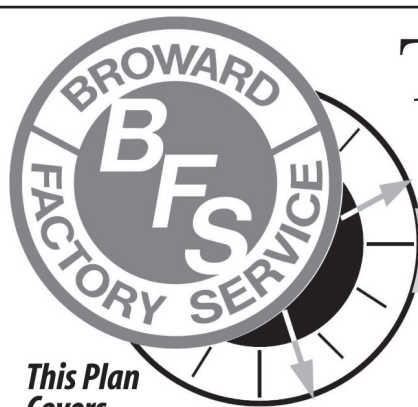
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Are basketball goals allowed in Circle C?

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

Are cars allowed to be parked on the street?

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

What should I do about barking dogs and stray animals?

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

How do I report a street light outage?

Every light pole has an assigned number mounted on the pole. Jot down that number and call the City of Austin 311 non-emergency number to make the report.

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

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

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What are the rules on maintenance?

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

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

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

All improvements such as decks, patio covers, pools, change in fencing or any other permanent structure must be submitted to the

Architectural Control Committee. You may download an application form as well as a fee schedule on our website at www.circlecranch.info under the "ACC" quick link section.

What do I need to visit the Swim Center?

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

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

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

What do new Texas residents need to know?

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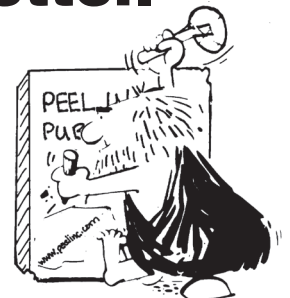
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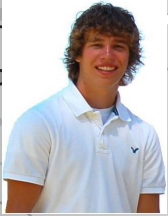
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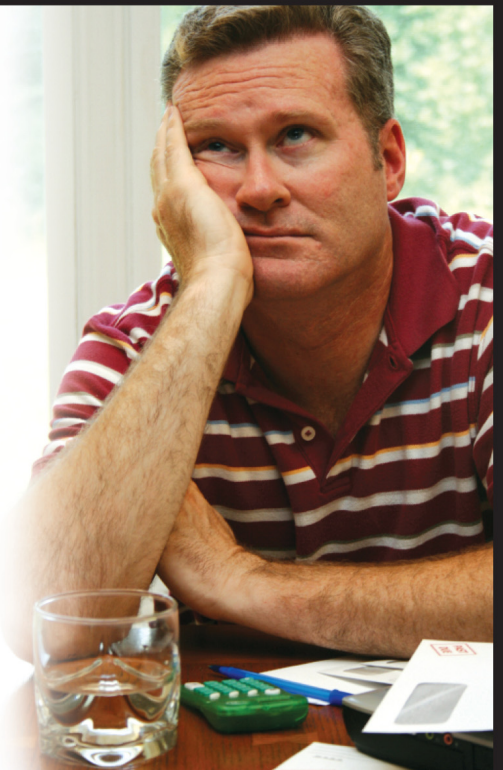
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Time: 11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon

Date: July 21, 2010

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Location: Green Pastures Restaurant
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Luncheon Cost: \$20 per person

For Luncheon Reservations email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com or contact Marilyn Amey, 473-0118

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July Program: Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas

Chief Justice Jefferson was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas in March 2001, elected in November 2002 and on September 14, 2004, he was appointed Chief Justice. His appointment as Chief Justice was confirmed unanimously by the Texas Senate on March

9, 2005. He was elected Chief Justice in 2006, and reelected to a full term in 2008. His term ends December 31, 2014.

Chief Justice Jefferson joined the court from private practice in San Antonio. As a partner in the appellate specialty firm of Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson, he successfully argued two cases before the United States Supreme Court. He is a graduate of the James Madison College at Michigan State University and the University of Texas School of Law.

He is certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He was San Antonio Bar Association President for 1998-99, and was named the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1997.

In August, 2008, Chief Justice Jefferson was elected First Vice President of the Conference of Chief Justices, and is scheduled to lead the organization as its President in 2010. The Conference is an association of chief justices from each of the fifty states and the U.S. territories. As President, Chief Justice Jefferson will be Chair of the National Center for State Courts, a policy and resource organization in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Chief Justice Jefferson has a fascinating personal story to share with us including his ascendancy to the top judicial office in Texas and how that branch of government works.

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Nature Nights - 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in July

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Kissed by Nature: Flora, Fauna and Fossils from the Edwards Plateau - Through August 22

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CIRCLE C TENNIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Fernando Velasco. General Manager and Director of Tennis of Circle C Tennis Club



Circle C Tennis Players Receive MVP Awards

Circle C Tennis Club Players received the Most Valuable Players awards during the Capital Area Tennis Association Annual Banquet. Shown in picture are Kaylen Combs, Coach Danny Rodriguez and Ryker Heller. Kaylen also received the 2009 CATA Junior Tour Winner for the Girls' 12 and under division

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Summer time is a fun time to play tennis. Unfortunately, it is also season when tennis players can get dehydrated quickly and get injured. Avoid Heat Stress by:

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- Drink 18-20 oz of fluid two or three hours before your match, then again another 8-10 oz ten to twenty minutes before match.
- During play, drink 8-10 oz every ten to twenty minutes (during changeovers.)
- If you have heat cramps, stretch the muscle, and take rehydration drinks with glucose and electrolytes.
- If you feel light-headed and think you might faint, lower your head or lay down on your back with your feet up. It would be a good idea to stop playing and to sit down in a cool area.

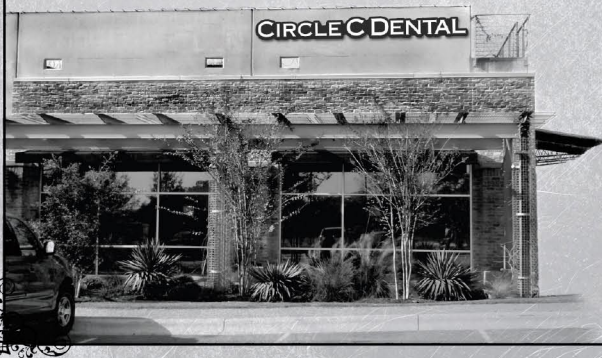
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Beverly is a native of Chicago, Illinois. She attended school there and her education progressed through nurses training at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. She graduated in 1959 and took her first big steps in a circuitous route to a job at Valley Receiving Hospital in

Van Nuys, California. Dolph was actually born in Hollywood and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. There were years of education at UCLA and USC Medical School and then an internship and surgical residency at Los Angeles County USC General Hospital. Dolph took advantage of a 5-day vacation between internship and residency to take the last big step of a romance which had begun 2 years earlier. They were married. Beverly claims she had to make the first step. They were both working at Valley Receiving Hospital; she was a nurse and Dolph was a lab tech. Her version of their early romance is that the brilliant young doctor was not bright enough to be aware of her obvious charm and beauty. She had to ask him for their first date – a coffee date.

This fortuitous meeting of two people from the Midwest and west coast areas of the United States has resulted in a long, happy marriage. They celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary this past June. Four lovely daughters arrived along their journey. Two were born in the 5 years of Dolph's residency while Beverly worked as a nurse. A third daughter was born when Dolph established his surgical practice in Thousand Oaks, California. Eighteen months into his career, Dolph was drafted during the height of the Vietnam War. He was able to delay the start of his actual service for a few

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months waiting for the arrival of the third daughter.

Military service was 2 and 1/2 years on Okinawa where he was chief of General Surgery. During the Tet offensive, the Army hospital received approximately 150 air evacs a week.

During Dolph's tour of duty, Beverly served as president of the Medical Wives Club. She developed her artistic talent and received a teaching certificate in the Sogetsu method of Japanese flower arranging. She also studied Chinese cooking and became an expert. Their fourth baby girl arrived during this military tour on the island.

During this time, one of their almost life-long adventures began. Beverly gave Dolph a birthday present - a motorcycle. He has been riding ever since, with Beverly as a frequent passenger. Together, they have logged tens of thousands of miles in the US, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. Within

the last 5 years, they have enjoyed taking pictures from their two-wheeled vehicle on many trips primarily to the western states. Recently, their trips have been pulling a travel trailer to allow them to carry their camera equipment.

After military service, the young family returned to Dolph's private medical practice in Thousand Oaks. Dolph's primary hospital was Los Robles Regional Medical Center where he was elected Chief of Staff and

served on the board of trustees. Beverly was active in PTA and coached soccer, among many other activities. The family enjoyed annual snow ski trips as well as family backpacking trips and deep sea fishing. They continued family motorcycling adventures by riding dirt bikes in the California desert. Dolph became interested in ham radio and radio controlled model aircraft. His garage at 6533 Tasajillo Trail is a display area of tools and outstanding model planes, which he often takes on flights with the Hill Country Aero Modelers of Austin.

Retirement was not to be settling down with a home in a neighborhood. Their daughters were well educated. One daughter is an orthopedic pediatric surgeon; another has C.P.A certification. The remaining daughters are an English Literature teacher and one who has enjoyed training earned in a variety of fields which include horse

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trainer. After 30 years of surgical practice, it was time to retire. They sold their house, bought a boat and ran away to the sea. They named their 48-foot trawler, "The Right Whale", so named because it was big, slow and friendly. The shakedown cruise was from Portland, Oregon, up the inside passage to Glacier Bay. Dolph was the captain and Beverly, the admiral. The two of them were the sole crew of this quite large boat. The next excursion was with friends who had a 49-foot Victory Tug. The two couples boated down the coast of Central America and through the Panama Canal. The trip back up the east coast of Central America included touring through many islands on their way to Florida. This state was their base for the next several years with winters spent on the boat in the Bahama Islands. They returned to life on shore when "The Right Whale" was destroyed by Hurricane Francis in 2004.

The McCranies' decision to become Austinites was influenced by one of their daughters who lives in Austin. Christina and four of their 13 grandchildren live in Circle C Ranch. The other three daughters live in California with the other nine grandchildren. Frequent trips to see the California families keep them busy. The grandchildren are often the subject of photographs, a hobby which has become a major interest for the McCranies.

They are currently members of the Austin Shutterbug Camera Club. The club has bimonthly competitions where both often score highly. They enjoy educational trips with the club as well as journeys to many locations for photography on their own. Their home is a showcase for their photography with many of their framed images adorning the walls. Life is busy for our neighbors here in Park West as they continue to enjoy their journey with large steps.

Updating Interest Groups

The residents of our HOA are busy people and often take advantage of the summer months to enjoy travel and a variety of activities. For this reason, three of the active interest groups will not meet in July and August. Watch the August issue for information on the Wine, Book Discussion, and Travel Groups to resume in September. I encourage each of you to avail yourself of these opportunities to get to know your neighbors.

Until Next Time ...

My name is Glynda Eschle. I have volunteered to edit the Park West HOA portion of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter. I welcome any constructive suggestions or information you would like to submit. I can be contacted at 6542 Tasajillo Trail; by phone at 288-1503; or by email glynda.eschle@sbcglobal.net

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School News

BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Salutes the Boy Scouts of America

Submitted by Curtis Osterloh



On Sunday, May 30th, Joel Sexton, of Troop 403, completed his Eagle Scout Work Project for the Bowie High School Orchestra. With outstanding dedication in giving back to the South Austin community, Joel built and installed 12 trophy and plaque shelves for the Orchestra Room. In addition to setting up a bass rack, he also completed a musical database library of 801 pieces of music. His time

totaled 660 hours of hard work donated from Joel, family members, volunteers and members of Troop 403. Thirty seven people helped in the work project. Joel truly exemplified good leadership, commitment and great character in finishing this time intensive project. Dr. Giovanna Cruz, Bowie High School Orchestra Director, and Bowie High School thank Joel for his accomplishments.

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