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Circle C HOA New Pool Project Update

The Community Center and New Pool project is currently out to bid and we anticipate a late fall or early new year construction start date. We are in communication with the site's neighbors, Clayton and surrounding homes, to discuss the particulars of construction. If anyone has a concern or question regarding this project, please contact the HOA at 288.8663 or info@circlecranch.info. We will continue to provide updates via the website and newsletter as the project progresses. Currently, you can find a copy of the site plan, building plan and pool plan on the HOA website at: www.circlecranch.info

Monthly Board Meetings

The CCHOA Board of Directors meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Circle C Child Development Center. There is a Homeowners Forum at the start of each meeting which residents can sign up for by calling 288.8663 – the forum is meant as a time and place that residents can bring their concerns to the Board. Meetings are open to residents and minutes of each board meeting are posted on the HOA website under the Resource Tab.

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Calendars!

Circle C Holiday Events!

Circle C Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 4th, 10am to 12:30pm at the Circle C Child Development Center. See flyer insert for more information.

Circle C Holiday Lighting Contest

This year's holiday lighting contest will be held December 17-19th. In order for a home to be included, the address MUST be submitted to our office no later than midnight, December 13, 2010.

Interested in judging? This can be a fun activity for the family, friends or neighbors. Send us an email if you would like to volunteer at info@circlecranch.info

HOA Holiday Closures

Swim Center

November 25-26
December 24-25
December 31-Jan 1

HOA Office

November 25-26
December 22-24
Jan 1



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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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Calendar of Events

November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylights Savings Time Ends	8	9	10 Newsletter Article Deadline	11	12 Nature Nights at Wildflower Center	13
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Hey Circle C Ranch! What a difference a month makes! In August, the home sales were slowing down when usually they speed up to have everyone closed by school. It has been a different year altogether. Now, with school already started, the buyers are coming out in droves to our open houses and listings. We have had as many as 35 buyers through one of our open houses and 24 in another. The buyers are seeing that interest rates are incredibly low and listings are not coming on at the rapid pace in which they did all Spring and Summer. Buyers don't know how long the rates will stay low, so they are starting to put contracts on houses quickly as the supply goes down. Many sellers don't know this, but the Fall is like a "second" Spring with the buyers wanting to close by the holidays, so Grandma and Grandpa can come see the new baby over Christmas. There are many other reasons the Squires Team lists many homes this time of year and John would be happy to meet with you to discuss your housing needs as we approach 2011. Just a quick call to John's "Sell Phone" at (512) 970-1970 to make an easy appointment. Thanks! Below is the recent activity of John Squires and The Squires Team. The Texas Association of Realtors will not allow us to put prices on newsletters, but call John and he will inform you of all pricing and property features of any listing. (512) 970-1970. Thanks again!



John Squires and The Squires Team is the #1 agent/real estate sales team in Circle C Ranch, with over 350 homes "**SOLD!**" in C.C.R. #10 out of Austin's "Top 50" teams and 9,000 other agents in central Texas. #2 team in Keller Williams SW market center for 2009. Austinite since 1963.



6421 Aden Lane

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11004 Pairnoy Lane

Contract Pending!

John's buyer-pending in 2 days! Brazilian Koa wood floors, salt water pool/ hot tub, outdoor fireplace, on cul-de-sac, backing to greenbelt!



10728 Galsworthy Lane

JUST LISTED!

Soaring ceilings, hand-hewn wood floors, Italian glass, wall-o-windows looking over pool, hot-tub and private greenbelt!



6824 Beatty Drive

Contract Pending!

John's listing—perfect for first-timer or young couple. Positive cash flow, quiet, secluded street, best value in Circle C Ranch.



6609 Orchard Hill

JUST LISTED!

Country French brick Streetman on cul-de-sac w/private treed, back yard. Silestone, upgraded, covd. Patio w/hot tub. Oasis!



11200 South Bay Lane

Contract Pending!

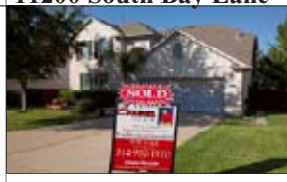
John's listing-under contract in one day with multiple offers! Wood floors, private lot w/tons of trees. Super-clean, upgraded hardware!



6304 Tasajillo Trail

JUST LISTED!

Upgraded to hilt! Granite, DCS stainless commercial appliances, lighting, hardware, 10 mile views, greenbelt, HUGE master and more!



5932 Gorham Glen

"SOLD!!"

5 bed 4 full bath backing to perm. greenbelt. Wood floors, soaring ceilings, double-deck w/outdoor living. Fish pond, palm trees, loaded!



5912 Gorham Glen

JUST LISTED!

Gorgeous wood floors, Silestone kitchen, soaring ceilings, wall-o-windows looking over greenbelt w/ private double-deck!



Milo says, "My dad also offers move-up and move-down programs for empty nesters and growing families!" Woof!



The Squires Team are proud participants in Partners In Education!

DEED RESTRICTION Tip of the Month

The CCHOA staff is currently reviewing about three sections of the neighborhood per month (there are a total of 18 sections) in an effort to remind owners of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "deed restrictions") that each owner agreed to when purchasing their home in Circle C. If you would like to report a deed restriction violation, you can do so via the website under the "Resident Services" tab – under Management Office and Forms.

This month we would like to ask that everyone take a close look at your outdoor screens. If they are frayed, bent, or mottled, it may be time to change them out. This is an easy do-it-yourself maintenance item that can make a dramatic difference in the appearance of your home.

It is also the time of year that many homeowners put up holiday decorations and lights. Please remember that decorations must be removed no later than January 15th. A good rule of thumb is to not turn on any lights until Thanksgiving.

Want the latest HOA news?

Do you want to hear about the latest happenings in Circle C from events to lost pets? Then sign up for HOA email announcements by logging onto the HOA website at www.circlecranch.info and opt in!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY Get Connected!

Many of you might have received some of our recent safety alerts via email (if you haven't, you can sign up for Circle C Email Announcements by logging onto www.circlecranch.info) and we wanted to bring you more ways to effectively communicate and stay in touch with safety topics in our neighborhood.

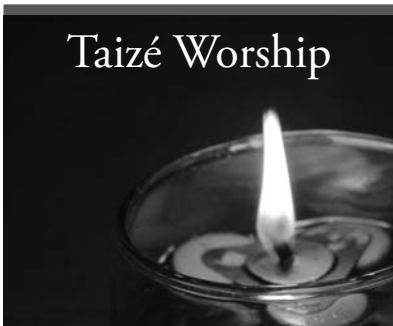
- The City of Austin conducts monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month called "Train the Trainer" where residents can learn more about how to set up a Neighborhood Watch Program in their section of the neighborhood. There will be no meetings November, December and January, but we'll have detailed meeting information in the February 2011 newsletter.
- The City also recommends that residents sign up for Citizen Observer (log onto: www.citizenobserver.com) which allows the Austin Police Department to instantly update you about crimes, emergencies and other important information.
- You can check out crime in your area by visiting the City of Austin's webpage: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS/crimeviewer/CrimeReportSearch.html>. Click on Geographic Location Search and then choose your neighborhood (Circle C Homeowners Association is the official listing). Then you can choose your date range and a list of all crimes within Circle C will pop up.

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- The sanctuary is lit by candles and it is beautiful.
- The experience is soothing and you leave stress-free.
- The scriptures are thought-provoking and the silence gives you time to contemplate the message God has for you and you alone.
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Please – No Dumping!

One of the many beautiful aspects of living in Circle C is all the green space that surrounds our neighborhood. Many of you are fortunate to back up to green space that may be water quality land or detention area or open lot. We need your help in keeping these areas clean and free of debris. Under no circumstances should anyone dump or store debris or items in any of these areas. It may seem harmless to dump your clippings or branches, but by doing so you are altering these naturalized areas and in some cases increasing the risk for fire. Lawn clippings and tree and shrub trimmings can be placed in brown refuse bags available at Home Depot or Lowes and placed at the curb on trash day. If you back up to a green space, this is not an extension of your backyard. Please do not store firewood, wheelbarrows, ladders, etc. We have walked many of these areas recently and many residents are storing personal items outside of their fence and lot. As we maintain or walk these areas, these items may be picked up and thrown out so now is the time to remove them.

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection

Did you know that the tabs pulled from aluminum cans can bring in anywhere from \$.50 to \$1.00 per pound! The HOA is continuing 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/> Thank you to resident Bob Hendee for volunteering his time to this effort. And thank you to everyone who is bringing in the tabs!



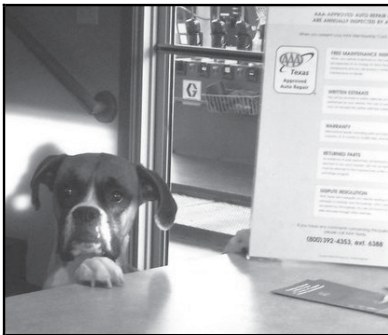
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Circle C Landscape

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This fall has been a great time for finishing up the capital landscape improvements approved by the Circle C HOA Board of Directors for 2010. The projects included a renovation at SH 45 and Spruce Canyon to solve some re-irrigation and drainage issues, installing grass at some of the corners along Spruce Canyon and LaCrosse to enhance visibility, installing rockwork at some remote locations to improve the look of natural non-irrigated areas that are visible in the



neighborhoods, and general bed upgrades to some of the post office areas, Muirfield, and Circle C North. We are also looking forward to two locations being finished out by the landowners and turned over to the CCHOA for maintenance—one along Via Grande in Alta Mira and one along Spruce Canyon in front of Fairway Estates Two.

We also planted out the median north of LaCrosse on Escarpment, the previous home of the Bradford Pear Trees that were removed last spring. As you may recall, they were at the end of their life and had begun losing numerous branches and uprooting in this high traffic area. In their place, we have installed a number of diversified shade trees including Monterrey Oak, Shumard Oak, Lacebark Elm and Live oak in the median and on the west side. These are complimented by red and white crepe myrtles at either end of the median, and some understory trees including possumhaw holly, Mexican plum, Texas redbud and tree yaupon holly. This should provide various pockets of year round color, with early spring blooming trees (Mexican Plum and Texas Redbud), summer staples (red and white crepe myrtles), fall color (Shumard Oaks), and red winter berries on the possumhaw and tree yaupon

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hollies. All shade trees will be staked for one year, after which they will receive a one year prune to establish appropriate growing patterns. All trees are irrigated with bubblers and mulched around the tree wells.

For maintenance this time of year, we will be finishing up a turf and bed fertilization with a pre-emergent weed killer. We have cut back the irrigation to one time per week as the fall has been a little on the dry side. We will also be trimming, weeding and mulch turning throughout along with starting one of the bigger projects of the year—HOLIDAY LIGHTING!! Per the Circle C tradition, you can look for those lights to be on November 24, the day before Thanksgiving!

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN HOOVER

CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER NEWS



For those of you new to Circle C, we have a year-round heated swimming pool so don't let the cooler temperatures stop you from getting a work-out in!

WINTER HOURS

Effective October 17, 2010 – March
12, 2011

LAP SWIM

Monday-Friday
6:00-10:00 a.m. and 3:30-7:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Sunday – Closed

HOLIDAY - ADJUSTED HOURS

Nov. 22-23 - 3:30-7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24 & 27 - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dec. 20-23 - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dec. 27-30 - 8:00-11:00 a.m.

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Circle C HOA Town Hall – September 16, 2010 New Community Center and Pool Q&A

TOPIC: COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING

Q: Have you considered using the community center as a gym?

Now that the design has been completed, we will focus on the programming for the community center building and what activities and programs will be planned. There are no current plans to purchase gym equipment, but there may be an opportunity for fitness type classes.

Q: If there can be over 400 people at the facility, why are there only 80 parking spaces?

Q: What is the city code requirement for parking spaces?

See the website (www.circlecranch.info) for City of Austin Parking requirements.

Q: Will there be a charge for building use?

Yes, there will be a charge for building use, we are just beginning to focus on the programming for the building including what fees may be applicable. We will share this information once we have come up with a plan.

Q: Why do we need a community center when we lack the funds and have two schools, one right next door?

Q: Why do we need all the building space?

The HOA conducted several surveys over the past 5 years that indicated a resident need/want for indoor community gathering space. All HOA boards that were involved carefully weighed the pros and cons of developing a pool and a community center. Including the building was determined to be in the best interest of the community overall especially given the outcome of the West Pool Committee's work as well as the surveys. The community center building will serve as a central identifiable location for the HOA offices, provide meeting rooms for the HOA board and committees and serve as a rentable space for residents for private functions. The HOA will also utilize this space for special events for the community.

Q: Is there enough restrooms to handle the capacity?

Restroom fixture quantities are determined by code requirements for City of Austin for this type of building occupancy, which is Assembly and this project meets those code requirements.

Q: Will there be a cafeteria or concession area like in the current pool?

Q: Why is there no café?

Q: Why is there no kitchen or café?

Q: Will there be a café/store for kids to buy a drink and snack?

Q: Who will operate the concession window?

Q: Will outside food and drink be permitted?

Q: Can you clarify whether food can be sold at the pool?

The HOA considered various options for food service when designing the Community Center and pool space. Cost was a major factor in deciding not to include a full commercial kitchen. In addition, the CCHOA decided that they would rather not be in the role of landlord over this space and instead allow more flexibility in the provision of food. Rather, there will be a catering kitchen available to residents who rent out the building space and concessions will be sold from this area for pool patrons. We are just beginning to focus on the programming for the project and will be determining the rules for the building and pool including whether outside food or drink will be allowed.

Q: What activities are available for older children?

Q: Where are the areas for the many pre-teens and teens around Circle C?

Q: What space is available to serve young teens?

Q: Are there any activities for children older than 10?

Activities for older children will include a large slide, pool volleyball and basketball, wi-fi, lay out areas on deck and lawn

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and possibly future programming that has not yet been identified. In addition, the current pool facility programming will continue.

Q: What activities are planned for the months of October through April?

We are just beginning to plan the programming for the community center building and will consider various activities for different age groups.

Q: What is the deepest area of the pool?

5' in the adult area and 4 feet in the volleyball middle section

Q: Have you considered a diving board and deep area?

Yes, we did consider. However, space and additional insurance cost factored in to the decision to ultimately not include in the project.

Q: Why is the pool size so small?

Q: How did we determine that the size of the pool was sufficient for our needs?

The size was a function of tree preservation, pool construction costs, and an understanding that the size is larger than what people realize. It is approximately 100' in both directions of the longest axis. We have posted an image on the website that shows the new pool layout drawn over the existing pool layout in order to give everyone a sense of size.

Q: Does the slide make the pool become a "waterpark" thus more insurance cost?

The slide and site in general will add to our current insurance costs.

Q: Why is there only one slide if capacity is 300 people?

Cost, space and tree preservation were all factors in deciding on the number and type of slide. Future boards may decide to add additional features as budget permits.

Q: Will the pool be open in summer 2011?

The goal is to complete construction in late summer/early fall of 2011.

Q: Are there trees located inside the pool fence?

Yes, the goal was to preserve as many trees on the site as possible and we believe we have achieved that goal.

Q: What is the ground color of deck?

A muted earth tone.

Q: Will there need to be a lifeguard stationed at the base of the slide to prevent collisions, thus more cost?

Yes.

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Q: Where will the noisy pool pumps be located in relation to the building?

The pool equipment will be housed in the pool mechanical building (noted on the site plan as "MECH". The pump motors do make some noise, but they are not large, and are in a semi enclosure and should not even be heard in the pool area, much less the nearest home owner.

Q: Will the trash and mechanical be hidden since they face the trails and parkland?

Yes, City of Austin code requires these items to be screened.

Q: Where will the retention ponds be located and will they be fenced off with ugly chain link fence?

Q: Where will the run off sprinklers be located and can they be located farther away from the homes on Doswell Lane?

The ponds are in the far NE corner of the site, the sprinklers are positioned to spray and runoff (if any) back toward the pond and away from the neighbors. We have not yet identified the fencing for the pond, but it will have to meet City of Austin code.

Q: Are there contingency plans to help save the Live Oak trees?

Our team committed a lot of time to reviewing the trees in detail. Much of the site planning and positioning of elements happened ON SITE so as to protect as many trees as was reasonably possible.

Q: Will there be more trees/shrubs planted to help hide the noise and sight of the parking lot from the homes on Doswell Lane?

Trees/shrubs will be planted to help provide adequate screening throughout the project. Consideration for homes will be made as needed during the project. The project is situated on the property so as to reduce the likelihood of any substantive impact on the homes on Doswell Lane.

Q: What kind of outdoor lighting will be used? How bright? Where will they be located?

Q: Will the lights be on all night?

We have not yet determined the location of all outdoor lighting, but will certainly take into account all surrounding neighbors as well as the need for property and personnel security.

Q: Has a traffic study been done?

Q: Has a vehicle trip analysis been done?

A TIA (traffic impact analysis) was done for all of the Circle C West area in 2000 with development agreement and zoning for the entire area west of La Crosse. This included the traffic impact for a planned elementary school site (now Clayton Elementary) and a planned community recreational site (Community Center and Pool Site) along with all of the residential off La Crosse West and

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Spruce Canyon. This information was used by our designers in the development of the project.

Q: What is the parking capacity and how will it affect the already congested La Crosse/Clayton parking problem and traffic flow?

The parking was determined by both City of Austin code requirements and the direction of the CCHOA board.

Q: What is the distance in feet from the curb of Spruce Canyon to the beginning of the parking lot?

About 60'

Q: Can cars turn around in drop off?

Yes

Q: Will the position of the parking lot create a cut-through for traffic in the morning and evening for Clayton traffic?

The driveway as it has been designed does not allow for traffic to cut through.

Q: What is the location of future construction such as bb court, playscape, etc.?

Q: Will there be a playscape?

Q: Will there be a full bb court?

Future construction that future boards may consider include a connecting drive, basketball sport court, playscape and another building.

Q: Are there several bike racks planned?

16 spaces; these are easily added if more are necessary.

Q: What is the projected cost of the pool? Of the community center?

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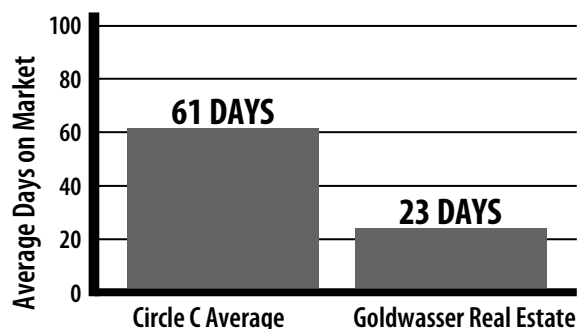
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Park West HOA News (Specifically for Park West Residents)

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the time this column was submitted for publication, six homeowners had volunteered to fill three open Board positions until the February annual meeting. Selections will be made after interviews are completed and announced before or during the regular Board meeting scheduled for October 19. By the time you read this issue of the newsletter, the names of the three directors will be posted on the Park West website and the mail center bulletin boards.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES ON PARK WEST STREETS...

(A reprint from August 2009...and still topical)

Thanks go to Fran Greve, a member of the PWHOA Bylaws and Rules Committee, who gathered the following information while doing research about parking on our neighborhood streets and put it in writing for this column:

The firefighters from Station 43, our local station on Escarpment, made a community service call to Park West on Monday, June 29, 2009, and drove through the neighborhood in one of the fire trucks used to respond to emergencies. The purpose of the visit was to assess maneuverability for fire trucks and EMS equipment on Park West streets in the event they have to make a first responders call in our

neighborhood. Lt. Josh Anderson and his fellow firefighters drove the neighborhood and made some suggestions for maintaining our streets to ensure that the first responders (fire and EMS) have quick access in case of an emergency. They expressed concerns about negotiating the curve on Tasajillo Trail in the approximate area of houses numbered 6408 - 6425 and 6501 - 6526 if there were cars parked on the street. This area would be impassable if both sides were blocked. They also doubted they could make the turns directly out of our three cul-de-sacs if there were cars parked close to the intersection or directly across from the cul-de-sac street. (Note: A City of Austin ordinance mandates parking no closer than 20 feet from an intersection.) It may require several attempts at backing/going forward/backing again to turn. The roundabout, at the bottom of the east side of Park West, is a similar situation; however, it is illegal to park in a roundabout. The fire trucks stationed on Escarpment are pump trucks. Pump trucks can range from 24 - 28 feet long, while ladder trucks can be between 35 - 50 feet in length. This makes it very difficult to maneuver in a small area. Equipment ranges from 7 feet to 10.5 feet wide. Since our streets are approximately 25 feet

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wide, if cars are parked on both sides of the street, the fire trucks and EMS equipment may not be able to pass. The following are a few suggestions for keeping our neighborhood streets safe:

- Park your car on the driveway or in the garage to lessen the obstructions emergency vehicles face in order to negotiate our streets.
- Whenever possible, don't park opposite another car on the street. Have guests space their parking so that there is adequate room for emergency vehicles to pass.
- Park at least 20 feet away from an intersection - it's the law.
- Allow 15 feet on each side of a fire hydrant, whether or not the curb is painted. (Park West does not have painted curbs alerting us to the location of a fire hydrant.)
- Remember that emergency vehicles require a much larger turning radius than any car we drive. Park cars to allow for easy and quick egress from the cul-de-sacs.
- Do not park in the roundabout.
- Be particularly aware if parking on the curve on west Tasajillo Trail since this presents a hazard for both visibility and maneuverability.

We are fortunate that we have a fire/EMS station in the Circle C Ranch community. By following some guidelines and a few laws regarding parking, we help the firefighters and EMS responders do

their jobs in addition to making Park West safe for all our residents. Many thanks to the firefighters who made this community service call and to all emergency personnel for their dedication to our safety.

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

In the October issue, an in-depth article about lot 103, Park West's watershed-protected common area, was projected for this issue. Due to time constraints, we have rescheduled the article for the December issue.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

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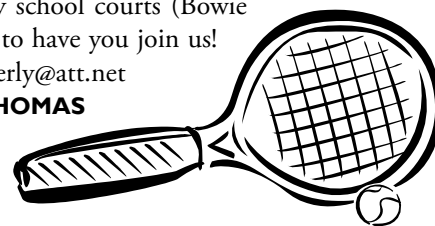
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SUBMITTED BY BEV THOMAS

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More Easy Non-toxic Homemade Cleaning Solutions

I hope that you liked the cleaning solutions I provided last month. This month I will focus on the kitchen and will start with the dishwasher. I have not found a satisfactory homemade solution for dishwasher detergent, but I have found a good recipe to prevent water spots. To prevent water spots in the dishwasher, make a batch of the following: combine 1 cup Borax and ½ cup baking soda. For each load, put 1 teaspoon of this mixture in the dishwasher along with your regular dishwasher detergent. Just a quick note here, most of us use too much detergent in our dishwashers. Check your manufacturers guide for the recommended amount. I found I was using way too much detergent. When I cut back to their recommendation, I find that my dishes still get just as clean, and I save money.

To clean a microwave, wet a dishcloth or sponge and place it in the center of your microwave. Heat the wet cloth or sponge for 30 – 40 seconds. The steam this creates will help loosen any hardened spills. Be sure to let the cloth or sponge cool before handling, and then use it to wipe down the inside of the microwave. This is also a good way to disinfect your sponge, but always make sure it is wet. Never put a dry cloth or sponge in the microwave. Please don't ask me how I know.

For a wonderful non-toxic drain opener, pour 1 cup salt and 1 cup baking soda down the drain and follow with several cups of boiling water. To freshen a disposal, put lemon or orange rind in the disposal and run.

I like to wash my vegetables with a vegetable wash that I make myself. In a very large pitcher, combine 1 cup water, 1 cup distilled white vinegar, and 20 drops of grapefruit seed extract. Slowly add 1 tablespoon of baking soda and stir slowly. Once the mixture combined and has quit fizzing, pour into a 2 cup capacity spritz bottle. Spray your fruits and vegetables with this mixture and rinse. Note: I am usually able to find the grapefruit seed extract in health food stores/sections. The extract is a little pricey but the fact



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that one bottle will make many batches; I like to share it with friends. The wash will keep a long time which is good because one batch goes a long way.

To disinfect kitchen counters there are many options. One of my favorite ways is to slice a lemon or grapefruit in half and rub the cut half over the surface and let dry. You can also combine one teaspoon of grapefruit seed extract to 2 cups of water in a spray bottle to spray on counters to disinfect them (make sure to avoid getting this in your eyes). There are many essential oils, such as lavender, clove, and tree tea oil that can also be used in place of the grapefruit seed extract as a disinfectant if you prefer their scents, but with any essential oil, be sure that all members of the household can tolerate their scent. Many people have a sensitivity to scents and cannot tolerate some of the stronger ones.

I hope you find these solutions helpful. Next time I will share bathroom cleaning solutions.

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Happiness is in your choices. Dixie and Arlo Schurle have made some fortuitous choices to enjoy a life well-lived. Their name is well known in Park West HOA, but I would like to put a face to this couple by providing some background information of their previous life before their rather recent arrival in Park West.

Dixie began to make her plans early. She claims she was only six when she told her mother she would visit the Pyramids "some day". She was playing a piano piece named "Go to the Pyramids". Dixie wanted a pet monkey. Her dad said monkeys did not live in Kansas; Dixie knew she would "some day" travel to the monkey's country. Arlo was raised in a more traditional setting. His escape was knowledge. His home town, Clay Center, Kansas, still claims him as the smartest person it ever produced.

Their families' farms were about 10 miles

apart but they were in high school before they met. Arlo was the star in their Latin II class while Dixie was struggling. She was dating Arlo's best friend. That romance took another path just when Dixie wanted to attend a dance. An important choice was made. Dixie invited and Arlo agreed though dancing was not his forte'. Not one dance was attempted for this soon-to-be steady couple.

That fall, Arlo began his college studies at Kansas University and Dixie finished high school. After his freshman college year, Arlo spent the summer in Germany on an honors program. The next summer they were married. In August of this year they celebrated 47 years of a marriage which began when they were 18 and 19 years old.

The couple chose their next path carefully. They agreed that Arlo would never mention quitting his dream of a Ph.D. and Dixie

would defer her education until after raising their children. Their adventure began. Arlo's first job took them to Indiana University where their first son was born. Soon, Arlo took a new position at University of North Carolina - Charlotte, where their second son was born. Previously, Arlo had been accepted for a Fulbright Scholarship as a student at KU. He was now a tenured professor at UNCC. However, the couple agreed now was the time to again apply for the well-known Scholarship. He was accepted.

The Fulbright Scholarship took the family of four to Liberia, West Africa. There were water outages, food shortages, race riots and finally a coup but something grew in the Schurles' blood and they were off on what they consider their fairy tale life. Six months after returning to the USA from Liberia, the courageous couple asked themselves, "Is this

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all there is to life?" They saw a good life in their future; but not one with the richness they had experienced living among the poor in Africa. The decision was made to pursue more adventure in their life.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was building a show-place university. Dixie spent the year finishing her degree before they left for a new country. She took more than 60 hours while Arlo taught at the University and was cook, mom, dad, and housecleaner so that Dixie could achieve her goal. In Saudi Arabia, they lived happily among many cultures and languages for 6 years. However, thinking they needed to consider their sons learning their own heritage, they returned to the US. Arlo was quickly hired without an interview at a well-known school in Indiana.

One son was in college and the other son was away at boarding school. The Schurles' were again on their own. They left for the island of Guam where Arlo was on the faculty as a professor and was later promoted to department chairman. Dixie had earned a Master's degree and was teaching in public school. Arlo took up diving and Dixie had 3 to 4 nights a week of musical activity playing an oboe. Life was good. Yet again, Arlo was given the opportunity to return to Saudi, this time to Riyadh, a more conservative area. He wanted to go where his experience was truly needed. Dixie landed a position as the Middle East Consultant for Harcourt Textbook Publishers and traveled around the Middle East and Africa. Her job was fantastic for her and unheard of as a woman traveling alone and working. She reveled in meeting dynamic women who had a purpose in their developing country.

Another opportunity came when a new university offered Arlo a position as an experienced mathematics professor. They moved to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Daily temperatures of 120 degrees did not deter them and they remained there for 4 years. A special reason would have to present itself for them to return to the United States -----the birth of grandchildren. They have 2 grandchildren here in Austin. Dixie is a granny/nanny 5 days a week. Another son is a successful lawyer in New York City and is the father of their third grandchild. After such an active life, Arlo obtained a teaching position in the mathematics department at UT where he is grateful to have no responsibilities other than teaching. As a civic minded woman, Dixie served some time on the Park West HOA board of directors. She is also a member of American

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November Luncheon

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Time: 11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon

Date: November 17, 2010

(Reservations required by Thursday, November 11th)

For Luncheon Reservations email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com or Diane Israelson 512-467-4979

For other Newcomers information

visit www.austinnewcomers.com or call 512-314-5100

November Program: Dave Reilly and Bill Elsey
from the Duchman Family Winery
November 17, 2010

The Growth of the Texas Wine Industry...

To speak to us about the Texas wine industry as well as their own work are two people who know the Texas wine industry and the making of wine, intimately.

Dave Reilly began his career in the Texas wine industry over nine years ago as co-founder and grape grower at Limestone Terrace Vineyards in Wimberley, Texas - located inside the designated Texas Hill Country American Viticulture Area. Along with growing his own grapes and selling to local wineries, Dave also installed and maintained several vineyards throughout central Texas.

In 2006, Dave met winemaker Mark Penna, a 20-year Texas winemaking veteran – upon the planting of the vineyards at the Mandola Estate and Duchman Family Winery. Dave brought his knowledge of the vineyard into the winery and as an understudy to Mark Penna, soon learned winemaking on his own. In 2008, Dave became Chief of Winery Operations and Winemaker at the Duchman Family Winery where he works today.

Bill Elsey serves as the Director of Sales at the Duchman Family Winery. He manages the tasting room and wine club as well as works as a production assistant in the cellar alongside Dave Reilly. Bill is a Certified Specialist of Wine through the Society of Wine Educators and a Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers and is pursuing higher levels of certification in both. Please join us for an enlightening afternoon and meet new friends.

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Association of University Women and looks forward to being involved with international students at UT.

This well-educated and courageous couple chose a dream life and traveled during their working years. They are content in their retirement to live simply and recall adventures in Egypt, China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Greece, Turkey, and all over Micronesia, Bali, Japan Thailand, Cambodia, UK, Europe, Belize, Kenya, and Ghana among other countries. Specific big events in their life include Arlo having the opportunity to shake hands with Prince Sultan, probably the next king of Saudi Arabia or Dixie teaching the granddaughter of the once President of Liberia. Other more personal experiences are included in their memories of visits to favorite places and encounters with interesting people. Dixie appreciated the Temple of Heaven in Beijing; Arlo's favorite is La Sainte-Chapelle in Paris.

Dixie completes her discussion of the

life they chose so many years ago with these words "Our life among many peoples has helped us realize that we all have more similarities than differences." We are lucky to have this couple who have gained much wisdom from their life experiences, living among us in Circle C Ranch.

SUBMITTED BY GLYNDA ESCHLE

[As the person who previously edited the Park West HOA section of the Circle C Newsletter, I wrote a column which included articles about our neighbors. I believe this article has enough merit to be shared with each of you. Arlo and Dixie chose their lifestyle by making thoughtful decisions. Their life can be an inspiration for all of us to actually decide how to live our lives when possible.]

If anyone would like to recommend a person of interest in Circle C Ranch, I am considering continuing my novice career as an independent columnist. I am listed in your Circle C Ranch directory.

Thank you for the encouragement of many of my friends. Glynda Eschle]

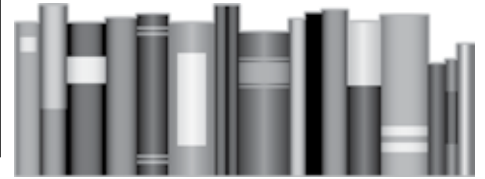
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Wednesday - 11/37:45 - 4:00

Book Fair Lunch with Someone Grand Picnic 10:30 – 1:30!

Thursday - 11/4.....7:45 - 7:00

Open Late for Family Night and Spelling Bee! – Drawing!

Friday - 11/57:45 - 4:00 *Last day for Book Fair!*

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Friday - 11/58:00 – 5:00

Last day for Book Fair!

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If you're a small business owner interested in helping the schools in your community, visit www.swverticalpartners.com or contact Melinda McKenna at 512.288.8088 / melinda@austinreps.com for more info.

SUBMITTED BY MELINDA MCKENNA

"A Legacy of Giving" Program is at Gorzycki

Our school will be participating in "A Legacy of Giving" program. The mission of "A Legacy of Giving" is to empower children through philanthropy education to become more engaged in improving their communities and world through their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our students will be guided through at least two academic service projects by Legacy staff and our teachers. With this partnership, students will be encouraged to see a need, learn about it, and take the steps necessary to improve that need. Moreover, students are encouraged to discover their passion and envision ways to improve their local community or the larger community of the world in which they live. We are excited to be counted among the 35 Legacy schools for the 2010-2011 school year for it is through giving of themselves, students gain the knowledge and confidence that they can truly make a difference in their future.

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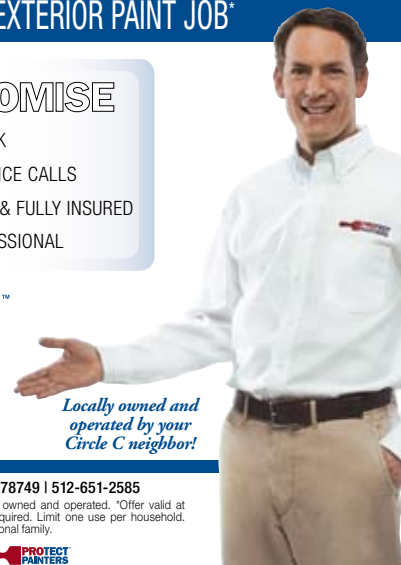
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