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Circle C Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join us on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:30am to 11:00am for the Circle C Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Circle C Child Development Center. Children ages 1yr – 10yrs are welcome (areas are divided by age, 1-3yr, 4-6yr and 7-10yr). Cost is \$1 per child. Limit is 12 eggs per child (parents, please monitor this). Come see the Easter Bunny and enjoy Easter treats. If you would like to help volunteer for this event, please contact us at info@circlecranch.info or 288-8663 – we can always use extra help!

Saturday
April 23
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.



CCHOA Annual Meeting Recap

The Circle C Homeowners Association **Annual Meeting** was held Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm at Kiker Elementary Cafeteria. Thank you to everyone who voted, submitted a proxy or quorum proxy; we were able to meet quorum prior to the meeting. There were two open board seats up for election and two current board members, Jason Bram and Steve Urban submitted their nominations. Both were elected to serve three year terms. Congratulations Jason and Steve!

If you would like to view the power point presentation from the Annual Meeting, you can find on the HOA website, www.circlecranch.info, under the Resource Tab (you must sign-in).

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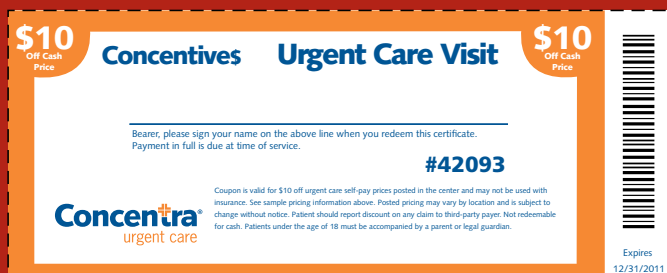


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Circle C Ranch market statistics

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Active 2-story, \$115.10 per ft.	
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Sold 2-story, \$117.30 per foot.	



11101 Cusseta Lane



5924 Gorham Glen



6209 Tasajillo Trail



Well folks, the market has certainly hit early! The Squires Team had all three of the above listings go under contract in just 3 days! Cusseta had multiple offers, as did Gorham Glen. Tasajillo went under contract and then we received 2 additional calls from agents with very interested clients. There is a high demand and low supply of homes right now. There are only 35 homes on the market and about 32 Pending! That means there is only a 1 month supply of homes and the time to list is now!

Call us to list and we'll be right over!



HOA Manager Announcements:

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Mgr.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A DEED RESTRICTION NOTICE?

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

CCHOA WEBSITE & EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up for the CCHOA website and email announcements by logging on to: www.circlecranch.info (owner information is required). Get the latest HOA news, development updates and calendar of events. Email announcements are utilized for up-to-the-minute announcements on HOA news, lost and found pets and

other important community information.

CIRCLE C COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The CCHOA will host Circle C's Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 16th. Each individual homeowner is encouraged to hold their individual garage sale on this date. We will be advertising the event (in print and on the internet) from 8am to 5pm and will have street maps available on our website. If you have any questions about this event, please call the HOA office at 288-8663.

NEIGHBOR'S CONCERNS:

Residents in Circle C West contacted the HOA to report that they have viewed elementary age children climbing the masonry wall along La Crosse and Spruce Canyon after school is dismissed. Parents, please talk with your children and communicate that this is not a safe practice.

Please remember to scoop the poop! You are not only required by law to pick up after your pet – it's the nice thing to do to keep our neighborhood looking great. Please do your part, if you own a pet that is using any area besides your yard, you should scoop the poop.

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Question About AT&T Call Waiting/ Caller ID Feature

I was wondering if anyone else in this area has the same problem/issue, and how to resolve it.

My home phone is through AT&T. They offer (and I pay for) the service called "call waiting/caller ID", where the caller's ID comes up on your home phone while you are on another phone call. However, I have never been able to use this feature. After talking at length with an AT&T representative, he researched and found that this feature is NOT available in Circle C. He said that this is very rare in that this feature is quite common elsewhere. He said it boiled down to the wiring system needing to be upgraded. He did not know who specifically to contact, but that there should be a "Central Office" for our neighborhood, and if not, we may

have to petition City Hall to allocate funds for laying the appropriate wiring to do this.

After talking to Denise Nordstrom in the HOA office, she said this was probably because when Circle C was originally built, it was not part of the City of Austin, and was probably not wired for this service (pre-digital era). Time Warner customers do have it since they have more recently laid the appropriate wiring for this service.

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CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER UPDATE

Submitted by Ashley Gladden



THE CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER WELCOMES SPRING!

The Circle C Swim Center is so excited that the spring and wonderful weather are finally here! Since many of you haven't been here for awhile, make sure to check out our new website, www.ccsim.net/home, to stay current on our policies and rules. You can also find all other Swim Center information there. Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

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Since we will hopefully be seeing many of you very soon, we just wanted to introduce ourselves to those of you who we have yet to have the pleasure to meet.

Brandon Ducote (Aquatics Director): Brandon grew up in West Texas, fought in the Gulf War onboard the Battleship Missouri, and earned a Master of Science Degree from Texas A&M. He is passionate about all things aquatic and has been actively involved in swimming for most of his life. He has

managed fitness and aquatic facilities since 2001 and has been swimming competitively since 1985.

In 2008, he began his work with the Circle C HOA. "I would like to thank the community for the support that has been given to make all the improvements at the facility over the past several years. These include solar panels for the wade pool, high efficiency/low emission heaters for the competition pool, new solar covers and lane lines, upstairs workspace, ADA pool lift, sand volleyball court, playscape, and more shade structures. The new pool and community center is an exciting project that I am looking forward to being a part of and I hope to continue to build on the process improvements that have been put in place."

Jessica Burkemper (Swim Center Coordinator): Originally hailing from Bethany, Oklahoma, Jessica came to Austin in 2003 to attend St. Edward's University. While at SEU, she remained active in sports, student life and academics. She graduated in 2008 with her B.A. in Communications, and was honored as a Presidential Award recipient.


Jessica remains an active member of the local Austin community. She is a member of two Kiwanis Clubs, serving as Vice President of the Greater South Austin Club, and K-Family Director for the Austin - Young Professionals Club. She has served as a regular volunteer for Front Steps at the ARCH for more than four years, and in 2010 she completed a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management.

Jessica has been at the Circle C Swim Center since Fall of 2010.

Robert Bardeleben (Facility Coordinator): Robert was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Austin with his family in 1968. He attended McCallum and Reagan High Schools in Austin as well as the University of Texas at Austin. He has worked at Hill Country Pools, Golfsmith, and The Springs Fitness Center.

Robert was hired by Circle C Swim Center in the fall of 2008 as the Facility Coordinator. When asked what he does at Circle C Swim Center he simply

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CCHOA News

CC Swim Center Update- (Continued from Page 10)

answers, "I keep the facility safe and clean and the pool looking good."

Beth Ann Matlock (Lifeguard Supervisor): BethAnn is the Lifeguard Supervisor at the Circle C Swim Center. She has been working at the Circle C Swim Center for two years and prior to that was employed with the YMCA. BethAnn is an American Red Cross and NASCO Lifeguard/CPR/First AID Instructor and has trained many of the lifeguards that are on staff here at Circle C. BethAnn teaches many of our group lessons here at Circle C, including the Mommy and Me classes for toddlers and the Pollywog, Minnow, and Stingray classes for the younger, beginner swimmers and consistently gets rave reviews.

In addition, she is currently working towards her certification to become a personal trainer. BethAnn can usually be spotted around the pool deck, wearing her signature pink cap, and some of our younger patrons are convinced that she is the owner of the pool and lives upstairs in the office!

Amanda Hartman (Lead Swim Instructor): Amanda Hartman is the Lead Swim Instructor at the Circle C Swim Center. She has been swimming competitively for over 13 years. She competed in the high school state championships in her home state of New Mexico. She placed 5th in the 200 fly, 8th in the 500 free, 4th in the 400 IM, and 10th in the 50 free.

Amanda has been teaching private swim lessons as well as stroke technique to swimmers of all ages for the past seven years. She has been offering group and private swim instruction here at Circle C since the summer of 2009 and has consistently gotten very positive reviews from the parents of her students. Amanda has a great deal of patience and quickly establishes a positive rapport with swimmers of all ages and developmental levels.

We also would like to introduce you to our newest addition to the Circle C Swim Center team, Hayley McGregory, our new Head Coach for the Select Swim Team. Hayley comes to us with many accomplishments in the world of competitive swimming. Among these are breaking two world records, winning multiple national titles and placing third at the U.S. Olympic Trials. Hayley is a passionate and dynamic coach that encourages her swimmers and provides them with timely feedback and technical input to help them improve and become a stronger competitor. In addition, Hayley is very knowledgeable in regards to age-appropriate training and goal setting and works extraordinarily well with all levels of swimmers. We are very excited to have Hayley join the Select Swim Team and believe that, through her leadership and proven ability to motivate, each swimmer will benefit from this opportunity.

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Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park
Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown
Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels
Saturday, May 21st
Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magrum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more info visit our website at www.colinshope.org

CC Swim Center Update- (Continued from Page 12)

Now that you know us a little bit better, please feel free to stop us at anytime, and we'd be more than happy to speak to you one-on-one or help you with anything you may need.

SELECT SWIM TEAM LONG-COURSE

The Circle C Select Swim Team is currently accepting applications for the long-course season. Please feel free to check out the team's website, select.ccsim.net, to learn more. You are also more than welcome to stop by and meet Coach Hayley and check out a practice anytime. Tryouts are Saturdays at 11am. Send us email if you are interested in trying out, circlecsc.select@gmail.com.

The team will begin the long-course season on April 1, 2011 and will run through the end of July. All factors of the swim team will remain the same except for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning practices. On these days, the pool will be converted and the lanes will run the length of the pool, making them 50 meters long rather than 25 yards.

Parents whose children were on the team during the short-course, please remember that monthly tuition has increased slightly. Also, if you haven't done so yet, please visit the Select website, select.ccsim.net, and fill out a long-course registration form. This form must be filled out for each swimmer participating in the long-course, even those swimmers who participated in the short-course. Just simply fill out the form online and submit it as an attachment in an email to customerservice@circlecsc.info.

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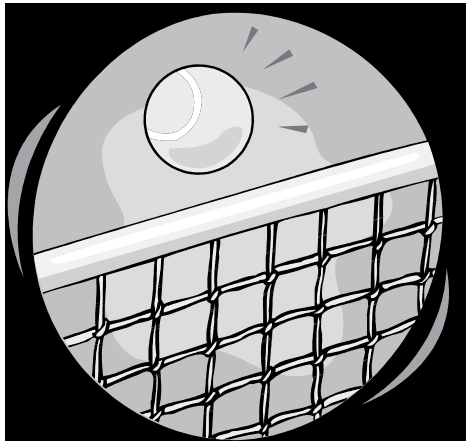
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CC Swim Center Update- (Continued from Page 13)

fill out the long-course registration packet. If you are a non-resident, make sure to also fill out a Non-Resident Household Form, also found online.

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

We are very excited to announce that our group lessons are just around the corner. Two-week sessions will begin on April 19 will be ongoing through the summer. All swimmers must take a required evaluation prior to enrollment. Evaluations will be held every Sunday by Coach Amanda from 4-6 pm. There is no appointment necessary for evaluations, just show up anytime between 4-6 pm on Sundays. Let the front desk know you're here for an evaluation, and we'll direct you to the testing area. The swimmer will be in the water for less than five minutes and Coach Amanda will let you know which class will be most beneficial for the swimmer. Full details can be found in the online activity guide, www.ccsim.net/home.

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MARCH 19 THRU JUNE 3, 2011

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GOLF4JD:

Golf Tournament

Date: Monday, April 25th 2011

11:30 am Registration – 1pm Shotgun start

Location: Grey Rock Golf Club

Cost: \$125/golfer if registering individually –
\$100/golfer if registering as a team

BBQ4JD:

Family Event

Date: Friday, April 29th 2011 6 - 9pm

Location: Circle C Child Development Center

Cost: Admission: \$5/adults, \$10/child + \$5/BBQ plate
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(TOP) Here are my "two." The first is Noah who loves soccer and scored a goal during the first game of the season. Yes! Second is Joshua who is an excellent student and is one of the few who doesn't mind reading out loud in class.
Submitted by Mercedes Morgan



(RIGHT) Miles - Is that a look of "happy" or what?! (Even the little brown and white goat in the bottom right hand corner is smiling.)
Submitted by Sarah Jordan



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Circle C Landscape - April 2011

I recently attended and gave a presentation at the City of Austin and LCRA sponsored Water Wise Seminar for licensed irrigators and landscape architects. This is an annual conference held to update irrigation professionals on various topics regarding landscape, irrigation systems, and our constant need to improve our practices to further save water. One of the most interesting presentations was from Mark Rose of the LCRA giving his long term forecast. Looks like for most of the Spring and early Summer we will be in a La Nina pattern. Cold Pacific waters generate this pattern, and this year, the temperatures are way down, so it will take longer for them to warm. This moves the jet stream to the north of Texas and creates dryer than normal conditions (drought), which we have already entered. He did indicate that there could be some weakening of La Nina in late August to early Fall. So, be prepared for another dryer, warmer year in Central Texas.

I gave a presentation on the benefits of long term planning and a case study of Circle C commons areas over the past six years. Our enlightened CCHOA Boards of Directors worked with me on developing a landscape model and long term plan that was intended to get the commons area landscaping up to date in terms of water conservation, improved irrigation techniques to save water, using drought tolerant plants and turf for renovations,

improving irrigation control, and reducing our use of herbicides and pesticides. The plan has worked very well for us and the methodical approach to improvements is showing results both in the look of the neighborhood and with cost efficiency regarding our water use.

We have adopted several techniques that we are using throughout to improve water conservation. The first is to limit turf areas when possible. We started out with acres of water thirsty turf that takes a lot of care. We changed the specification for turf to Pallasades Zoysia, a drought tolerant variety of turf. In the places where we have replaced turf, we have used this near sidewalks and other walking areas, and then installed some taller native grasses to provide a barrier between manicured turf areas and more naturalized areas behind the grasses. A good example of this is at Lacrosse and Escarpment. The large naturalized areas take much less water and less overall care to save on maintenance costs.

Another technique has been to move the irrigation heads away from the curb to the interior to prevent water waste over the curb and into the street. This has been done on all of Slaughter Lane and Escarpment and has been very helpful. To assist with overspray on the median tips, many of these areas have had the irrigation cut off and the vegetation taken out and replaced with natural rock. Again,

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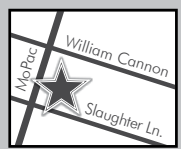
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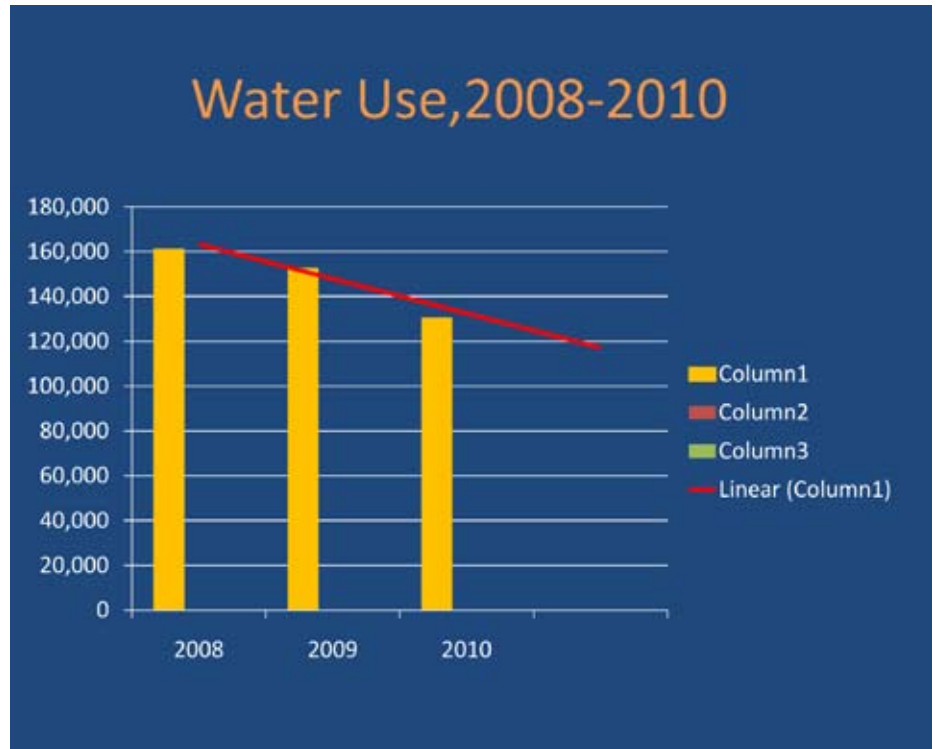
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this helps us meet all of the City of Austin regulations and save water. We have added bubblers to areas with a lot of trees. This is an efficient way to keep trees in good shape during extended periods of drought.

In preparing for the presentation mentioned above, I did a complete analysis of our water use over the past three years. Two of those years represented drought years, but we were able to conserve water despite extreme conditions. A copy of the graph is below:

The water budget for over 105 acres of land is \$185,000 per year. Even though we have added area over the past two years and encountered extreme weather conditions in terms of drought in 2008 and 2009, our overall water use pattern is still showing a decline.

So, as the Board moves forward with the long term landscape plan, we hope to implement additional savings by using a strict set of standards for each improvement.



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Submitted by Jackie Rollins

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election of Board members was done by voice vote at the annual meeting on February 8 and term limits were not determined at that time; therefore, the Board convened a special meeting on February 24 to decide the term limits. The terms of the four elected directors were decided by draw and are: three years, Michael Harris; two years, John Lowe; two years, Bernadette Tasher; one year, Jack Robinson. Linda Prieto is in the second and final year of her term. Officers were then elected as follows: President, John Lowe; Vice-President, Bernadette Tasher; Secretary, Michael Harris; Treasurer, Linda Prieto; and Director, Jack Robinson.

Several requests for architectural and landscaping approvals have recently been submitted to the Board. As a reminder, Park West residents are required to submit

plans for all improvements, such as decks, patio covers, pools and changes in fencing or any other permanent structure, to the Circle C Architectural Control Committee. A courtesy copy should also be provided to the Park West Board. Park West does its own front yard landscaping reviews and approvals but must adhere to Circle C's governing documents as well. A simplified way of looking at the process is that both Circle C and Park West are responsible for maintaining the existing look and feel of our community. This should come as no surprise as an acknowledgement of receipt of the CC&Rs for both communities was required at home closings.

Board meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Child Development Center (CDC), next door to the Swim Center on LaCrosse. Check a mail center bulletin board regularly for possible changes to this

schedule. The homeowners' forum at the beginning of each meeting allows residents to address the Board, with a three-minute time limit, please. If you are interested in speaking, contact a Board member prior to the meeting to schedule your participation. Please bring a copy of your statement to give to the Board Secretary. The Board of Directors looks forward to your attendance and thanks you in advance for your interest.

LANDSCAPER NEWS

Since notices were posted on the mail center bulletin boards and community website by the landscape liaison, sprinkler checks are being requested fast and furiously, which is very good news. Earlier sprinkler checks lessen the possibility of problems with the irrigation system later on in warmer weather. Schedule yours now (they are done on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

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EASTER 2011

Ash Wednesday, April 20 - 7 p.m. Worship Service
Maundy Thursday, April 21 - 7 p.m. Worship Service
Good Friday, April 22 - 7 p.m. Worship Service
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 23 - 9 to 11 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 24 - Sunrise, 8:45, 10 & 11:15 Worship Services

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by e-mailing scott@pearsonlandscape.com or calling Jackie Rollins, landscape liaison, at 940-5745. The seasonal color at each mail center has been switched to petunias. Any perennial plants at the mail centers that didn't come back from the hard freezes in February will be replaced in preparation for spring. All front yards were aerated for the fourth year in a row, an additional service not part of the landscape contract but done for free by the landscaper. This equates to a \$3,000 per annum value based on an \$18 per yard estimate. Thank you, Pearson Landscape!

IT'S IN THE MAIL – A REMINDER

Please do not drop outgoing mail in the black metal lockboxes located on the back wall of each mail center. They are intended only for resident-to -Board communications. Occasionally, when checked, personal outgoing mail is found in one and there's no way to know how long it's been there, not good for a payment that has become long overdue. There are slots for outgoing U.S. mail on the same mail center wall as your personal mailbox and the postal carrier empties them daily.

WELCOME WAGON

March was a big month for new residents moving into the neighborhood. A big howdy to all of you who hopefully are comfortably settled in by now and enjoying all the perks of living in our beautiful and friendly neighborhood. We hope you'll take the time to look over the documents you received at closing concerning rules and covenants for Circle C and especially for Park West, as well as the items in the information packet you received from an official Park West greeter after you arrived in the neighborhood. A few things that stand out and bear repeating in this column:

1. If you have young children, please ensure that they do not play or run in the street. Park West streets are narrow, and with vehicles sometimes parked at the curb, there isn't much leeway between an automobile rounding a curve and a child chasing a ball or learning to skateboard.
2. The speed limit on Park West streets is 20 miles an hour. Signs are posted at the gate entrances. Please obey the speed limit.
3. Dogs may not be walked off leash in Park West (or anywhere in Circle C including the park). Carry a plastic bag to "scoop the poop." Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste on private and public property. (City of Austin)
4. Sign on to the Park West HOA website for up-to-date news and neighborhood highlights. Instructions for logging in are on the Contact and General Information sheet that came in the packet you received from the greeter. If you have misplaced it, contact the Web administrator, Jackie Rollins, at 301-1839 or JackieRollins02@aol.com for instructions.

HELPING HANDS

Hats off to Charlie Heard and Jack Robinson who devote their time and efforts on Saturday mornings to their church's Open Door Program, serving breakfast and lunch to hundreds of homeless and poverty stricken individuals. They also can be found assisting in

the onsite Fig Leaf Store where clothing and household items are dispensed to those in need. They hope that their good neighbors and friends in Park West will consider donating to this worthy program. Primarily, the need is for men's clothing and sundries, including jeans, T-shirts, underwear, socks, shoes and boots, bedding, personal hygiene items, blankets and backpacks. You will find additional information about the program posted on the open bulletin boards at the back of each mail center and in a more detailed article in the main section of this newsletter. Call Charlie at 288-7557 for pickup of items or more information.

Tell us about your favorite charity and volunteer efforts. Recognize a neighbor who is always there to help by e-mailing a few lines to JackieRollins02@aol.com.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

This is your column and your input is important. Without it, there wouldn't be a column. So please contact Jackie Rollins at 301-1839 or JackieRollins02@aol.com with your suggestions and items of interest.



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All About Charlie

A few weeks ago, family and friends attended the "Celebration of Life" Service for long-time Park West and Circle C resident Earl Charles "Charlie" Rodenberg who passed away after a long and valiant struggle with cancer.

Our dear neighbor's final battle was as courageous as was his long service to Country and to the Marine Corps.

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Rodenberg served his country with distinction for 24 years as a combat Naval Aviator including in Vietnam and during Operation Desert Storm.

Thus it wasn't surprising to hear these aspects of Charlie's career fittingly highlighted during the Service at the Bannockburn Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, a few days later.

As part of the Eulogy, another retired Marine Corps officer spoke.

Michael Beggs, who had been friends with Charlie during their young cadet days at Texas A&M, told the celebrants how, after their graduation and commissioning in the Marine Corps in 1968, they went their separate ways- Charlie went into Marine Aviation and Beggs became a Marine infantry officer.

Beggs also told the congregation about his own service in Vietnam and about one unforgettable and particularly dangerous combat mission 40 years ago.

Some of us were puzzled.

Interested as we were in Beggs' Vietnam service, this Celebration was about Charlie- about who Charlie was ...

Little did we know that what Beggs was telling us was all about Charlie.

During a firefight in Vietnam in 1971, Beggs and his Marines had been taking sniper fire from a small hill when suddenly one of Beggs' Marines found himself in the middle of a minefield. Beggs tried to "talk" his man to safety, but the Marine couldn't move.

Instinctively, Beggs ran up the hill to rescue his man. Then he stepped on "it"

In Beggs' own words:

"It" was a landmine. When it exploded, I was not only full of holes, but also had a leg almost torn off and was blown into the air. When I came back down to earth, I landed on my head, which apparently ended up pinching some nerves in my spine. So there I was, with the memory of my wife's last kiss fresh in my mind, lying in the red dirt of Vietnam, rapidly losing blood. In addition, I was blinded and paralyzed from the waist down, temporarily

as it turned out, thank God. But all I knew then and there was that I was badly hurt, and that I might never see my wife and children again.

One of Beggs' sergeants immediately called for a "MEDEVAC" flight and soon a heavily bleeding Beggs would hear his radio operator acknowledge the MEDEVAC's helicopter's pilot "inbound" call "Roger, Peachbush 1-7 inbound five mikes." That meant that in five minutes the helicopter would arrive and Beggs would be airlifted to the nearest medical facility and hopefully survive.

However, there was one "little problem." The area where Beggs lay critically wounded was beneath a dense jungle canopy with no suitable location for the helicopter to land and pick up Beggs. The only way to rescue Beggs was with the use of a "jungle penetrator," a piece of equipment designed for such circumstances, but also so perilous that its use had been temporarily suspended.

Fortunately for Beggs, the pilot of the CH-46 helicopter decided that a Marine's life was worth the risk and as he- with superb skill and nerves of steel- maintained the helicopter virtually motionless about 200 feet in the air, while braving sniper fire, his crew lowered the jungle penetrator. Minutes later, Beggs was winched up into the safety of Peachbush 1-7 on his way to life-saving medical treatment.

It took Beggs many years to recover from his serious injuries.

But it also would take Beggs many years - almost 40 years - to find out who Peachbush 1-7 was, to find out who had saved his life.

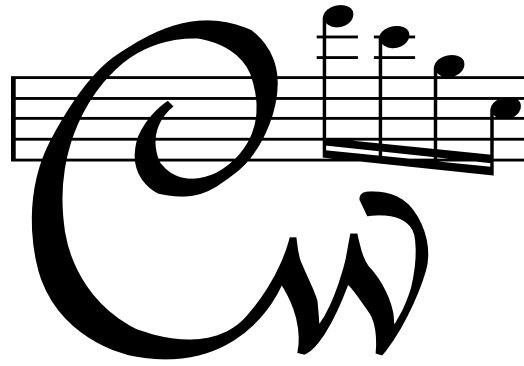
Although Beggs stayed in contact with his Texas A&M classmates, including Charlie, it was only recently that Beggs discovered who the pilot of Peachbush 1-7 flight was.

During an e-mail exchange on the subject, Beggs got a reply from Charlie with the following simple words: "Mike, Peachbush 1-7 was yours truly."

The author of these words would go on to earn the Air Medal with 25 "Strike/Flight" awards for heroism and meritorious service flying many more helicopter rescue and attack-bomber combat missions.

Thank you, Captain Beggs for your service, for your sacrifice, for telling us about Charlie's bravery, about what Semper Fi really means, for telling us what Charlie was all about.

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JIM COMER: WHEN ROLES REVERSE

Jim Comer's parents were independent, capable people, people who met life's challenges head-on with diligence and good humor. Then one day, literally overnight, they couldn't do it anymore. Jim's bestselling book *When Roles Reverse* is the story of how he returned home to Texas to pay back his parents for the love and support they showed him.

"I was an adult with my own life, and I hadn't lived in Texas for years. I knew nothing about nursing the elderly. As I got off the plane to become a caregiver to my parents for the first time, I realized 'I

don't know how to do this!' ... I'd heard that children don't come with an owner's manual – neither do parents!"

Parenting his parents was a life-changing choice that has led to a successful speaking career, a rediscovery of real family values and much else. His goal is to encourage families to plan ahead, talk about the difficult decisions and help adult children realize that they can handle the challenges of care-giving and find great joy in showing up for their parents.

Jim has spoken to corporations, associations, conventions and churches from Los Angeles to Cancun to Halifax, Nova Scotia. His keynote talks include *Parenting Your Parents*, *You are the Message*, *How Not to Speak Like a Geek*, and the story of his years as a struggling actor in New York.

His articles have appeared in *The Reader's Digest*, and on the op-ed pages of the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and *Austin-American-Statesman*. Jim has written jokes for Joan Rivers and Phyllis Diller and a monologue for Bob Hope. He has also had many acting roles and been on many TV shows. Jim is a member of the National Speakers Association and was named Member of the Year in 2004 for the Heart of Texas Chapter. He is also active in non-profit work in the area of ending hunger and preventable childhood diseases

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"A New Game for Children's Beginner Tennis Players"

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A new way to teach kids age 10 and under to play tennis is being promoted by the USTA. Tennis was a sport being taught with regular rackets, balls and size of courts. In the past few years, all that has changed by tailoring equipment and courts to a child's size and age so they can develop skills and have fun right from the start. The success of youth baseball, soccer, basketball, and other sports all offer modified gear, courts and fields that give confidence and enjoyment as they develop and mature. Tennis is now following suit with the "10 and Under Tennis" which incorporates QuickStart Tennis play format so that kids can learn, rally play and compete in a way that is more fun. Tennis, unlike most other youth sports, can be played at five or at eighty-five, truly making it the "sport of a lifetime."

Tennis facilities all over the United States are offering programs for QuickStart Tennis. The smaller courts will give kids the opportunity to build confidence and learn skills and strategy while covering the entire special court. They will be playing with shorter, lighter racquets with smaller grips. The balls being used will slow play down, bounce at the appropriate height to the kids' size and provide rallies, allowing kids to develop their court skills.

Do not get left behind. Get your child involved in the "10 and Under QuickStart Tennis" programs being offered by many of the Tennis Facilities in South Austin.



Children at the Circle C Tennis Club participating in the Quick Start Tennis Program

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SPRING PLANT SALE & GARDENING FESTIVAL

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Public Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9,
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- Bigger and better this year. The annual lecture at 11:30 Friday features Richard Crossley speaking on his Eastern bird guide. Walks and talks from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and Mr. Smarty Plants on hand all three days. Plant list at www.wildflower.org.

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Saturday, April 30

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ARTISTS & ARTISANS FESTIVAL STARTS SPRING SEASON AT WILDFLOWER CENTER

What: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Artists & Artisans Festival showcases the nature-inspired works of more than 20 American artists.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 20

Where: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center of The University of Texas at Austin, 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, TX

Background: The center's Wildflower Days™ spring season begins with Artists & Artisans Festival, an intimate gathering highlighting the work of 26 American artists in sculpture, photography, jewelry and more. Their art for sale includes nature-friendly, handmade items such as gourds, floral jewelry, natural spa and bath products, barbed wire sculptures and

numerous other art pieces. Yellow Carolina jessamine recently added color to the gardens in addition to the red berries of Possumhaw trees, and abundant Texas bluebonnets are starting to bloom.

Stefanie Distefano will lead a tour of her outdoor mosaic exhibit at noon and 1 p.m. Saturday and Ken Moore discusses his bluebonnet paintings in the store from 1 to 4 p.m. On Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., Shou Ping reveals how she creates 3-D watercolor paintings of flowers, birds and more at her exhibit in the McDermott Learning Center. Sponsors: South Texas Money Management Ltd., KUT 90.5, KVUE and Classically Austin 89.5.

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OPEN DOOR PROGRAM

Submitted by Jackie Rollins



Caption: "Volunteers at work in the Fig Leaf Store"

On any given Saturday morning, dozens of University United Methodist Church members and other volunteers can be found serving breakfast and lunch to the homeless and poverty stricken. For example, on just one Saturday this past February, 234 guests were served breakfast and 134 were served lunch. These meals are a major part of the church's Open Door Program which also includes the Fig Leaf Store, where volunteers, including Park West at Circle C residents Charlie Heard and Jack Robinson, dispense men's, women's and children's clothing and household items to those in need. The store accommodated 99 guests on a recent Saturday morning.

Primarily, the greatest need is for men's clothing and sundries, including jeans, T-shirts, shoes and boots, personal hygiene items, underwear, socks, blankets and backpacks. Donations of your clean and usable clothing and other items are very much needed for this worthy and popular program. The need is ongoing – and growing.

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Michael's Musings

(by Michael Harris)

I am a Park West HOA Board member, but I write this piece as a neighbor. In today's world of instant communications on radio, TV, cable, Web and Smart Phones, I wonder about this process of writing and printing newsletters as we do today. Being of an older generation where information originally came in the form of magazines and newspapers and breaking news was on the radio, writing something almost a month before publication seems ... well just slow and taking a step backwards.

I still enjoy an occasional paper or good book while sitting out on the patio in the sun, but lately my preference has shifted. I find it is easier to grab a few stories from selected web pages or blogs about things that I am specifically interested in or read a few pages of a special e-book on my iPad. Yes, I have an iPhone, but at my age the screen is just a bit too small for serious reading. I also have a notebook computer but I feel just a bit too desk-bound while using it. Hey, I'm retired. What this really started me thinking about is ... how we can now customize what we read and how we choose to receive it. I no longer have to flip pages of magazines or newspapers skipping over the majority of the things that are too depressing to read to find the few nuggets of articles that are of interest to me at this stage of my life.

My son is a "technologist" who works at a big company in Redmond, Washington. He has been my coach on using the technology to help me do things the way I want, instead of fighting the information overload on the web. I don't claim to be an expert or super efficient, but "reader tools" on both my computer and iPad allow me to pull information or content from sites and blogs that I enjoy reading.

The software crawls the web content, and on my own time or schedule I can skim titles of articles or blogs quickly. With a flick of a finger I can discard what I don't want, read what I do and even save articles in a personal place on the "cloud." The process is like I did in my business life when I always had a folder in my briefcase labeled "read later." Friends, colleagues and assistants would put things in there that were important to read but not on a priority basis. When traveling or late at night I would pull the folder out and skim, read or toss the notes or articles. Some bright technologist must have watched his dad years ago and created an electronic representation of how he worked. The young folks first spotted it and began using the tool and passed it on to their dads. That's what happened to me!

So you see, I have come full circle here (pardon the pun)! Why then are we still communicating the old way in our homeowner association? Why can't we supplement the monthly "required" communications with blogs, links, tweets and Facebook postings? (My thanks to a young neighbor, Peter, for crystallizing my thinking.) It could get us information about both of our Associations with customized content and on a regular basis. Critical notifications could be broadcasted immediately. Routine information and links to articles of interest could be consumed at our leisure. In addition, we would save trees, postage and also money by using the new tools.



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Playgrounds



What's a Sprayground?

More and more cities are opening spraygrounds, which are water playgrounds. At a sprayground, kids can shoot each other with water cannons and get sprayed by dozens of water jets that squirt from different colored nozzles and hoses.



Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with.

But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

1. Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground

shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

2. Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.

3. Keep your size in mind. Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

4. Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

5. Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

6. Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.

7. Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

8. Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be fixed.

9. Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10. Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave.

Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD

Date reviewed: May 2008

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School News

Clayton Cardinals 5th Annual Fun Run & Celebration

Submitted by Wendy Gonzales

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April 16th • 3:00-6:00pm

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Submitted by Stephanie Lee

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Dear Circle C Community Members,

Submitted by Caitlin Moe

Every day hundreds of reports of abuse and neglect are made to Child Protective Services for children living in Central Texas. After being investigated, many of these reports are found to be true and children are immediately removed from their home to ensure their safety.

In 2010 there were 3,148 children in foster care in the Central Texas area.

Many studies have documented that the outlook for foster youth who age out of the foster care system, without loving families, is often grim:

- One in four will be incarcerated within the first two years after they leave the system.
- Over one-fifth will become homeless at some time after age 18.
- Approximately 58 percent had a high school degree at age 19, compared to 87

percent of a national comparison group of non-foster youth.

- Of youth who aged out of foster care and are over the age of 25, less than 3 percent earned their college degrees, compared with 28 percent of the general population.

Recently, a six-month-old child came into foster care due to severe abuse from her parent. Her parent abused her so badly she had a skull fracture and three broken fingers. An amazing foster family was contacted and they quickly stepped up to the plate to care for this fragile child. Currently, the child is healing and the doctors expect a full recovery.

A 12 year old came into care after being sexually abused by her father, while her mother looked the other way. After years of being nurtured and loved by a single foster parent, she has now been accepted to college

and is eager to become a productive member of society. Meanwhile, she knows she has this foster parent in her court.

These are just two stories of children being given second chances by foster and adoptive parents, several of whom live in the Circle C Community. Each child has their own unique story and deserves a safe and loving home where they can begin to heal and be given the opportunity of childhoods free of abuse and neglect.

Here's how you can help.

1. BECOME A FOSTER PARENT! There is a huge need for safe and loving homes for the children of central Texas. Open your heart and home to a child who desperately needs you.
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and children over the age of two. Make a commitment to a child who deserves a permanent home.

Foster and adoptive parents as well as volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. They are single, they are married, they are newlyweds, they are grandparents. If you are interested in becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent but are worried about finances, it is important to realize that monthly subsidies are provided to parents caring for foster children and adopted children. Also, each child will be covered by Medicaid (covering medical and dental) until the age of 18, even if they are adopted.

It takes a community with loving, nurturing and healing arms to raise a child that has suffered abuse and/or neglect. Will you be part of that community?

To get involved, contact Caitlin Moe or Betsy Herrington at Texas MENTOR (512.804.2338), a foster care and adoption agency. Our goal is to have 40 Circle C families directly involved in foster care by July 31st, 2011. Answer the call!

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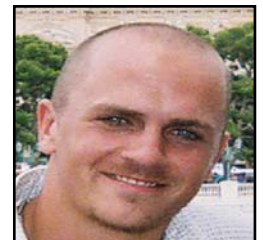
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Submitted by Lindsey Douglas

Getting fit and staying fit can be a fun process. That's true for individuals, and it's especially true for families.

Fitness is an important topic, especially when your daily routine involves a lot of sitting, whether at work, at school, or at home in front of a computer or TV screen.

The habits that we learn as children are often the habits we carry into adulthood. As parents, we can help our children build healthy habits and find new, fun ways to motivate ourselves and our children to get active.

Below are some ideas for getting off the couch and having some fun while getting fit:

Take an active vacation: It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.

Visit a local park: It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could

spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!

Hold a block party: Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a gettogether that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.

Go for a hike: Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles.

Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

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Sandwich Generation Needs “Stress Busters”

You may be too busy to realize it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Health Resource Network, a non-profit health education group, Stress Awareness Month is designed to promote awareness about ways to reduce stress in our lives. And if you're a member of the so-called “Sandwich Generation,” you may well have plenty of stress to deal with — especially financial stress. And that's why you may want to look at this month as an opportunity to explore ways of “de-stressing” yourself.

To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, consider this: One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for an aging parent, according to the Pew Research Center. The definition of “caring” for an elderly parent can range from actually having the parent living in one's home to helping



pay for the parent's stay in an assisted living or nursing home facility. When you consider the costs involved in this type of care, added to the expenses of raising your children, and possibly even providing some financial support to them as young adults, it's easy to see that you could potentially face enormous strains, both emotionally and financially.

- **Save.** As a Sandwich Generation member, you're probably within shouting distance of your own retirement — so you need to be saving for it. This may not be easy. You don't know how much financial support you may someday have to provide your elderly parents — and even after your children are grown, they may need some help from you. Unfortunately, in helping these “boomerang” children, many people have to disrupt their day-to-day cash flow and raid their savings. That's why it's important to try to “pay yourself first” by deferring part of each paycheck into your 401(k) and by automatically moving money, each month, from your checking or savings account into your IRA.

- **Talk.** Many people in the “Greatest Generation” (over age 80) have not even prepared a will, so, if your parents are in

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that group, you may want to talk to them about taking action. Also, find out whom, if anyone, is handling their investments. And ask if your parents understand how Medicare works and if they need to add supplemental health insurance, such as Medigap. Plus, you need to find out if your parents have created a power of attorney or health care directive. It's best to have these conversations sooner, rather than later.

- **Delegate.** You eventually may have to take some responsibility for your parents' care — but you don't have to do it alone. You could, for example, work with a financial services provider that offers trust services, which can be invaluable if your parents are incapacitated, but which are useful even if they aren't. A professional trust officer can, among other duties, help manage your parents' investments, pay their bills, keep their records and supervise distribution of their assets to beneficiaries. In short, a qualified trust officer can make life a lot easier for you.

Stress Awareness Month only lasts 30 days, but by taking the right steps, you can de-stress yourself for many years to come. After all, just because you're in the Sandwich Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."

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	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	30	2,872	\$ 105	\$ 301	1994	63	12	5
North	11	1,873	\$ 126	\$ 236	1996	52	6	2
Wilcflower	5	2,090	\$ 124	\$ 259	2000	52	2	0
On The Park	5	3,347	\$ 104	\$ 347	1998	77	4	0
Vintage Place	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Hickscher	6	2,968	\$ 114	\$ 337	2004	103	2	2
West	16	3,581	\$ 111	\$ 397	2005	101	6	5
Park West	6	2,162	\$ 134	\$ 290	2000	118	3	6
Park Place	3	2,384	\$ 126	\$ 300	2005	37	0	1
Muirfield	5	3,372	\$ 133	\$ 448	2006	17	2	1
Enclave/Stone Creek	4	2,758	\$ 116	\$ 320	2007	70	4	2
Alta Mira	10	2,976	\$ 119	\$ 353	2008	75	3	0
Fairway Estates	1	3,209	\$ 130	\$ 417	2008	120	2	0
Circle C Ranch Total	102	2,843	\$ 115	\$ 328	2000	73	46	24
% Change Mo/Mo	-1%	-3%	2%	-1%	0%	-3%	24%	20%

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