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### GET TO KNOW YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER

*Submitted by Jacob Johnson, Austin Water*

Many residents put a lot of effort into maintaining their irrigation system, which is a necessary step towards efficient watering. However, people then often overlook an equally important aspect of irrigation—scheduling. An essential element of proper scheduling is knowing how to operate the controller. Not knowing that can cost you.

A normal flow rate for a residential irrigation system is around 14 gallons per minute. Compare that with your shower of 2 to 3 gallons per minute or a dishwasher that uses less than 10 gallons per load and you can see just how quickly minutes on the irrigation controller can add up. So if you see your usage dramatically rise in the summer months, check your irrigation settings before chastising your teenagers for their long showers.

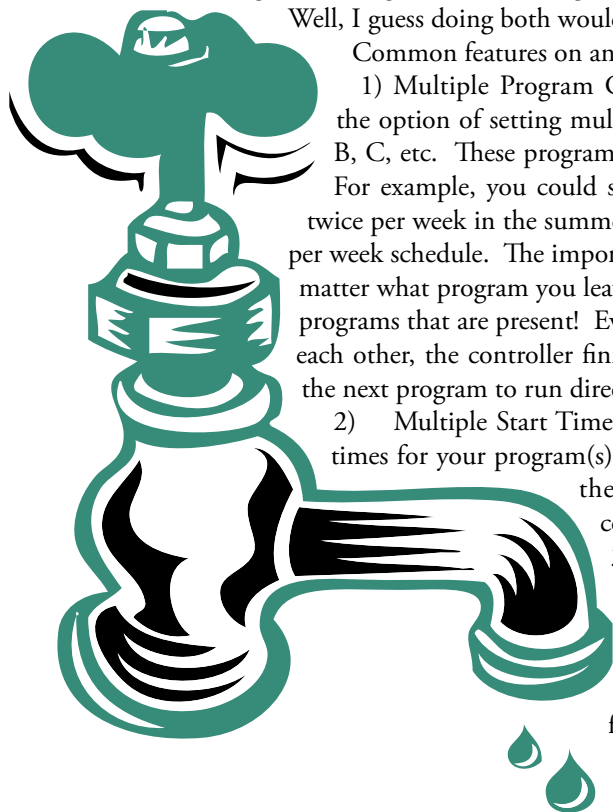
Well, I guess doing both would work.

Common features on an irrigation controller

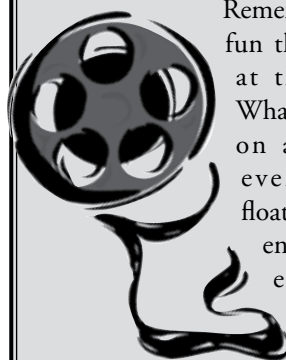
1) Multiple Program Capability: Controllers give you the option of setting multiple programs, usually labeled A, B, C, etc. These programs let you fine tune your watering. For example, you could set up your turf stations to water twice per week in the summer while keeping shrubs on a once per week schedule. The important thing to remember is that no matter what program you leave the controller on, it will run all programs that are present! Even if two programs coincide with each other, the controller finishes the first program and stacks the next program to run directly afterwards.

2) Multiple Start Times: You can also set multiple start times for your program(s). Start times represent what time the program will begin and most controllers offer the option between 3 and 16 start times. There are very few controllers that require start times for each individual zone. The benefit of using multiple start times is to allow for absorption in the landscape because many sprinkler heads can

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### SPONSORS NEEDED FOR MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE POOL



Remember how much fun the movie nights at the pool were. What could be better on a hot summer evening than to float in the pool and enjoy some family entertainment?

There have been a number of requests to bring them back.

Unfortunately, we can't cover the fees involved for equipment rental and rights to show the movies as well as set-up/breakdown. We need Sendera residents/business owners to agree to sponsor one or more events. Any businesses willing to facilitate a movie night(s) would be recognized in the newsletter and welcome to pass out other advertisement materials at the event.

If you are interested in supporting this wonderful neighborhood tradition, please contact Suzann at 291-0714.

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## Irrigation Controller - (Continued from Cover Page)

apply water faster than our soils can absorb it. Find the stations times you are happy with and then cut them in half. Instead of the program coming on at only 4:00 a.m., you could have the program (now with reduced station times) come on at 3:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Remember, if using multiple start times, every minute you add or delete really equals 2 or 3 minutes depending on the number of start times present.

3) Seasonal Percentage Adjustment: Another handy feature, the seasonal adjust, allows you to increase or decrease all of your stations times in 5 to 10 percent increments. This is useful if your entire landscape needs more water, but often stress will only occur in certain areas. It's a good idea at that point to only add time to the stations that need more water and an even better idea to inspect those stations to make sure the stressed area isn't getting water due to a clogged nozzle or misaligned head. When setting station times, it's recommended to have the seasonal adjust at 100% because the seasonal adjust button uses 100% as the reference point and makes changes relative to what that number is. Some controllers will show the increased or decreased times while others will continue to show the original times, but are actually running something different.

4) Memory Back Up: Most controllers now come with a non-volatile memory built into the control panel. This helps retain your

settings during brief power outages, but will usually clear itself out after long periods with no power. Other controllers will revert to a default program to run everyday for ten minutes per station after a loss of power. If you have a controller that does this, remember to change out the 9 volt battery every spring when you turn your controller back on and just to be safe, check the settings after thunderstorms.

Plant material, watering components, sun exposure, soil health, and how important each area of your landscape is to you all goes into the decision of how long you should run each station. An irrigation program with the same time on every station is usually a signal that there is room for improvement. This may involve taking time from some stations that are doing well and adding them to others that are showing signs of stress. Monitor your landscape and make changes as needed. Remember, automatic irrigation systems are great for carrying landscapes from one rain event to another, but a lack of rain will highlight deficiencies in the irrigation system.

If you need help with programming your controller and use over 25,000 gallons of water in the summer months, you may schedule a free irrigation evaluation from Austin Water either by calling 974-2199.

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## Recreation Committee News

*submitted by Suzann Vera*

The annual Sendera BBQ Cook-Off and Fair was by far our best Memorial Day weekend celebration EVER. The square dance held Saturday night will become a new tradition as it was such great family fun. Sunday's parade was well attended with beautifully decorated bikes, wagons, children and pets. Local firefighters and APD officers judged the delicious food and decided the winners are...

1st Chicken	Holy Smoke	JR Vera
2nd Chicken	Smoke It If You Got It	Brian Graham
1st Ribs	Poco Bueno BBQ	Diane Dionne
2nd Ribs	Six Pack Smokers	Randall Tomanetz
1st Brisket	Poco Bueno BBQ	Diane Dionne
2nd Brisket	Six Pack Smokers	Randall Tomanetz
Champion	Poco Bueno	Diane Dionne

**A panel of resident judges had to decide on the best pork and chose..**

1st Pork	Smoke It If You Got It	Brian Graham
2nd Pork	Acunabago	Nico Acuna

**All attendees were given stickers to vote on their favorites for the following categories and the winners are..**

Best Chef	Nico Acuna	
Best Side	Acunabago	Nico Acuna
Best Sauce	Smoke It If You Got It	Brian Graham
Best Wild Game	Smoke It If You Got It	Brian Graham
Best Dessert	Smokin' Gun	Greg Johnson

Thank you to all of the teams for their hard work, the security duo Saturday night for watching the equipment, the residents who participated in the weekend's events, the Board of Directors for approving such fun neighborhood functions and the Recreation Committee volunteers for pulling off such a great weekend!

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### Submitted by Ron Urias

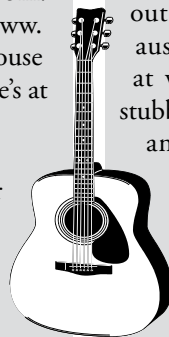
Many of you may know that Austin has declared itself the "live music capital of the world". If you are a music lover like my wife and I, this IS the place to be. Some of you may not know where to look for venues so I'm going to share a few of my favorites.

For those with young families there is the Shady Grove. A band plays FREE on Thursdays evenings and you can bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. You can see the schedule at [www.theshadygrove.com](http://www.theshadygrove.com) and look for "unplugged". Another family fun event is called "Blues on the Green" and it's held at Zilker park and runs from June 9th to August 18. You can see more of the schedule at [www.kgsr.com/blues/index.aspx](http://www.kgsr.com/blues/index.aspx) as well as a map of the location.



If you're looking for more of an adult venue check out the schedules of some of our iconic music clubs like The Continental Club at [/www.continentalclub.com/Austin.html](http://www.continentalclub.com/Austin.html), Saxon Pub at [www.thesaxonpub.com/](http://www.thesaxonpub.com/) or the house of the blues known as Antone's at [www.antoness.net/](http://www.antoness.net/).

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One of the easiest ways to follow all the music is by picking up The Austin Chronicle or looking them up at [www.austinchronicle.com](http://www.austinchronicle.com) for a schedule of many venues in town.

I'm sure I've missed a few here and there but this is a good start for those who think like we do that there's nothing like LIVE music!

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