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## Newsletter

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### Circle C Community Center & Pool Update



Above is a photo of the site taken mid-August. All slabs have been poured and by the time this newsletter is published, steel work would have begun. So far, the project is on schedule and has not experienced any major delays.

Due to a change in City policy and to an unmarked fiber optic line, the wastewater line project was delayed. Construction began the week of August 15th with the goal to complete all work prior to school starting on August 22nd. This will complete all work in the public street ROW.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 or [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info). Please do not attempt to enter the site and speak with any onsite workers as it is a construction zone and not safe. For residents who live near this area and have children – please take a few minutes and speak to your children about the danger of trying to enter the site at any time.

### Tree & Lawn Care During The Drought

**Tree Care:** The City Arborist of the City of Austin has posted Tree Watering Guidelines on their website. This is very valuable information and is very specific about how to water your mature and young trees during this severe heat and drought. You can access the website at: [www.ci.austin.tx.us/trees/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/trees/)

**Lawn Care:** We have noticed that a large number of you seem to have given up watering your yard. The City of Austin water regulations allow watering two times per week, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. according to your address. If your address ends in an odd number your watering days are Wednesday and Saturday; if even your watering days are Thursday and Sunday. This is for irrigation systems and watering with manual sprinklers. You can also hand water with a hose. The CCHOA is not expecting anyone to have a perfectly green lush lawn during this weather. However, with a little water and attention, you can keep the root system alive so the lawn will recover, which it will when the weather turns cooler and hopefully wetter.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 5.....Labor Day; HOA office closed,  
Swim Center Hrs 10am to 6pm  
(Lap 6am to 10am)
- Sept 9.....Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 28.....Board Meeting

## CCHOA NUMBERS

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The Circle C Ranch newsletter is mailed monthly to all Circle C Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

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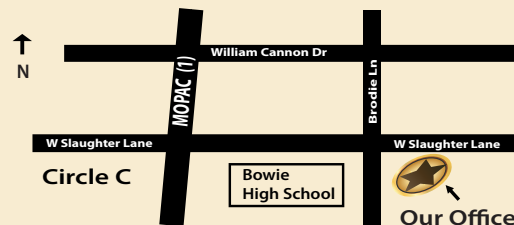
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# HOA Manager Announcements:

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Mgr.*

## DEED RESTRICTION REMINDERS

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*The Board of Directors is in the process of reviewing and adopting a Fine Policy that would allow the Association to fine for violations. The Association encourages each resident to voluntarily comply with all Deed Restrictions and to notify the Association immediately if they are unable to comply for any reason. The Association will make every attempt to work with the owner to bring their home into compliance. Please contact the HOA office at 288-8663 if you have any questions.*

REMEMBER: If you are planning an improvement to your home (i.e. patio cover, deck, change in paint color, fence material, removal of a tree, etc.), you MUST first obtain approval from the Architectural Control Committee. You can find guidelines and forms on our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) under the Resource Tab.

If you receive a letter from the HOA regarding an alleged violation, please call us. 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. 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](http://www.circlecranch.info).

TIP OF THE MONTH: Are you storing any debris that is visible from the front of your home? Toys, lawn mower, coolers, chairs, etc. should not be stored on your front porch or front yard, but rather stored out of sight. Your driveway should be free and clear of all debris as well.

## ARE YOU ON THE HOA'S EMAIL DATABASE?

The Association communicates with residents via our website email database on important and timely issues that affect the HOA and community. If you haven't already, visit [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) and click "Sign Up" and opt in to email. Per recent legislation passed, the HOA will be required to notify resident of board meetings via the HOA website and via email so now you have another reason to sign up!

## PLEASE BRING US YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

So many of you are now in the habit of collecting the aluminum can tabs and we appreciate you taking the time to bring them to the HOA office. We will continue 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/>



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## Landscape Update

*Submitted by Susan Hoover, Circle C Landscape*

I am writing this on August 11, after 50 days of no rain and 58 days of temperatures over 100 degrees. A small amount of the landscaping on the commons areas just gave up and died. Most of it looks pretty stressed, but I am expecting a full recovery when temperatures go down to about 90 degrees and we get (hopefully) a few fall rains. It has been too hot for anything to really grow over the summer, so as the temperature drops we will have a chance to get things back into shape.

I wanted to talk about some necessary turf repair that will be done to the commons areas in the fall. This is something you can also use in your yards and it would be very helpful once it is cooler and before winter. For the places that have thinned out and even died out causing an area to be spotty, we are going to rake out all the dead and thatch, apply ¼ to ½ inch of a high quality turf topper or compost and water it in by hand. Even in areas that have not died out, but have become stressed, this type of treatment would be highly beneficial. You can go to your local organic nursery or soil provider to get the turf topper, but make sure it has a good blend of composted material and is weed free. Anything with micronutrients is also great. You can usually get this in bags, or if you have a way to carry it, several

local nurseries will load it into a pickup truck. Singularly, this is the one thing everyone can do for restoration of these stressed areas.

You will notice that a lot of areas everywhere look quite yellow. Using irrigation water over a long term without rainfall really bleaches out the soil due to the chlorine in the water. We need rain water to correct this. If we are lucky and get a good rain or two in September, things will green up again. On the commons area, we have installed Pallisades zoysia turf in a number of locations. One of its qualities is to go dormant during long periods of hot and dry weather (summer dormancy). This is helpful as it protects the root structure of the grass, but it certainly makes for light grass here and there. We have been quite pleased with the rebound of this variety during better conditions.

Over the summer, we spent quite a bit of time re-routing and re-wiring irrigation lines due to all of the construction that we have had in the neighborhood. Between the Alamo Drafthouse site up at MoPac/Slaughter to AT & T installing U-Verse, to the new community center waste water line, to the City of Austin sidewalk repair division, our landscape crew spent over two weeks working with all of the contractors to make sure we could still end up with

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### *Landscape Update (Continued from Page 8)*

irrigation that watered as intended. I have to say I am personally waiting for this period to end! Not to mention it was 107 degrees and we couldn't leave that water off for long---

Later in the fall we will be doing a fertilization of all the common areas. This will be a light fertilization with an organic product. We will probably wait until late October to put this on and have it serve as the winterization fertilizer. If you are fertilizing your own yard, we would advise a mild product put on when it is below 90 degrees and watered in thoroughly.

As soon as it cools down, we will complete an assessment of any plants that need restoration or replacement and have everything fixed before November 1 to insure good grow in before the winter. We have also targeted additional areas for rock work. These are usually thin areas or median tips, where it is impractical to irrigate grass.

## Back To School

Now that the kids are back in school, it's time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in Circle C. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
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## CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER UPDATE

*Submitted by Jessy Lieck*



### SELECT SWIM TEAM

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### ADULT MASTER'S SWIM

Coached by Hayley McGregory, the Adult Master's Swim program is offered three times a week at the Swim Center. This class will teach you how to swim faster with less effort. It is for adults of all swimming abilities. We will incorporate drills for all four strokes into structured practices that will increase your endurance. Classes are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:45am - 9:00am. Cost is \$50/month for residents and \$60/month for non-residents, so bring a friend!

If you would be interested in an Adult Master's Swim Class option on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00am - 10:00 am and Fridays 7:45am - 9 a.m., please email [customerservice@ccswim.net](mailto:customerservice@ccswim.net) or stop by the front desk and let us know by September 10.

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### BATHROOM POLICY

The Circle C Swim Center has started a new Bathroom Policy to ensure the safety, privacy and well being of all residents. Please be mindful of other patrons and obtain their permission before

bringing children 4 years of age or older into the opposite gender bathroom.

As of July 1, 2011 the new policy states that any child 4 years of age or older must use the appropriate gender bathroom. Children 3 years of age and younger are permitted to use the same bathroom with their parent/guardian. Out of respect for other residents, please limit use of family bathroom to only times that it is a necessity. We ask that you continue to use the outside shower at the far end of the competition pool for bathing purposes.

### NEW STAFF EMAILS

The Swim Center has recently updated their staff email addresses so that you can easily contact them:

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### FALL HOURS - AUG. 22 THRU OCT. 16, 2011

#### Monday - Friday

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# Park West HOA News

## Park West HOA News (Specifically for Park West Residents)

*Submitted by Jackie Rollins*

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are pleased that Park West has been selected as a community to work with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) on their Firewise program to reduce the fire hazard potential from Slaughter Creek Park land behind the homes at 6004 – 6328 Tasajillo Trail. On August 2, twenty home owners from Park West met with representatives from PARD as well as the Austin Fire Department to listen and ask questions about the program. In early August, PARD and Park West volunteers, under Park Ranger direction, began by removing all dead materials, trimming tree limbs and removing “ladder fuel” by trimming, pruning up or removing vegetation from under trees. All residents are strongly encouraged to keep their yards closely cut and to keep gutters free of

debris. Damage to homes well away from the fire in recent Austin fires has been caused by wind-carried embers which can rapidly ignite dried leaves in gutters, spreading fire into attics - even in homes with tiles roofs. More details will be provided to residents as the program progresses.

### LANDSCAPER NEWS

For the most part, the lawns in Park West continue to be resilient against the drought. I drive the community each Wednesday at 1 p.m. and only counted a few lawns that needed attention. I count the lawns that have large reddish brown spots that look like the residents need to increase their watering times. This is a fifty-year drought. We continue to have sprinkler checks at about two to three a week. Weeds continue to be under control. The fall pre-emergent and

fertilizer application will be done towards the end of September. We offered to provide a half day of labor to help Park Rangers clear brush in the park land behind Park West.

### A NEIGHBOR REMEMBERS...

*Submitted by Dorian deWind*

As we hurriedly walk in the scorching San Antonio heat to the Scottish Rite Auditorium, my thoughts go back to a much cooler day about fifty years ago when I became an American citizen. I wonder if anything has changed in either America or in those who have traveled thousands of miles, who have left loved ones in faraway lands, who sometimes even risk serious repercussions in their native lands in order to come to the “promised land” — some simply hoping for a better life, some desperately seeking justice

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and freedom. When we enter the big auditorium and see the hundreds of "U.S. naturalization candidates" neatly seated, holding small American flags, smiles on their faces, some lost in thoughts, some a little awed by the momentousness of the occasion, but all with hope and expectations in their eyes, I realize that not much has changed.

We have traveled to San Antonio to witness the naturalization of a good Austin friend, Margaret, who is from Adelaide, Australia, a "Sister City" of Austin. Margaret immigrated to the United States in 2005 and started the "paperwork" to get her U.S. citizenship a year later. She now joins 344 immigrants from 67 other countries to finally receive her U.S. citizenship. They come from Algeria and Argentina, from Bolivia and Barbados, from Cameron and China, from Ecuador and Ethiopia, from Iran and Israel — the names of the countries start with virtually every letter of the alphabet. Surbhi is from India. Her husband Rahul — a software engineer also from Austin, is proudly watching her as she awaits the big moment. The other prospective citizens hail from big, powerful countries such as Russia, and from small, relatively unknown countries such as Sao Tome and Principe. They come from wealthy and poor countries, from democracies and from dictatorships. One young lady, from Iran, would speak later on the lack of freedom and justice in her country, especially for women. They come from as far away as Vietnam and the Philippines and from right across our borders to the north and to the south. By far the largest contingent of new citizens comes from Mexico.

As I glance at the group once more, I notice another thing that has not changed in fifty years. Just as during my own naturalization ceremony, some of the immigrants are dressed very formally, others casually. They are young and old and everything in between—the youngest 22, the oldest 78. They seem to represent virtually every race, ethnic background, religion and social status. They are truly a diverse, "motley crowd," soon to become part of an even bigger motley crowd: the melting pot that is America. The ceremony finally starts. First, the colors are presented by a sharp U.S. Air Force color guard from nearby Randolph Air Force Base. The immigrants pay their respects to the flag — at this point the flag of a country not their own. I can't

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**David Hunsaker**

# Park West HOA News

*Park West HOA News- (Continued from Page 13)*

help but think that in a little while, when the colors are retired, they will be proudly saluting their flag, their new country's flag; a flag for which one day some of these young men and women may be asked to fight, perhaps even make the ultimate sacrifice. But today is a day to be joyful. As the 345 brand new Americans take the Oath of Allegiance, the expressions of happiness, pride and gratitude, accompanied by the occasional tear, again tell me that nothing has changed... Three of the new Americans from Iran, Mexico and Bosnia-Herzegovina make nice, short speeches. The recurring theme is about "freedom," "opportunity" and the "American Dream"— just as I remember from fifty years ago.

But it is not all about what these immigrants expect from their new country. In their Oath of Allegiance, they solemnly swear to "renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty...to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and

domestic..." Their oath also includes the sobering pledge to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law. The ceremony concludes with words most of us know by heart, words that come from the hearts of these new Americans: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all." As these brand new Americans join the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who are naturalized each year, I want to believe that not much has changed in America's magnanimity and tolerance since the fifty years ago when she so graciously permitted me to share in the American Dream.

## **ALL DECKED OUT**

Park West residents, Lisa Koonce and Curt Rogers, recently completed a large deck renovation. Their old deck was all wood and not showing its age well. The current year's pollen that blanketed everyone's decks earlier this spring could not be completely

removed from the wood deck, thereby making it a splotchy redwood creature in their backyard. Lisa and Curt hired a local deck builder who is not only known for building decks that last through hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes (their underlying joists are made of powder-coated steel), but also is highly regarded as exceedingly creative with an eye toward beautiful deck designs. So beautiful, in fact, that their deck is slated to be highlighted in several Austin magazines, including Austin Monthly. So be on the watch for a Park West home making the big time!



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## oak hill united methodist church *christian living series*

The Christian Living Series of classes has included subjects such as discipleship, exploring the sacraments, prayer, how to connect with your teen, yoga, women of the Bible, an overview of world religions, healthy eating and other topics to help you live a Christian life.

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From time to time it becomes necessary to repeat the ones that a few residents ignore.

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## GOOD NEIGHBORS

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## UNTIL NEXT TIME

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# Clubs & Announcements

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CIRCLE C PLAYERS USTA NTRP OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*Submitted by Fernando Velasco, General Manager Circle C Tennis Club*

The Circle C Tennis Club hosted the 2011 USTA NTRP Open Tournament during the week of July 14-17, 2011. Over 103 players from the Austin and neighborhood areas entered this yearly event. The level of competition ranged from 3.0 to 4.5 rating in singles and doubles play.

Players of the Circle C Tennis programs that participated in this event and reached the finals or semi-finals are shown below. Their names are highlighted in Bold Letters.



**Ken Comey**, Winner and  
**Giulio Chiarenza**,  
Finalist Men's 4.0 Singles Consolation



Rachel May, Finalist, and **Masami Fujita**,  
Winner Women's 4.0 Singles



Christopher Foley and **Mark Kizer**  
Winner Men's 3.5 Singles



Edwin Chien, Winner and **Jeff Rausch**,  
Finalist Men's 4.5 Singles



**George and Mark Kizer**, 3rd Place and  
**Roger Keen and Louie Zeng**, 2nd Place  
Men's 3.5 Doubles



**Danny Rodriguez**, Winner; and  
**Carlos Almeida**,  
Finalist, Men's 4.0 Singles



**Jack Shriver and Joseph Springli**,  
Winners Men's 3.5 Doubles



Cindy Harbeson and Julie Magnuson,  
Winners, and **Ceci Griffis and Kathy  
Mungle**, Finalists Women's 3.5 Doubles.

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Randy Harris and Raajeev Kalyanaraman Winners, And **Austin Maddux** and Scott Dorf, Finalists  
Men's 4.0 Doubles

Other Circle C Tennis Club Players who participated were:

**Hector Perez**, Quarter Finals Men's 4.0 Singles  
**David Laird**, Semis Men's 4.0 Singles Consolation  
**Glenn Jorden**, Quarters Men's 4.0 Singles Consolation  
**Jack Shriver**, Men's 3.5 Singles  
**Jason Nickell**, Men's 4.5 Singles  
**Tracy Nickell**, Women's 3.5 Singles  
**Maria Fer Candil and Julie Comey**, Women's 3.5 Doubles  
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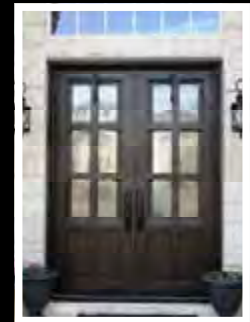
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### SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY

Saturday, September 24

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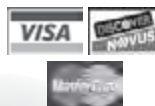
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*Manchaca Onion Creek Historical Association*

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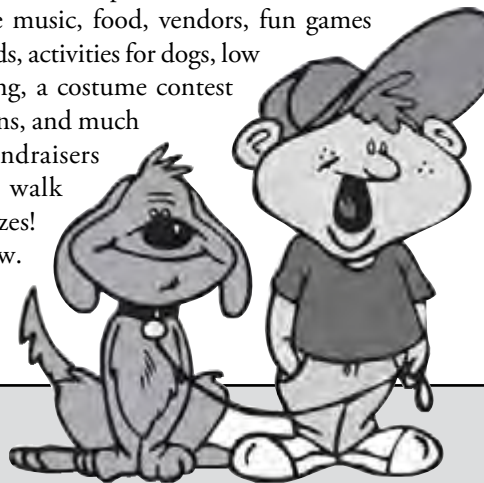
If you or anyone you know has access to original old photographs of the Manchaca area we would love to hear from you! Photos of people with buildings in the background, pictures of the businesses that used to thrive there, photos of the schools or activities would certainly be welcome additions to our collection. Your photos can be scanned while you wait and handed right back to you.

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Wow Circle C! Many homes are selling very quickly, now that school is starting this month. Large and medium sized families are all placing homes under contract quickly and the inventory is getting very sparse, as some are selling as quickly as they come on the market depending on the floor plan, size, lot, etc. The "Second Spring" is about to start as a completely different segment of buyers are about to start looking for their dream homes in Circle C, with hopes of closing by the holidays. October, November and December are fantastic months to have your home on the market, as Circle C sells year-round anyway. There is an exodus of buyers relocating to Southwest Austin from Northwest and Westlake areas. The word is out that Circle C is only 12 miles to downtown, is very affordable for many families and is a great place to retire! You drive out of the subdivision in any direction for 10 seconds and you're in the country! Who wouldn't want to live here?! ; )

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Hey Circle C! The Squires Team is always looking for ways to give back to the community, so they developed "Professional Profiles In Circle C Ranch" 11 years ago to promote small businesses of clients that live in Circle C Ranch. This month we are profiling Melissa Mayer who owns "Bee Waxed Skin Care Spa" in the Hill Country Galleria out 71. They offer a variety of different skin care regimens with soothing facials and hair removal for swimsuit weather, etc. They even help men with unwanted hair! It is easy to make an appointment at **(512) 402-9500**, or go to [BeeWaxedSkinCare.com](http://BeeWaxedSkinCare.com) for more information. Below is a coupon for your first time or just mention this ad when you go. If you have a small business or know of someone who does, have them call John Squires at 970-1970 for your free advertising. You can also e-mail him at [JohnSquires2@aol.com](mailto:JohnSquires2@aol.com) or [John@SquiresTeam.com](mailto:John@SquiresTeam.com). Thanks!



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*Submitted by Wendy Mayer*

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## Austin Newcomers Club

### *September Luncheon*

*Austin Newcomers Club is a social organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Join us at our monthly luncheon where you can learn about the many varied Interest Groups.*

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2011 Reservations are required by September 9th. Email: [LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com](mailto:LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com) or contact Dotti Thoms, New Member Services at (512) 314-5100. Visit our website at: [www.AustinNewcomers.com](http://www.AustinNewcomers.com)

This month's program is a performance/lecture-demonstration of two of India's classical dance forms, Mohiniyattam & Bharatanatyam by Sarita Warriar and her daughter, Arati. Dance is not just a series of steps to be performed mechanically but instead a quest to allow the ethos of the dance with its myriad facets to live within the dancer and to be expressed in all its movements, postures, facial expressions and hand gestures.

Bharatanatyam comes from the Sanskrit words bhāva (expression), rāga (melody), tāla (rhythm) and nāṭya (dance) and is expressed with the help of rhythm and lyrics. The meaning of the lyrics and the mood are expressed through body movements, elaborate hand gestures and facial expressions.

Mohiniyattam is a graceful dance meant to be performed as a solo recital by a woman. The term is a combination of the Sanskrit words mohinī and atta and means 'fascinating woman with graceful movements.'

## MOMS Club of Austin Southwest

*Submitted by Kim Gallant*

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*Submitted by Lisa Reed*

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To find out more about Omar, please contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, at the Adoption Coalition of Texas (512) 810-0813 or [gracelindgren@adopttexas.org](mailto:gracelindgren@adopttexas.org). Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group. To learn more about the foster care adoption process, please call the Adoption Coalition of Texas at (512) 301-2825, email [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org) and visit our website at <http://www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org>

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# Immunizations: Not Just for Kids

By- *Concentra Urgent Care*

Although most toddlers in the United States have received all recommended vaccines, many adults and adolescents have not. These missed vaccinations increase their risk for infection, hospitalization, death, and disease spread, and they contribute to the estimated \$10 billion that is spent annually on vaccine preventable diseases in the United States.

Evidence shows that currently approved vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with vaccine recommendations, limited access at physicians' offices, or the perceived cost of vaccines.

What you need to know is that obtaining recommended vaccines in a timely manner can prevent disease. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the following immunization schedule for generally healthy adults and adolescents:

## VACCINE

Influenza:

Meningococcal:

## RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE \*

Yearly, especially if at risk

One dose, age 11-12 or 13-18 if not previously immunized

Tetanus-Diphtheria/Tetanus: One dose, age 11-12, then booster every 10 years

Diphtheria-Pertussis: (Females only) Three doses, age 11-26

Human Papilloma Virus: If born after 1956, one or two doses if never immunized up to age 65

Measles - Mumps - Rubella: One dose, at or after age 65

Pneumococcal: Two doses if no prior infection or immunization received

Varicella (chicken pox): One dose, at or after age 60

\* Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>.

For more information about immunizations and where to get them, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC's Web Site at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).



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## Austin City Kids

Submitted by Brandee Davis

Navigating the private school admission process can be a daunting task. With all your options, deadlines and paperwork to fill out going it alone is not for the weak at heart. Ideally you should begin your search for the right private school a year in advance of when you actually want to enroll. This simple guideline is designed to give parents an overview of a typical private school admissions process. Please make sure you double check with the specific schools that you are interested in to find out detailed information about each school's admission process.

### AUGUST

- Create a list of schools you are interested in
- Talk with a school placement consultant about assisting your family with your school search
- Develop a criteria list of what you are looking in a school

### SEPTEMBER

- Attend the K-12 Private and Independent School Fair
- RESEARCH. RESEARCH. RESEARCH.
- Narrow down list of schools that meet your needs
- Arrange school tours and attend open houses

### OCTOBER

- Request admission packet from best match schools
- Arrange for any SSAT/ISEE test preparation
- Register for SSAT and ISEE and any other entrance exam
- Ask persons for letters of recommendation

### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Take any entrance exams
- Wrap up school visits and interviews
- Complete written school admission applications including essays

### JANUARY—FEBRUARY

- Submit all school application materials
- Request and complete financial aid forms
- Complete interviews
- If you are just starting to look for a school— RESEARCH. RESEARCH. RESEARCH!

### MARCH

- Decision letter for schools with January—February deadlines arrive mid-month

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## YOUTH SOCCER & BASEBALL

Sportball will hold their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Soccer and Baseball lessons at Dick Nichols Park. Classes are open to children ages 2 to 7. Enroll online at Sportball.us or call 608-2634 for more information.

These soccer and baseball classes will give kids a chance to learn valuable sports skills without the pressure of little league. Kids will receive a jersey and practice with their team each Saturday, but will not have an official game schedule. Classes focus on skills, drills, and scrimmages. Classes are taught by certified coaches.

### Classes for Fall 2011

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Turn in application one to two weeks early

**APRIL—MAY**

- By the end of May, all schools including magnet and charter school will have sent letters informing perspective students of their admission status
- If you were accepted into a school or school(s). Let respective schools know of your decision to attend or not.

**JUNE—JULY**

- Get ready for a summer of fun if your new school offers a summer program
- Enroll in enrichment courses to beat summer brain drain
- Start getting ready for back to school—it'll be here before you know!

## Fire Ant Awareness

The second week of September is Fire Ant Awareness Week. While there hasn't been a lot of fire ant activity lately due to weather, be aware that they will be back.

When it's hot and dry outside, people may have fire ant activity and get stung but not see mounds to treat. Under hot and dry conditions, fire ants dig deep into the soil to find cooler temperatures and to be closer to the water table. Fire ant mounds often return after rainfall or with regular irrigation.

When temperatures are at the sweltering range, it's a good idea to bait for fire ants since the mounds may not be seen. Fire ants will still be out to forage for food and will pick up bait as a food and take it back to the colony to share with others. It is best to bait in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.

Make sure that bait is fresh- it should have a nutty smell- and that it does not get wet from rainfall or irrigation. Read the label for the proper application rate and use the correct application equipment. Also, consider sharing some bait with your neighbors so their fire ants don't move into your yard.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)



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## NATUREWATCH SN-OUTBREAK!

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

The change from late summer into early fall can trigger some unusual natural events, and at this time of year in Central Texas, we can often see periodic population explosions of the American Snout butterfly.

Often mistaken for migrating Monarch butterflies, the American Snout (*Libytheana carinenta*) is a medium-sized butterfly with a brown upperside, wings orange at the base, and white spots near the tips of the forewings. Their underside is a mottled grayish-brown pattern, much like a dried, dead leaf. Snouts are named for their elongated mouthparts, and when they hang from the underside of a branch, which they most often do, their 'snout' resembles the stem or 'petiole' of a leaf and their folded wings appear to be the dead leaf itself. It's the perfect camouflage for defense against avian predators.

In the caterpillar stage, snouts are dark green with yellow stripes along the top and sides of their body, with two small, black tubercles on the top of their thorax. These caterpillars feed on all hackberry species, but they prefer spiny hackberry. While Austin is at the northernmost boundary of this plant's range, it is close enough that we get to experience a 'sn-outbreak.' After a good rain, spiny hackberry plants (also known as granjeno or desert hackberry) grow numerous new leaves. In response, the snout butterfly lays its eggs on these new leaves,

which provides the fuel for a significant number of its caterpillars. In Texas, it only takes 12 days to go from egg to caterpillar to adult butterfly.

The ecology behind this event is related to several factors. First, the population of snouts is positively correlated to the intensity and duration of dry periods that immediately precede significant rains. These droughts seem to greatly diminish parasites that can harm and kill snout larvae. Second, adult snouts wait out these long, dry periods by remaining in 'reproductive diapause', a state of arrested development/reproduction and decreased metabolism in response to the adverse environmental conditions. This condition reverses when the rains arrive and trigger the third factor, new growth on the spiny hackberry host plants. Female snouts will only lay eggs on this prolific new growth, and coupled with the lack of parasites, this creates a population boom.

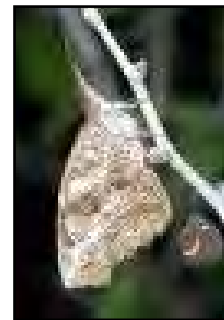
Most often, sn-outbreaks occur in South Texas and Mexico, where the spiny hackberry is plentiful. However, one of the largest recorded snout emergences occurred in late September of 1921, when over the course of 18 days more than 6 billion southeasterly-bound snout butterflies flew over San Marcos to the Rio Grande River. That's an estimated 25 million per minute! While not every year is quite that spectacular, keep your eyes

open about two weeks after a rain, and you should see region-wide migrations of snout butterflies as they waft by in pretty impressive numbers.

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Above: American Snout – upperside



Left: American Snout – underside

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*Enjoy!*

## Ingredients

- 1 Onion, chopped
- ¼ Cup oleo
- ¼ Cup flour
- 6 cans chicken broth
- 3-4 chicken breasts; cooked and chopped
- 2 - 4 oz. cans chopped green chilies
- 1 can diced Rotel tomatoes or 1 can diced tomatoes
- 2 T chili powder
- 2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 T Cumin
- 8 Corn tortilla chips, cut up
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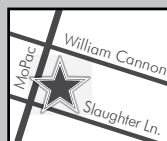
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## Is Your Baby Sleeping Safely?

*Submitted by Robin Dwyer RN and Leanne Courtney RN*

I have lived in the Canyon Creek subdivision in Austin since 1994. When I moved in the neighborhood I had a five year old daughter and had another daughter soon after. The neighborhood at that time was fairly new with a lot of young families with small children. I was seemingly unaware of the dangers of sleeping with my children in an adult bed or the dangers of my child sleeping in a crib with beautiful bedding, stuffed animals, plush blankets and toys that we all purchase when our children are born. I wanted to write this article for the residents to help and educate in hopes of preventing tragedies that I have investigated over the last seven years as my job as an Investigator for the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office. I want mothers and fathers as well as siblings, grandparents and babysitters to be aware of the dangers of unsafe sleep environments with babies and

young children. One of the most pleasurable experiences is cuddling and bonding with an infant. This article is in no way discouraging breast feeding, bonding or cuddling with your child. Babies should be placed alone on their back in a safety approved crib or bassinet for sleeping. This is the safest way for a baby to sleep to prevent accidental deaths by suffocation. Many times babies are placed in adult beds with thick comforters, pillow top bedding and many pillows. It is also not advisable to prop an infant on a couch with pillows. The infants can fall into crevices of the couch and also spaces between a headboard/sideboard.

Below are facts and figures depicting the harsh reality of what is happening in Texas and in Travis County and recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics to eliminate the risk factors and create a safe place for your baby to sleep.

Every year babies die from suffocation while they sleep. In Texas, on average, a baby dies every other day while bed-sharing with an adult or another child. These figures, researched by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, are alarming and the trend is increasing. According to the Texas State Child Fatality Review Team's 2009 Annual Report, 86% of accidental infant suffocation deaths were sleep-related, with 81% of these deaths occurring in an adult bed. Right here in Travis County, between 2008 and 2010, 43 babies suffocated in an unsafe sleep environment -- 74% died in an adult bed with 63% dying while bed-sharing. Last year 17 babies, the size of a kindergarten classroom, died of suffocation in an unsafe sleep environment.

Bed-sharing is a controversial topic and some groups promote the practice for the

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purposes of bonding, and more frequent and extended breast feeding. Research completed by the American Academy of Pediatrics Sudden Infant Death Task Force leads to their position that “there is growing evidence that bed-sharing, as practiced in the United States and other Western countries, is more hazardous than the infant sleeping on a separate sleep surface and, therefore, recommends that infants not bed-share during sleep. Infants may be brought into bed for nursing or comforting but should be returned to their own crib or bassinet when the parent is ready to return to sleep. The infant should not be brought into bed when the parent is excessively tired or using medications or substances that could impair his or her alertness.”

#### **A FEW AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Babies should sleep in a separate safety approved crib or bassinet in the same room as the parent or caregiver. Bed-sharing is not recommended.
- Infants be placed on their back for every sleep (for naps and at night)
- Use a firm crib mattress made for the crib (there should not be greater than 2 fingers width or 1 inch between the mattress and the crib railing). If the baby leaves an indentation, then the mattress is not firm enough.
- The mattress should be covered by a fitted sheet leaving no wrinkles.
- Soft objects and loose bedding, such as pillows, quilts, stuffed toys, pillow-like bumper pads, sheep skins and blankets be kept out of the crib.
- Continue the “Back to Sleep” campaign. Parents should tell others who care for their baby of these risk factors and how they want their baby to be placed to sleep.

This information is extremely important and everyone who takes care of a baby should know the difference between a safe and unsafe sleep environment and what to do to make it safe for a baby to sleep. Keeping babies safe during sleep is as easy as your ABC's. Your baby should sleep.....

A - Alone, on his or her B - Back, in a safety approved C - Crib (or bassinet), with the D - Dangers (soft bedding materials, stuffed toys, pillow, blankets, comforters, sheepskins, bumper pads, cords) E - Eliminated.

A good night's sleep is a safe night's sleep!

#### **USEFUL WEBSITES:**

<http://www.aap.org> (American Academy of Pediatrics)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/SIDS> (Centers of Disease Control)  
<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/SIDS> (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development)  
<http://www.cpsc.gov> (Consumer Product Safety Commission)  
<http://cribsafety.jpma.org> (Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association)

Please check out the Safe Sleep section in the Safe Living section on the Travis County Medical Examiner's Website at [www.co.travis.tx.us/medical\\_examiner](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/medical_examiner) for additional information and posters.

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*Are your teenagers home?*

*Submitted by Marisol Foster*

For most of us, our teens could use a little extra help in the manners department, and generally, that's okay. While kids are expected to "be kids," those who don't learn to wait their turn in line or chew with their mouths closed may face bigger challenges later in life. It's no doubt that children who develop good manners early on are more likely to grow up with respect for others, and have more confidence in school, their friendships, and later on in their careers. The challenge lies in making etiquette - what is sometimes perceived as antiquated and well, let's face it, boring - actually fun, interesting and relevant to today's teens' lives. Directors, Courtney Duncan and Marisol Foster of the National League of Junior Cotillions - West Austin Chapter (NLJC) are dedicated to just that. "Cotillion was a fun, learning experience for me that has had a big impact on my life. My favorite part of Cotillion as a student was getting the experience of formal dancing, dining and manners and applying it to everyday life," says Matt Davis, a former Cotillion Student, and currently an outstanding Lake Travis High School student. Matt isn't an alone. Earlier this year, 155 students enjoyed the Winter Ball, A Venetian

Masquerade, at the Barton Creek Country Club, which included a five-course instructional dinner and ball at the end of the season. "Every year, we are amazed at the transformation of the students as they show us their best manners and moves on the dance floor," says Foster. "Cotillion is our attempt to give teens the confidence they need to enjoy and feel comfortable in every social situation, both on and off the dance floor." The lively conversations during the formal dinner and echoes of laughter during Snowball Dance Contest confirmed just that.

The NLJC's unique classes for middle school 6th, 7th and 8th grade students offer a three-prong approach to social graces education - life & communication skills, modern etiquette, and dance. The Junior Cotillion season is held at the Barton Creek Country Club, and consists of six instructional classes/dances and a Winter Ball. The curriculum includes a variety of topics, including interviewing tips, body language, international & traveling courtesies, introductions, the art of conversation, personal presentation, and electronic, dating

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and dining etiquette. For those of you who don't remember, while dining out, the napkin is left on the chair if you're planning to return to the table, and placed on the table if you are leaving for good. In addition to life skills and etiquette, a variety of dances are also taught: the Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Texas Two-Step, and other popular line dances – all of which are danced to top 40, family-approved tunes. Parents, watch out, you may be surprised at how fast your children pick up these skills – they might even agree to teach you a dance or two.

While membership into the NLJC is invitation-based, classes are open to any interested 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student. "The purpose of the formal invitation is to make Cotillion a special experience for each student, from the initial point of communication, to the big end-of-season event, the Winter Ball," says Duncan. Any parent interested in learning more about the program can contact Courtney Duncan or Marisol Foster at 512.369.8302, or at [duncan.foster@nljc.com](mailto:duncan.foster@nljc.com). Please visit our website at [www.nljc.com/chapter/westaustin](http://www.nljc.com/chapter/westaustin) for more information about the program. Class enrollment is limited, but registration is available online with the registration code: westaustin.

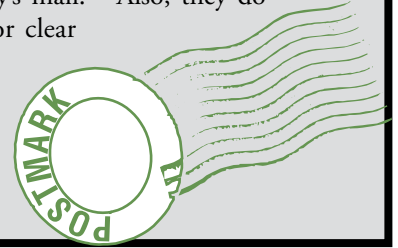
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