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Mark Your Calendar

CCHOA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 6:30pm
New Circle C Community Center
Check-in @ 6:00pm

The Circle C homeowners Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30pm at the new Community Center. In order to call the meeting to order and conduct business we need a 10% quorum. You will find the ballot and proxy on the back of your February 2012 Assessment. If you cannot attend the meeting, PLEASE assign your proxy to a neighbor so that it counts toward the quorum. There will be a Board Election with two open board seats to be filled.

HOA Voter Turnout

We were able to reach our quorum last year because of the implemented changes we made (mailing the proxy and absentee ballot with your assessment invoice). We would like to continue that trend in 2012, so PLEASE, take a moment and fill out the proxy or absentee ballot on the back of your assessment invoice. Voting in the board elections is a way for all residents to play a role in the success of our Circle C community.

Please take a little time to research the candidates and vote, candidate bios and questionnaires will be posted on our website by the end of January. If you do not have time to research the candidates, you can name a proxy. You need to make sure that the person you name as your proxy will be voting. All ballots/proxies that are submitted count toward the 10% quorum requirement so you do not have to attend the meeting to be counted.

HOA Dues for 2012

Submitted by Russ Hodes, CCHOA Treasurer

Our CCHOA dues are proportionally based on the value of each home, as reported by the Travis County Central Appraisal District (TCAD). The CCHOA can collect twenty-five cents for each \$100 of valuation (CCHOA Declarations - Article III, Section 3. 11/24/1987).

Fortunately, the HOA does not need all of the income we are allowed, so we have a "cap" on the dues. The Board of Directors can and does adjust that "cap", from time to time. The "cap" has been increasing at an average rate of 5% each year for most of the last 10 years. This is the national average needed for HOA dues to keep pace with inflation and the cost of living. You can expect the CCHOA cap on dues will continue to go up at that modest rate in future years. For 2012, the board has decided to reduce the annual increase on the cap to 2.5% (instead of the usual 5%).

The philosophy behind the use of HOA dues is to cover the cost of our operations, supplies and contracts (Landscaping, Swimming Pool, Amenities, neighborhood maintenance, staffing, and other office expenses). The new Circle C Community Center and Pool capital expenses are financed with a construction loan. When our new Swim Center comes on-line in February 2012, we will have larger pool operating budget, which I have estimated to be roughly twice the current Pool expenses. By raising the "cap" on dues in this gradual way, we continue to collect enough income to cover those new operation and staff expenses, without a sharp increase in HOA dues or requiring a Special Assessment.

CCHOA – We're Moving!

The CCHOA management offices will be moving to the new community center building sometime in February. Our website, email and phone number will remain the same, but our new address will be 7817 La Crosse Avenue. We will have a drop box located at our new location for collection of ACC materials and general correspondence. All financial correspondence should still be mailed to: PO BOX 163541, Austin, Texas 78716.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 1: First ½ Annual Assessment Invoiced
March 1: First ½ Annual Assessment Due
March 7: Annual Meeting

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Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Mgr.

CIRCLE C COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

We experienced a few rain delays in December that delayed our completion date; we are now planning for a February completion and open date – please see our website for more details. At the time of writing this, we anticipate having policies and rates posted on the website by the end of January. If you have an event in mind, please call us at 288-8663 to schedule.

1ST HOA ASSESSMENT MAILING FEBRUARY 1

The 1st half year assessments will be mailed February 1 and are due March 1. Please be sure to mail checks to:

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PO BOX 163541
Austin, TX 78716

Payments will NOT be accepted at the HOA Office, please do not place them in the drop box outside the office. Please do not staple your check to your invoice or post-date your check. If you have a question regarding your assessment, please contact the accounting office at 451-9901.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

The association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in your community. Here a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet board members and HOA staff
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects

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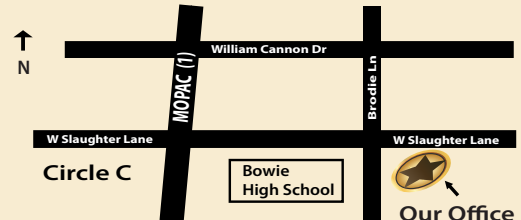
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- Review the proposed budget, and hear the association treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

PEDERNALES ELECTRIC CO-OP

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Pedernales Electric Co-op has reported to the CCHOA that it had scheduled an on-site inspection of the electric lines to determine if any tree trimming was necessary for reliability and safety reasons in mid-January. They will be providing a report in the near future. If anyone has a concern about tall trees near the PEC electric lines, you can contact Laurie Whipple at 512-294-9136, extension 7925. If you live in a City of Austin Electric Area, you would need to contact COA electric at 322-9100 to report tree limbs.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS & DECORATIONS – REMINDER

If you haven't already, please take down all of your holiday lighting and decorations per the rules in the governing documents (lights and decorations should be removed by January 15th). Thank you for your cooperation.

SPRING CLEANING AND HOME MAINTENANCE

As spring approaches please review the condition of the exterior of your home – specifically look at the condition of paint, roof, gutters, shutters, screens, trim work and siding and schedule any maintenance into your spring cleaning. It takes a cooperative effort from all homeowners to keep Circle C a beautiful place to live!

HOME MAIL DELIVERY

If you live alone and have a disability that makes it difficult for you to pick up your mail at your cluster mail center, you may qualify for home delivery. Contact the US Postal Service at 1-800-275-8777 or our office at 288-8663 for information on this service.



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SAFETY AWARENESS



Unfortunately some of you have been victim of vandalism and/or theft this past year so we wanted to ask everyone to be as proactive as possible to deter crime in Circle C. The City of Austin Police Department has these suggestions for deterring vandalism and theft from your property:

1. Install a deadbolt lock.

Deadbolts are usually locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. The cylinder should be pick resistant. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're leaving for just a few minutes during the day. The most popular times for residential burglaries are weekday daylight hours. In over 1/3 of burglaries, there is no forcible entry – someone forgot to lock the doors.

2. Install solid doors.

Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 ¾ inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material and each door must fit its frame securely.

3. Keep garage doors closed and locked.

4. Secure sliding doors and windows.

Cut a broom handle to the length of the bottom track so that the window or door will not slide open when forced. Also, drill one hole through both casings and sliding window and insert a nail or pin.

5. Secure sash windows.

To prevent wooden sash windows from being pried open, drill a downward sloping hole into the top of the bottom window through and into the bottom of the top window and insert a pin or nail. To prevent aluminum sash windows from being broken into, purchase a track lock that blocks the window track.

6. Mark your property.

Mark your valuables with an engraver. Marking your property serves as a deterrent to would-be burglars and it helps police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list. Put warning stickers on doors and windows.

7. Purchase a burglar alarm.

A home alarm system can be a very effective burglary deterrent and fit into many people's needs. Remember to test your system monthly. Please be aware that the City requires that you register your alarm with APD – check with your alarm company for the correct forms.

8. Leave a light on.

When leaving on trips, leave a light on in the bathroom. In the bedroom, attach a lamp and radio to a 24-hour electric times set to go on at dusk and off at your bedtime. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.

9. Use proper exterior lighting.

Place a light over every door. Double cones lights on each corner of the house will also light up windows.

10. Work together with your neighbors.

When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.

CITY OF AUSTIN WASTEWATER AVERAGING

Wastewater Averaging runs from mid-November through mid-March. The information below has been pulled from the City of Austin website. For helpful links on how to calculate your wastewater average, to find your 2012 schedule and view frequently asked questions, log onto: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wwaverage/default.htm>

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You can lower your wastewater costs for the next year by conserving your water usage during the three monthly billing periods used to calculate your wastewater flow. Depending on your billing cycle, the three periods used for wastewater averaging will occur between mid-November and mid-March.

For more information on wastewater averaging refer to the link above.

NEW HOA LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

Last year the Texas legislature passed several new bills into law that mandate the operations of HOA's in the state of Texas. A complete listing of these new laws can be downloaded from our website. With the help of our association attorney, several rules and policies were adopted and registered in Travis County to ensure our compliance with all new laws. All governing documents, policies and guidelines are posted on the CCHOA website.

New legislation now requires that the HOA contact you via email and notice on the website of all Board of Director meetings. However, residents must ensure that they are registered both for the website and for email communications – so, if you haven't already, visit www.circlecranch.info and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact us at 288-8663.

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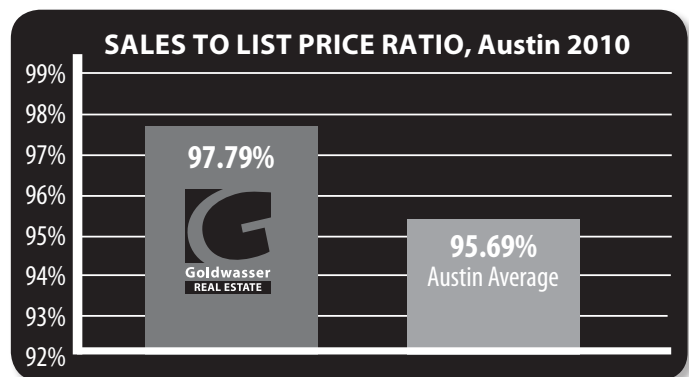
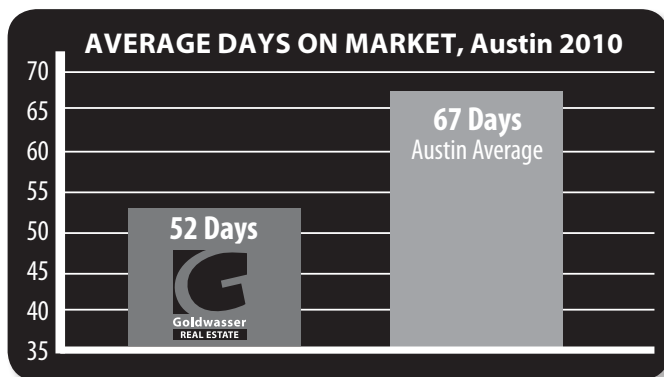
We are continuing to receive many complaints from residents about owners who are storing their garbage can and recycle bin in view from the street. Garbage cans and recycle bins should be hidden from view – either behind your fence, in your garage or behind shrubbery. The vast majority of homeowners are able to hide their cans out of view, please do YOUR part to keep Circle C a beautiful place to live.



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CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER UPDATE

Submitted by Jessica Burkemper



MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL UPDATES

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A friendly reminder to all, aside from the primary and secondary adult, if anyone listed under your membership account is currently age 23 or older, proof of residency is required annually. This can be either a Photo ID with the Circle C address, or a piece of mail addressed to that person at the Circle C address. Please plan to bring this proof of residency with you on your first visit to the Swim Center in 2012.

If a member of your household will turn 23 in 2012, the Swim Center will email a reminder during the month of their birthday directly to you that proof of residency will be needed. Please email customerservice@ccswim.net if you have any questions about this policy.

Bringing a Guest to the Swim Center

Also, Guest Information Forms are archived at the end of each calendar year. Please plan for each guest you bring to the Swim Center to complete a new Guest Information Form. This form can still be found online at www.ccswim.net. Every guest must complete one for the new calendar year, even if they have been here previously, and this form must be signed by the guest. If the guest is 17 or younger, then a parent or legal guardian's signature must be acquired. The Swim Center will not accept verbal permissions over the phone.

Once we receive the new form from each guest, we will keep it on file and simply record the guest's entry for any additional visits. This new form will only need to be filled out one time each year and will be effective until December 31 of that year. This annual form will

ensure up-to-date information in case of emergencies, as well as make the guest sign-in process quicker and easier for everyone. Guest fees and policies will still apply during each visit.

CIRCLE C SELECT SWIM TEAM

We would like to congratulate all of our swimmers who have qualified for the championship meets. Circle C was well represented at the B and BB Champs in January, and is looking forward to a grand showing at the A Champs here in February. Please check out the team's website for regular updates. <http://select.ccswim.net>

The Swim Center still has Select Team merchandise for sale at the Front Desk. Get your Silicone Swim Caps (\$12), Latex Swim Caps (\$4.50), T-shirts (\$8/\$10) and Long Sleeve Shirts (\$15) now and show your support for the Serpents!

December Swimmers of the Month

The Swim Center would like to congratulate Tae-Kyung Kim, Jake Tarin and Ariana Eads for being awarded as the December Swimmers of the Month.

Tae-Kyung! A recent addition to our team that has continued to improve all of the skills that are worked on throughout practices. His attention and respect is unparalleled. That, along with his continuous hardwork is responsible for his continued improvement.

Jake! After competing at the UT meet in November, all of the coaches, along with his teammates have noticed and admired his new found motivation to be better and faster in all of the strokes. He has also brought a welcomed competitive aspect to practices each day.

Ariana! After a brief absence due to illness, she is back more determined than ever. She has gotten back into shape and is a definite leader of the Black group, even though

she is one of the younger athletes. Her determination and hard work is sure to pay off as we enter championship season.

SWIMMER'S FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish all of our swimmers with February birthdays a big Happy Birthday from everyone here at the Swim Center: Vivienne McCracken (12th), Sophia Fontana (13th), Annalie Krone (13th), Allyson Foulkrod (15th), Alex Reed (17th), Kelly Matthews (18th), James Zhao (21st), Stephan Kim (22nd), Jacob Lauderbach (25th), Noah Bihan (28th).

WINTER HOURS

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Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

February is quite an active month for landscape maintenance. On the Circle C Commons areas we will be busy trimming back all of the perennial plants in the planting beds along the commons areas. At this time, we touch up the mulch and add composted material if necessary. We will also be pruning back the crape myrtles.

We have a moderate approach to crape myrtle pruning. For the past decade there has been an outcry against "crape murder", which involves topping the trees off severely. Most people have moderated their approach and no longer go crazy with the pruning shears. In most areas we gently prune back the dead wood, creating a good place for new wood and new blooms to form. We do a more advanced prune on the crape myrtles that are located in the medians on Slaughter and Escarpment. These are located under the shade trees, and without a little help, they bump up against the tree canopy and cause a conflict.

If you are working in your own yard, this is a good time for clean up and pruning perennials and other summer flowering plants. Be careful not to prune the wisteria, honeysuckle or Texas Mountain Laurel. These are early bloomers and their blooms are

set to come out at the first signs of spring. If you prune them back, there will be no flowers! You can get to these just after they bloom in late spring/early summer.

We will also be adding a pre-emergent weed killer to the beds and turf areas to help cut down on spring weeds. We use a granular product that is broadcast over the area to assist with weed prevention. If you don't want to use any chemicals, regular weed picking in your beds will keep most things at bay.

We won't be fertilizing in February, even though most stores will encourage the purchase of Spring fertilizer. This is particularly important for St. Augustine. Hold off on that fertilizer until late March/ early April and you will have much better results. For St. Augustine, a little bit of organic fertilizer will go a long way.

If your yard took a turn for the worse last year during the drought, check out the new Front Yard Water Wise Design Guidelines set by the Architectural Control Committee. They will help you get started on revamping your front yard so it will look good even in more extreme conditions. Hopefully, we will be getting some spring rains this year as well.



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January 15, 2012	Holiday Lights must be removed
February 1, 2012	CCHOA Annual Report in February Newsletter
February 1, 2012	First ½ year assessment mailed - Due Mar. 1st <i>**Ballot & Proxy to be printed on back of assessment</i>
February 2012	Board of Directors Candidate Forum Date to be determined
March 7, 2012	Annual Meeting - 6:30pm-9:30pm Circle C Community Center
April 7, 2012	Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am to 11am
April 8, 2012	Pool closed for Easter Holiday
April 21, 2012	Community Wide Garage Sale 8 am to 5 pm
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day, Pools Open, HOA Office closed
July 1, 2012	Second ½ year assessment mailed. Due August 1st
July 4, 2012	Fourth of July Community Parade 9am to 11am
July 4, 2012	Pools Open, HOA Office closed
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving, HOA Office Closed
December 1, 2012	Family Holiday Party Circle C Community Center <i>(entry is one new unwrapped toy per child)</i> <i>(time to be determined)</i>
Dec. 14-16, 2012	Holiday Lighting Contest All three days
Dec. 24-26, 2012	Christmas Break, HOA Office Closed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

4th Wednesday of every month, 6:30 pm at the Circle C Community Center.

SWIM CENTER EVENTS

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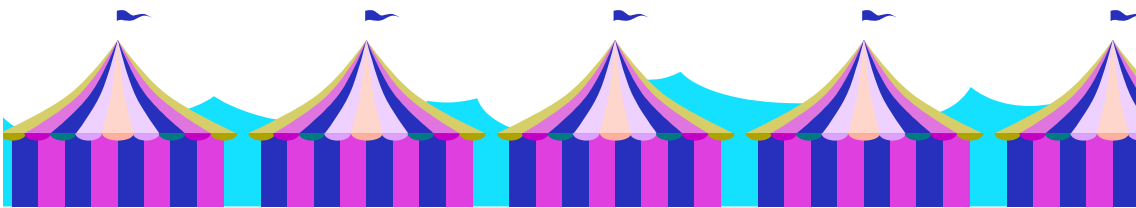
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Park West HOA News

Park West HOA News (Specifically for Park West Residents) *Submitted by Dorian de Wind*

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Please plan to attend the Park West Annual Meeting at Kiker Elementary School on Tuesday, February 7. Check-in starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting begins at 7 pm. Every home owner should have received detailed information about the meeting by mail. This note is to encourage everyone, particularly new neighbors, to hear about the activities of the HOA in the past year, to get a feel for the solid financial performance of your association, and to elect three Board members. It is also a good opportunity to meet many of your neighbors. Hope to see you there.

LANDSCAPER NEWS

Let it rain and rain it did. December was the wettest month of 2011. We did not have a hard freeze although it did cool off a handful of times to below freezing. Grass that was damaged has filled in nicely but still has a way to go in some areas to be considered of normal turf density. This spring, as a result of talking to a few homeowners, I will be launching a program where I try to bring back lawns that are shaded or distressed. Last fall, I used a stronger, more intense fertilization program at the Salt Lick Restaurant and the grass came back nicely. I will not be doing this to every yard - only those that stand a good chance of coming back or filling in. This will be an additional expense to us of approximately \$400 to \$500, but the money is not the point; curiosity and community are.

We top-dressed grass (composted garden mix from Geo Growers, Double Thunder) at the east and west mail centers at our own expense as they needed some supplementation after the harsh summer. We turned off the irrigation clock at the east mail center to conserve water. We had four irrigation checks and issues that were resolved in December. We cleaned up the lot behind the west mail center and did an extra supplemental mowing to pick up and/or mulch a lot of the small leaves. We finished all of the trimming of perennials and bushes and installed mulch throughout the whole neighborhood. Thank you. *Scott Smith, Pearson Landscape Service*

REMEMBERING EARL CHARLES "CHARLIE" RODENBERG

It has now been a year since Park West lost a dear friend, a great patriot and, for Charlie Rodenberg's family, a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother ...

We wrote "All About Charlie" in the April 2011 Circle C Ranch Newsletter.


It is only fitting, on this anniversary, to recall one of Marine Lieutenant Colonel Rodenberg's valiant actions -- so typical of his service to country as a combat Naval Aviator -- as told at Charlie's "Celebration of Life" by another retired Marine Corps officer, Michael Beggs.

During a fire fight in the jungles of 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. In the process of trying to rescue his fellow Marine, Beggs stepped on a landmine and, in Beggs' own words:


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.

A "MEDEVAC" flight was immediately called 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 be there and Beggs would be airlifted to the nearest medical facility and would hopefully survive.

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However, there was one "little problem." The area where Beggs lay critically wounded was under a dense tree canopy with no suitable location for the helicopter to land and pick up Beggs. The only way to rescue Beggs was to use a "jungle penetrator," a piece of equipment designed for use in just such circumstances, but also a dangerous "extraction" method that required the greatest of skill and nerves of steel on the part of the pilot.

Fortunately for Beggs, the pilot of the CH-46 helicopter had exactly what it took and while the pilot maintained the helicopter virtually motionless about 200 feet in the air, braving sniper fire all this time, 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 had 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."

However, there was nothing simple about the distinguished service of this Marine. A Marine who went on to earn the Air Medal with 25 "Strike/Flight" awards for heroism and meritorious service while participating in aerial flight in combat.

This is what Charlie was "all about." We remember him fondly.

RULES REVISITED

From time to time it is useful to re-emphasize some of the rules that are easily overlooked.

- Ushering in 2012 is an edit to **Rule 7b, Garbage and Recycling Collection**. The time for containers to be set at the curb is restated to be "no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before collection..." This helps retain the sought after curb appeal for house hunters, realtors and other visitors on Sundays when the gates are open until that time.
- Remove those unsightly oil or rust stains on your driveway. (**Rule 1. h. Exterior Appearance of Individual Residential Property**)
- The speed limit on all Park West streets 20 mph. There are signs. Please slow down. (**Rule 4. c. 6. Parking and Traffic**)

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There is not much supply and a huge pent-up demand for homes. Our last open house was on a cold, rainy Sunday when it was about 50 degrees. We had 18 couples come through! All the young families are out now looking to buy before the large families come back out to look in the Spring. Please let John know if you would like to beat the Spring rush! Below are 9 smart sellers doing just that by listing their homes with John within the next 1-2 weeks to get ahead of competition. Many of these will be sold by the time you read this newsletter. List with John now and move by March! Thanks!



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10200 Cusseta lane—Stunning 1-story home with HUGE game room up! Pool and Hot tub too!



5507 Ballenton Lane—5 full baths on The Park! Great plan with master down on quiet, secluded cul-de-sac. 3-car garage close to Kiker.



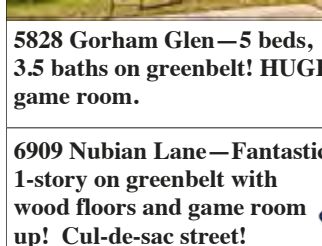
5828 Gorham Glen—5 beds, 3.5 baths on greenbelt! HUGE game room.



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CIRCLE C TENNIS CLUB

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

CIRCLE C MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF TENNIS GIVES ADVICE ON HOW TO PLAY TENNIS

Q: I am an adult and I would like to start playing tennis again. How do I get started?

A: Many Private Tennis Clubs and Park District facilities offer Beginner Classes. Most of these are group lessons of 4 to 8 students per class. Facilities usually provide tennis demo rackets. All that that a player needs is tennis shoes and comfortable clothing.

Q: Once I start these classes what is next?

A: The beginner sessions will provide you with the fundamentals regarding grips, footwork and stroke production. The instructor will explain the rules of the game, how to keep score, and suggest the basic strategies for singles and doubles play.

Q: How long does it take to master the game?

A: Forever!! There are players that have been playing for over 50 years (including myself) and I am still learning new techniques and strategies. Once a player develops the fundamentals, all they need to do is to spend quality and quantity time on the court. In tennis, one needs to adjust to the opponents' strength and weaknesses and be able to compensate for them each time they hit the ball.

Q: How do I find players to play with?

A: The group lessons are an excellent way to meet people who are at the same skill level as you. I suggest getting a list of these players' phone numbers and set up a mutual time to meet and practice. Most clubs are open early in the morning and late at night if they have lights. Also, make use of the high school and middle school tennis courts when not in use.

Q: What is the best way to practice?

A: We all are competitive to a fault, and all we want to do is go out to play and beat our opponent. If you want to improve and learn to play better, I suggest that you pair up with a partner or partners who are willing to "rally" with you and practice. I recommend using more than three balls and not even new ones, since they are very lively and hard. Most students are more comfortable with a ball slightly used and softer. These balls still need to bounce high enough to be able to hit it at your waist height.

In the next issue, I will answer some questions about tennis racket equipment and what I feel are the most appropriate tennis shoes to wear. Until then, start playing and start enjoying the "sport of a lifetime: Tennis".

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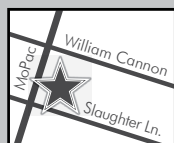
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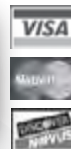
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Submitted by Murray Chanow



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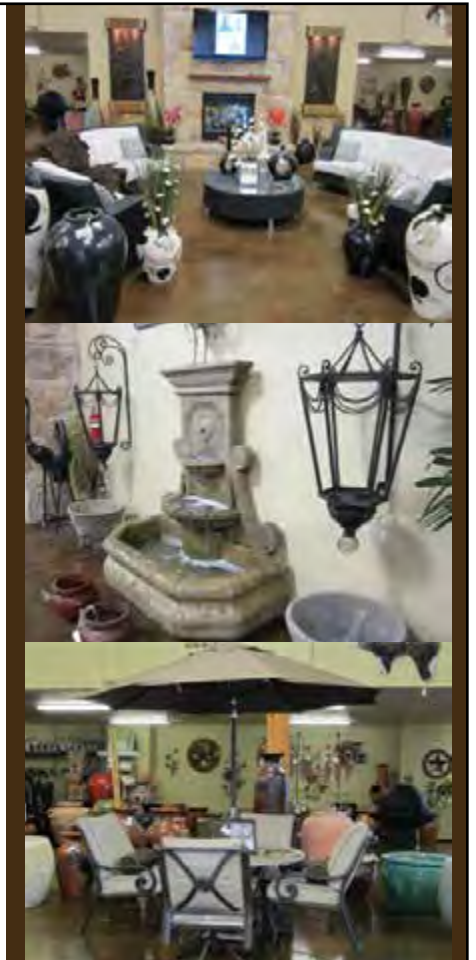
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Submitted by Saralee Tiede

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DANCE EXPLOSION – BRAVO PERFORMANCE

Submitted by Adam Frishman



Your Circle C neighbors encourage you to support the arts and attend their February 11th all-star dance performance, "BRAVO!"

19 of your neighbors are members of the youth dance companies at Dance Xplosion, the dance studio with locations in Escarpment Village near Starbucks and Bank of America. BRAVO! is the exciting annual showcase for the dance companies. Choreographed to many of the greatest hits ever to play on the radio, you will be dazzled by the talents of 46 of Austin's finest young dancers. From jazz to tap, lyrical to musical theatre, this year's BRAVO! show will have you singing and moving your feet in your seat!

BRAVO! is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are \$10 each and 100% of the proceeds support the dance companies. You can purchase tickets at Dance Xplosion, at the box office, or by contacting one of your Circle C dancers/neighbors (highly encouraged).

SHOWTIME & LOCATION

Saturday, February 11, 2012

6pm-8pm

Hays Performing Arts Center

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CIRCLE C PERFORMERS

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ABOUT THE DANCERS

Dance Xplosion Companies are formed of select dancers who desire to perform, compete and train at a more intense level, all while forming long-lasting friendships and becoming part of a close knit family. Dance styles include jazz, lyrical/contemporary, tap, hip-hop, musical theater and/or ballet. Each year Company members perform at numerous community events, attend several competitions, and challenge themselves at conventions and workshops where they learn from the country's top dance instructors. Importantly, Dance Xplosion's Company Members grow daily as dancers and as individuals.

MOMS Club of Austin Southwest

Submitted by Kim Gallant

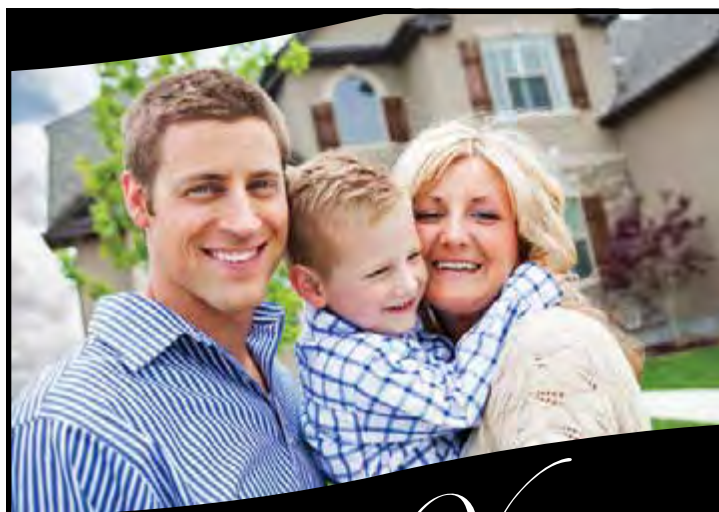
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American Diabetes Association Announces Inaugural Austin-based **Central Texas Tour de Cure** **Cycling Event in 2012**

PLANNING COMMITTEE SEEKS SPONSORS, RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Now in its eleventh year, the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure has been a fundraising cycling ride from San Antonio to Austin, Texas. For the first time, in 2012, the event's fundraising efforts will be focused on twenty-six (26) Central Texas counties, and the ride will start and end in Austin at the Travis County Expo Center on May 5, 2012.

"The ADA has decided that it needs to turn up the volume on its efforts to heighten our nation's sense of urgency about the disease, and to move beyond just awareness to encourage people to engaging with the Association in meaningful ways and become a part of the movement to Stop Diabetes®. The Tour de Cure takes place in 43 cities nationwide, and the Central Texas one has been so successful that the national organization encouraged Austin-area leaders to forge its own ride and focus on getting local word out about the cause," says Mercedes Feris, Tour Manager of the Austin-based chapter.

The new one-day, family-focused event, sponsored by lead sponsors Austin Energy and Seton Healthcare Family, will feature various

cycling routes for all skill levels (from 15 to 100 miles in length). No matter which distance riders choose, they will be fully supported with route marshals, SAG vehicles, mechanical support, and rest stops stocked with hydration and a variety of snacks. At the finish, there will be an Austin-style celebratory theme at the Travis County Expo Center with cheering volunteers, live music, great food and much more.

"Though we have made substantial progress in combating diabetes, the number of Americans burdened by this disease continues to grow at a rapid pace," says Jane Koble, Executive Director of the association's Central Texas chapter. "Approximately 8.3 percent of Americans have diabetes. In Central Texas, we're looking at 10% of our population. It's an urgent health issue that touches Texans at a much higher percentage than the general population of the United States and the number of adult Texans with diabetes is expected to quadruple over the next three decades if the current trend continues."

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Central Texas Tour de Cure- (Continued from Page 26)

Diabetes can have a devastating impact on the health and well-being of those it affects. People with diabetes are more likely to suffer from complications such as heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, or kidney failure.

Type 1 diabetes inhibits the body's ability to produce insulin and can be managed with insulin injections, diet, and exercise.

Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90 percent of diabetes cases in the U.S. and for those with this type, either their body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Individuals can reduce their risk of developing Type 2 by adopting a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and consulting a medical professional about their individual needs and risk factors. The increase in Type 2 diabetes among the Nation's children is linked to the rise of childhood obesity.

Traditionally, Tour de Cure has been the Central Texas chapter's largest annual fundraiser. The planning committee for the 2012 Austin Central Texas Tour de Cure hopes to attract 550 riders to the inaugural event, who will each raise a minimum of \$200 to help prevent, treat, and manage the disease.

For more information, to volunteer or to sign up, go to <http://www.diabetes.org/austintourdecure> or call 1-888-DIABETES. Ongoing updates are also available on Twitter at @DiabetesAustin or the event's Facebook page: "Austin Central Texas Tour de Cure."

The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes.

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The February luncheon speaker will be Daris Word Hale, who was a lecturer and researcher in Tanzania as a Fulbright Scholar from the United States for the 2010-2011 academic year. She taught music at Makumira University in Arusha, and collaborated with East African composers to create new music for western orchestral instruments. Just freshly repatriated, Daris teaches music at Texas State University, and is a bassoonist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra and Austin Lyric Opera Orchestra. She is a founding member of the international touring groups Wild Basin Winds and Trio 488 which have released four albums.

- **When and Where:** Wednesday, February 2, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00. Reservations are required.
- **Time:** 11 a.m. Social Hour, Luncheon begins at noon.
- For Luncheon Reservations Email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com
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Travis County Master Gardeners Events

FROM SEEDS TO TRANSPLANTS

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 10am-12pm

From Seeds to Transplants will help you understand which vegetable plants are good candidates to start from seeds to get a jump start on the growing season. Learn about seeds, growing material, lighting, temperature, air circulation and moisture requirements. The knowledge gained in this seminar will help ensure success for your vegetable garden.

This seminar is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County. www.tcmastergardeners.org. For information, call (512)854-9600.

HOW TO CONSTRUCT COMPOST BINS

Thursday, April 19, 2012, 10am-12pm

Learn how to build a simple wire enclosure and a three bin compost station. Go away with building plans and the knowledge to complete your project. This seminar is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County. www.tcmastergardeners.org. For information, call (512) 854-9600.

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Raspberry Crazy Ant



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in both Travis and Williamson counties.

Raspberry crazy ants are reddish-brown, but color and darkness may vary. Workers have long legs and long antennae and bodies that are about 1/8 an inch long. (photo by Tom Rasberry).

In the Gulf Coast region, colonies of these ants are massive (millions of ants); it remains to be seen as to what size colonies will be in Central Texas. Colonies, or nests, can be found under or within almost any object- tree stumps, soil, potted plants, mulch, concrete, etc. Nests are primarily found outside, but the ants may move indoors looking for food and water.

Since Raspberry crazy ants can nest within in numerous objects it is possible that they can be transported to new locations through gardening material- mulch, soil, potted plants, etc. Before transporting gardening material, it is very important to thoroughly inspect the item(s) for infestation.

Treatment for Raspberry crazy ants consists of creating buffer zones using pesticides. Buffer zones may last about 2-3 months. Products for specific management of Raspberry crazy ants are not available over the counter, but you can locate a product with "ants" on the label. Another option is to hire a pest management professional who has access to chemicals that are unavailable to unlicensed homeowners. Dead ants should be removed from the area after treatment otherwise a "carpet" of ants may form. It may be possible for new ants to walk over the dead ants to avoid contact with the pesticide treatment.

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

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Paris Potatoes

- 5 cups potatoes, diced in 1/2" cubes
- 1 C sour cream
- 2 C creamed cottage cheese
- 1 C green onions & tops, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt, optional
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 C shredded cheddar cheese

Parcook diced potatoes in boiling water until crispy tender. Drain, and combine potatoes with all ingredients except cheese. Baked in buttered 13 x 9" baking dish at 350° for 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly. Sprinkle with cheese during last 10 minutes of baking time.



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Pick up the Pile

Happy New Year to all! As we embark on 2012's journey, some will think of ways to improve upon themselves. I'd like to offer an idea to those that still think dog poop is fertilizer, let's try picking up after our dogs. In case you were not aware, scientists have established the fact that the dog's gut harbors a particular type of bacteria known as the coli form bacteria. This bacterium includes the dreaded E. coli bacteria and also contains strains of salmonella and giardia. Now, since the rains have finally come, all the piles that have been left behind will be washed into our storm drains and contaminate our water supply. Not only is our water supply affected but perhaps even the air we breathe...I came across this article:

SCIENCEDAILY (AUG. 18, 2011)

"Bacteria from fecal material -- in particular, dog fecal material -- may constitute the dominant source of airborne bacteria in Cleveland's and Detroit's wintertime air, says a new University of Colorado Boulder study."

This was the first test conducted, for air borne disease so far, however, scientist presume other cities, with an abundance of the canine kind, will show similar results. Please be kind, don't leave it behind. To those that pick up....THANK YOU

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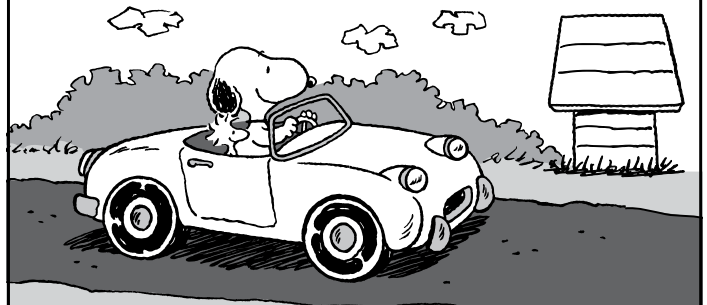


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| 17. Information | 9. In __ (together) |
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| 22. Captain (abbr.) | 21. Divinity |
| 26. Pouch | 23. Leading |
| 29. Woman in the Old Testament | 24. Jaunty |
| 31. Absence of values | 25. Draw over |
| 33. Time period | 26. Baby's "ball" |
| 34. National capital | 27. After awhile |
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| 36. Pseudonym | 30. Sew together |
| | 32. First day of wk |

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West	\$ 123	\$ 120	\$ 112	\$ 114	\$ 115	0.73%	(1.71%)
Park West	\$ 144	\$ 137	\$ 137	\$ 126	\$ 135	7.13%	(1.64%)
Park Place	\$ 125	\$ 129	\$ 121	\$ 122	\$ 117	(4.03%)	(1.50%)
Muirfield	\$ 138	\$ 140	\$ 123	\$ 125	\$ 124	(0.83%)	(2.63%)
Enclave	\$ 127	\$ 129	\$ 111	\$ 126	\$ 119	(5.96%)	(1.71%)
Lacrosse	\$ 117	\$ 118	\$ 116	\$ 116	\$ 115	(0.85%)	(0.39%)
Alta Mira	\$ 123	\$ 126	\$ 120	\$ 119	\$ 122	2.57%	(0.08%)
Fairway Estates			\$ 114	\$ 137		n/a	n/a
Avana Esquel					\$ 136	n/a	n/a
Circle C Ranch Total	\$ 122	\$ 121	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 119	2.39%	(0.64%)
% Change Yr / Yr	n/a	(0.91%)	(4.78%)	0.89%	2.39%		

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