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CCHOA 4th of July Parade a Big Hit!

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager

The CCHOA hosted the annual 4th of July Parade last month at the new Community Center, and we had over 500 residents attend! We would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and help making this event a huge success:

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Congratulations to the winners of the “Decorate Your Wheels” Contest! The judges had a very difficult time choosing 10 winners – wished they could have awarded a hundred and ten prizes!! Winners were Alora Macias, Harley Jennings, Nicolas Lezan, Katie Stout, Evan (with Ava) Leeper, Nicklaus Vega, Brayden Jennings, Lauran Matthews, David Stout, and Lily Rerecich



Park Place & Vintage Place Neighborhood Meet & Greet

The HOA will be hosting Park Place's and Vintage Place's Neighborhood Meet and Greet at our new Community Center (located at 7817 La Crosse Avenue, intersection of La Crosse Ave. and Spruce Canyon) on Thursday, August 16, 6:00-7:30 pm. The event will be sponsored by the amazing team at Central Texas Orthodontics, and food and drink will be provided by Mama Fu's Asian House.

Activities will include important guest speakers, door prizes, games, and more! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come out and meet your neighbors. Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail. See you there!

Find Your Photos!

I had such a great time doing pictures again at the Circle C 4th of July parade! Here are details about where to find and download your pictures for free. The online albums will be available through August 15th. To find your images: Visit www.milesofsmilesphotography.com and look under the “Latest News” section on that page. There are helpful directions above the albums that will assist you in viewing and downloading your images. Enjoy!

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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to ashley@circlecranch.info by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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Do You Own a Local Business?

We Need Sponsors!

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Please contact Ashley at ashley@circlecranch.info for further details, to send ideas and suggestions, and to sign up. We would love to work with you on these exciting events!

Stage One Water Restrictions Resume

As of Monday, July 16, 2012, the City Manager, City of Austin reinstated the Stage One water conservation restrictions. This stage of restrictions allows more watering of both residential and commercial properties. For your home:

Wednesday and Saturdays, odd addresses

Thursdays and Sundays, even addresses

Watering hours with automatic watering systems have changed. Allowable hours on your watering day are:

12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Stage One also allows running outdoor fountains and a number of other things. For more information, please go to the City of Austin website at www.austintexas.gov.

Stage One also allows residents to apply for new landscape watering variance. If you are one of the people that will be replacing your front yard landscaping, we recommend the following:

1. Submit new plans to the CCHOA Architectural Control Committee. Go to the Circle C website at www.circlecranch.info, sign in as a resident, and go to the Resource tab. You can access the Design Guidelines for Water Wise Front Yard Landscapes. Follow these guidelines to submit your plan.

2. Once you are approved by the ACC, plan your landscape installation for mid September. September generally brings lower daytime temperatures which will benefit new landscaping, and the vegetation will establish well. Sprinkler repair and renovation can be done at any time. When you do your landscape installation, apply for a new landscape watering variance from the City of Austin. This will provide you with a 30 day exemption to the water restrictions in order to establish your landscape.

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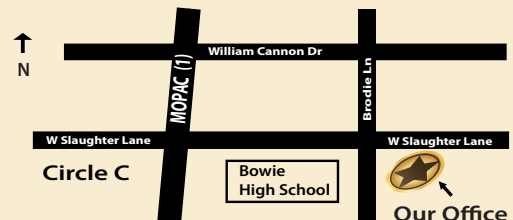


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General School Supplies

- Backpacks
- Notebook paper
- Ballpoint pens, blue/black
- Spiral notebooks
- Dividers
- Markers
- Calculators
- Scissors
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- Erasers
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School is Starting

With the start of school just right around the corner, we wanted to remind residents to be mindful of all the children in the neighborhood. A lot of the school children walk or bike to school, so be sure to be extra careful while driving during the start and end times of school. And make sure to obey all school zones, speed limits, and crossing guards.

City of Austin Right of Way

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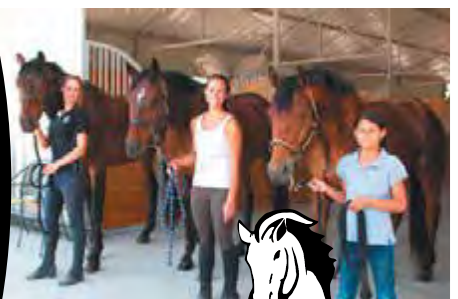
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Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of vandalism throughout the neighborhood. This month, a resident reported that their van was egged in the middle of the night at the corner of South Bay and Back Bay Lane. After this incident, another resident reported that seven cars along South Bay had been egged in one night in early July. Please report any suspicious activities to the police.

PARKING

The HOA receives quite a few calls and emails from residents who are frustrated with parking scenarios on their street. The BEST place for residents to park is in their garage, not only does this look better, but it's safer in terms of potential vandalism. If you are unable to park in your garage, perhaps it's time to consider clearing out this space and looking for better storage solutions. If you absolutely cannot park in your garage, then the next best place is your driveway. This ensures that the streets are kept clear, which not only looks better, but is also safer in terms of emergency vehicles having the best access. If you have guests over and they must park in the street, ask them to park directly in front of your home. If you are in a cul-de-sac, this is especially true, and cars must not park nose in; cars must park parallel to the curb.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE HOA EMAILS?

The Association communicates with residents via our website email

database on important and timely issues that affect residents and the community. If you haven't already, visit www.circlecranch.info and click "Sign Up" and opt in to email.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

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.

CHANGING YOUR FRONT YARD LANDSCAPE?

If you are re-doing your front yard landscape, please consult the Circle C website to obtain the Water Wise Front Yard Design Guidelines. You need to submit a plan to the Architectural Control Committee if you are significantly changing your front yard landscape.



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Many Circle C Ranch residents know only one thing about Mark Gobble: They know he was killed while jogging by a hit-and-run driver at the entrance to Vintage Place earlier this summer.

But this high-profile closing to Mark's life is the least important thing to know about him. What you should know about Mark is what a good man he was, what an influential and inspirational lifeforce he was, and how much living and love he managed to fit into his 37 years.

Mark was born June 11, 1974, in Jacksonville, Florida. Mark was born deaf, but nevertheless heard his calling loud and clear: education. He graduated from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree, an MS and an EdS in Education at Washington, DC's Gallaudet University, a Master of Education degree at the University of North Florida, and – earlier this year – his PhD at The University of Texas.

It was teaching that originally brought Mark and his wife, Leslie Hussey, to Austin. In 2001, Mark became a middle-school history teacher at the Texas School for the Deaf, while Leslie taught language arts. Eventually, Mark became a principal of TSD's high school, touching the lives of many students and colleagues with his positivity and passion.

With the completion of his doctoral coursework in educational psychology, Mark had just been appointed to the faculty at Boston University's Center for the Study of Communication and the Deaf. At the time of Mark's death, he and Leslie had begun the process of moving themselves and their two young children cross-country for his new position.

Mark's life beyond the classroom was equally as full and accomplished. In 2003, he was the first to sign on to what became the largest group of disabled people – a team of 14 hikers total – to ever climb Mount Everest. Though he didn't complete the full trip, Mark was featured in a documentary about the expedition, *Team Everest: A Himalayan Journal*, which became an official selection of the Austin, Vail and Seattle film festivals.

In 2010, Mark launched MARK Skateboards, a successful custom board company. A skater since childhood, Mark was deeply steeped in the culture, and created the business as an expression of his personality and spirit to a world he loved. Mark also co-organized TEDxIslay, an independent TED event that brought together thinkers and doers within the deaf community to share and promote leading-edge ideas.

Mark Gobble was a lifelong student, a teacher, a mentor, a leader, an entrepreneur, an organizer, a visionary and an innovator. He aptly abbreviated his philosophy for living in the Everest documentary, as he said through an ASL interpreter, "I'm not trying to persuade all my kids to climb Mount Everest. But go out. See the world. Do what you want to do."

With all of Mark's impressive achievements, his greatest was as a loving husband, father and family man. He is survived by his wife, Leslie, and their children Trent and Shanna, as well as his mother, sister and her husband, sister-in-law and her husband, a niece, two nephews, his mother-and father-in-law, and his godparents. Mark's Vintage Place neighbors remember best his ready smile and friendliness – qualities that, regardless



A personal note from Mark's wife, Leslie, to their neighbors:

What happened to Mark is a true tragedy. He loved abundantly and lived his life to the fullest, and as a result, we are left with a huge and gaping loss that is hard to make sense of. But in the midst of this tragedy, I feel hopeful. Our amazing Vintage Place neighbors and the Circle C community reached out to us during our darkest hours and lifted us. The love and support that have flowed out of this community have been overwhelming, and it is because of this that I feel as if the kids and I will be able to go on and live life the way Mark would want us to. We are so blessed and grateful that we made our home here in Vintage Place and Circle C, and home it will be for a long time. Thank you so much, my neighbors.

of words, told everyone around him exactly what Mark was all about.

The 20-year-old man who hit Mark as he jogged along the sidewalk, and then fled around 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 10th – the day before Mark's 38th birthday – turned himself into the Austin Police Department the following Tuesday evening. He was charged with the third-degree felony of failure to stop and render aid, and released the next morning having paid \$30,000 bail.

A college memorial fund has been established for Mark's kids, Trent and Shanna Gobble. Contributions are welcome at any Wells Fargo branch or electronically, using routing #111900659, account #8176397266.

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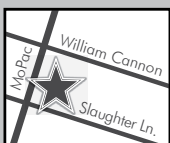
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SELECT SWIM TEAM:

Registration for the Circle C Select Swim Team 2012-2013 season for new community members and returning members is August 1-3 and for new non community members is August 6-8! Please feel free to check out the team's website, select.ccsim.net, to learn more. You are also more than welcome to stop by and meet Coach Hayley and check out a practice anytime.

GROUP SWIM LESSONS:

The summer is almost over and so are group swim lessons the last two sessions are July 24- August 3 and August 7-17. If you would like to sign your swimmer up for one of these session evaluations are on Sundays from 4-6pm. Your swimmer must be evaluated before they can be placed into a class. If you have any other questions feel free to contact the front desk at the Swim Center: 288-6057 or by e-mail: customerservice@ccswim.net

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Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

We are having a significant change from last summer when it was over 100 degrees from June through September, just about every day. This year, we have been lucky to get about a week of rain right in the middle of July! The slow deep watering will help all of the vegetation get through the rest of our traditional long hot summer.

We remain on Stage Two water restrictions, with outdoor watering limited to one time per week for all residential and commercial properties. This will keep the vegetation alive, but during the over 100 degree periods we have, much of the vegetation goes dormant. The grass will yellow or brown out—it is essentially saving energy by “sleeping” and not growing during these really hot periods.

Last year, during the drought, we top dressed the grass on Escarpment, at the swim center and in selected other commons areas. This seems to have worked extremely well, and we are planning to expand that program in the Fall. We use a weed-free turf topper from a local soils distributor. We just spread it out about ¼” over the turf areas. I would highly recommend it for residential lawns in the Fall, after the temperature has come down to about 85 degrees during the day.

We are paying special attention to our great trees in Circle C. These have obviously suffered during the recent years of drought. We have noticed that the Burr Oaks, in particular, really don't like the hot weather.

After the 109 degree day we had in June this year, they immediately dropped their leaves. We are having a certified arborist do a deep root water fertilization on the larger Burr Oaks on Escarpment, in Circle C North and on LaCrosse to help them make it through the rest of the summer.

You will see the landscape crews on the commons areas performing the following tasks in August: mowing, hedge trimming, bed care, and hand watering trees during extreme heat. We try to keep everything as nice as possible, but with the limited water things are not looking their best at this time of year. Hopefully, we will get some early rains in September. Our goal is to keep everything alive, and then when it rains and cools down into the low 90s, everything will start looking really good again.

Due to the watering restrictions, we have not been able to plant a lot over the past year and a half, particularly replacement plants that are needed here and there to fill in the landscape. We are hoping to be able to do some of this type of planting in the Fall, weather permitting. We will also be working on converting some of our entrances and selected areas to drip irrigation. This cannot be used everywhere, but does provide a great solution for certain beds and around trees.

So, hopefully, you will be able to vacation in a cool location during August, and we will hope that Fall arrives early in Austin this year!

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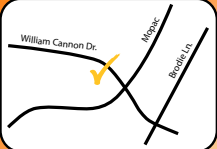
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GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB

Tennis Tips

In the previous issues, I answered questions about beginning to play tennis, how to select tennis equipment and clothing, how to begin playing with friends and family, and how to start children competing in small CATA tournaments. In this issue, I will offer you some advice on how to start playing USTA Adult sanctioned tournaments.

Q: When watching tennis on television, the commentators keep referring the players as “ranked” and “seeded players” What does that mean?

A: The USTA offers many tournaments for players of all abilities. As they play each match, they accumulate points according to the rounds won in a match. After each tournament, the USTA posts the up to date ranked. When players enter another tournament on their respective division, the tournament referee will use these rankings to do the draws and seed them according to their positions. The computer, when doing the draws, will protect the “seeded” players they do not play against each other in the early rounds and hopefully will meet each other on the late rounds.

Q: How do I know which tournament to enter?

A: The Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA) and the USTA offers many leagues and tournaments for adults 19 through 90 and above years old, in Austin, State and Nationwide. There are two types of tournament and leagues: National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) and Age Tournaments and Leagues. The NTRP tournament events offer: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 Divisions. The Age Tournaments offer: Open (19 and above), 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 and over divisions. Also, they offer Age Leagues: 19-39, 40-53, 55-64 and 65 and above.

Q: How do I get an NTRP rating?

A: Sanctioned leagues and tournaments require a USTA Membership. They offer Single and Family Memberships at reasonable prices. When registering, they will ask a player to “rate” themselves. Depending on the playing experience and tournament play record, they will assign a player with a “rating” ranging from 2.5 through 5.0. I suggest getting advice from your teaching pro prior to making the final selection.

Q: How do I move up/down from the original rating?

A: Once a player has a rating, every time he/she plays in a league match or a tournament, they will earn points if they win, or lose points if they lose. Every six months, the USTA will publish the new ratings according to their win/loss record. At the end of each league season, the top teams qualify to participate in State Tournaments, and if they are winners in the State event, they qualify to play in National Tournaments.

Q: What about age level tournaments?

A: The USTA and CATA also offer age level tournaments. These rankings and ratings also are taking into consideration after each calendar year depending on their win/loss record. Players receive points for State Tournaments, and Category I and II for each win.

Top players on each category will be invited to participate in National and International Tournaments in their appropriate age level.

For schedules, fees and types of tournaments available, you can visit the USTA.com website. Grey Rock Tennis Club hosted one of these Adult NTRP Tournaments in the month of July. Over 100 participants entered the various events offered

You also may have noticed that we have changed our name from “Circle C Tennis Club” to “Grey Rock Tennis Club”. New name, but same service and programs.

Congratulations to Family Tennis Tournament participants from Grey Rock Tennis Club

On to Naples, Florida!!

The Grey Rock Tennis Club hosted the “2012 Family Tennis Tournament.” This will become an annual event. Winners that have earned a berth to participate in the National Tournament being held at the Waldorf Astoria Resort in Naples, Florida on September 6-9, 2012 are:

(Right) Shelly and Brennan Foreman, Winners of the Mother/Daughter Family Event

(Below) Christian and Kathy Smith, Runners Up; and Michele Haggerty and Jackson Cobb, Winners of the Mother/Son Family Event



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Paralympics Player training at Grey Rock Tennis Club

Dustin Strelsky is shown here with Francisca Mardones from Chile during a training session with Director of Tennis, Fernando Velasco. Francisca is presently ranked #25 in Singles and Doubles in the International Wheelchair Championships in the Open Division and will be representing Chile in the 2012 Paralympics' Championships being held in London in the month of August. Francisca will be training at Grey Rock Tennis Club August 4 through 15 prior to traveling to London to compete against players from all over the world.



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Circle C Seals are League Champions Again

Submitted by Joan Reed



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Summer on the Run

Submitted by Susan Thayer

A dog has sweat glands in its nose and paws. That's it. Because of this, it uses breath to regulate temperatures. As you might expect, it can only breathe so fast, so when your boy is over-heated and can't breathe fast enough to cool down, the risk of heat stroke is high. A dog, just like a human, can over-heat to the point of coma. Once a dog's body temperature reaches 107, the chances of him cooling himself off without intervention is slim, and the chance of renal and liver failure is high.

My girls go NUTS when I put on my sneakers. It's like they KNOW we're going for a walk before I even decide if I want to take them! However disappointed they may be, I will not risk their health by walking them if I can't stand on the sidewalk in my bare feet comfortably. While walking or running, a dog's bare paws are in perpetual contact with the pavement. Four of their five coolant regulators are on hot, dry surface at all times during your walk or run, unlike the rubber and nylon encasement that protect your feet.

Compound this by the fact that Fido didn't know he was going for a run, so he didn't hydrate himself. It is a very real, painful possibility that you are risking his life every time you put that leash on to run with him when temperatures are in excess of 90 degrees. He had no idea it was that hot outside! And as much as he loves to

run with you (or more appropriately, as a pack animal, wants to go on the tour of the neighborhood with his Alpha – or believes he IS the Alpha – , which is the reason he so devotedly stays at your side), he did not have full knowledge when you left the air conditioned house that he was going to be raising his heart rate on a hot surface in full sun. Wearing a coat.

Of course, exercise is crucial to a dog both physically and mentally. Dogs are wanderers by nature, and must “walk in a straight line” and explore their surroundings daily. Early morning is the best time to take him, when the pavement is cool from lower over-night temperatures, as are the ambient temperatures. If you absolutely must go for your run when it's 100 degrees outside, leave Fido at home. Better to disappoint your dog that begs to go with you, than risk his health needlessly.

If your dog overheats, please seek medical help immediately. If you ARE running with your dog and he stops suddenly, get him to an emergency clinic ASAP. An alcohol rub can be used on his paws to help cool him down quickly, but this is not a substitute for a licensed vet!!

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Oven Baked Tilapia with Leek Cilantro Salad

by The Four Points Foodie

This is just a yummy dish! Oven baked tilapia is a good staple. I breaded mine with panko for a really light and crunchy texture. But what sets this recipe apart is the leek and cilantro salad on top. Served over a bed of jasmine rice, this is the perfect summertime meal.



TILAPIA & RICE

Ingredients:

- Jasmine Rice, cooked per the package to serve 4
- 4 Tilapia fillets, rinsed and dried
- 2 T olive oil
- 12 oz panko bread crumbs
- salt and pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare Jasmine Rice per the package to make 4 servings. Rinse and dry tilapia fillets and rub each one with olive oil. Dredge through the panko bread crumbs, pushing with your fingers so it sticks. Add a little extra olive oil onto your pan and place the breaded tilapia on it. Season with salt and pepper and bake in the oven for about 20 minutes or until done.

LEEK AND CILANTRO SALAD

Ingredients:

- 2 leeks, green tops discarded, sliced in half, rinsed and patted dry
- 2 bunches cilantro, rinsed and dried
- 2 T rice vinegar
- 1 T butter
- 2 T olive oil
- Salt and Pepper

Directions:

Chop off the green tops of the leeks and slice in half, which makes cleaning easier. Remove all sand and pat dry. Slice the leeks and add to a saute pan with the 1 T of butter. Saute until tender, remove from heat and cool. Meanwhile, pick the clean cilantro leaves off the stems and add to a bowl. Add the cooled sauted leeks, rice vinegar, olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper. To assemble: Start with a bed of jasmine rice, then the baked tilapia and topped with the delicious leek and cilantro salad. Serves 4.

There's Safety in Numbers

Submitted by Lisa Todd

Have you ever tried to find a house for the first time and couldn't easily see the house number? What about trying to find it at night? I have literally found myself pulling over in front of multiple houses and sometimes getting out of my car just to find the house number. Frustrating isn't it. Now, think about emergency personnel having the same issue when seconds count. When a fire breaks out, it can spread rapidly. If someone experiences a serious medical emergency, a few minutes can mean the difference between life and death. If you need the police, you want them there as soon as possible.

Many home builders provide our house number on pretty little plaques with numbers that are rather small, not lit, and in spots that are hard to see. Take a minute to stand in front of your house from the middle of the street during daylight and darkness. What do you see (or don't see)? Is your house number covered up by something? Are the numbers large enough to easily see from a moving vehicle? Perhaps it's not the size of the numbers, but the contrast. Would illumination help? These are questions that can help you determine if you need to add an additional house number somewhere on your property or just make some modifications.

There is a large assortment of house numbers that can be installed on the house that are available in different architectural styles, colors, and size. I found mine online and picked a style that was consistent with my Craftsman style house. You also need to consider contrast. If you have light

color brick then light silver house numbers are not going to improve your visibility much. Size is also an important factor as the larger the size the more noticeable the numbers will be.

An inexpensive way to add a more visible house number to your property is to have it painted on the curb on both sides of your driveway using glow-in-the-dark paint. The reason to paint the numbers on both sides of the driveway is to increase the chances of being seen no matter which direction the emergency personnel are coming. Home improvement stores have the stencils and supplies for curbside house numbers.

When assessing your house at night for house number visibility, consider lighting. Is there an existing light that can be turned on to help illuminate your house number? If not, would adding a light help? I have seen landscape lights aimed at the house number that make a big impact.

With any of these options, please consult with your HOA for compliance, approval and guidance.

I hope that you never have a need for emergency personnel to find you faster, but coming from a family of firefighters, paramedics and police officers I know firsthand the difficulty they sometimes have in finding the right house during a response. Now, if we could just do something about these tiny and missing street corner signs throughout the city, but that's a whole different article.

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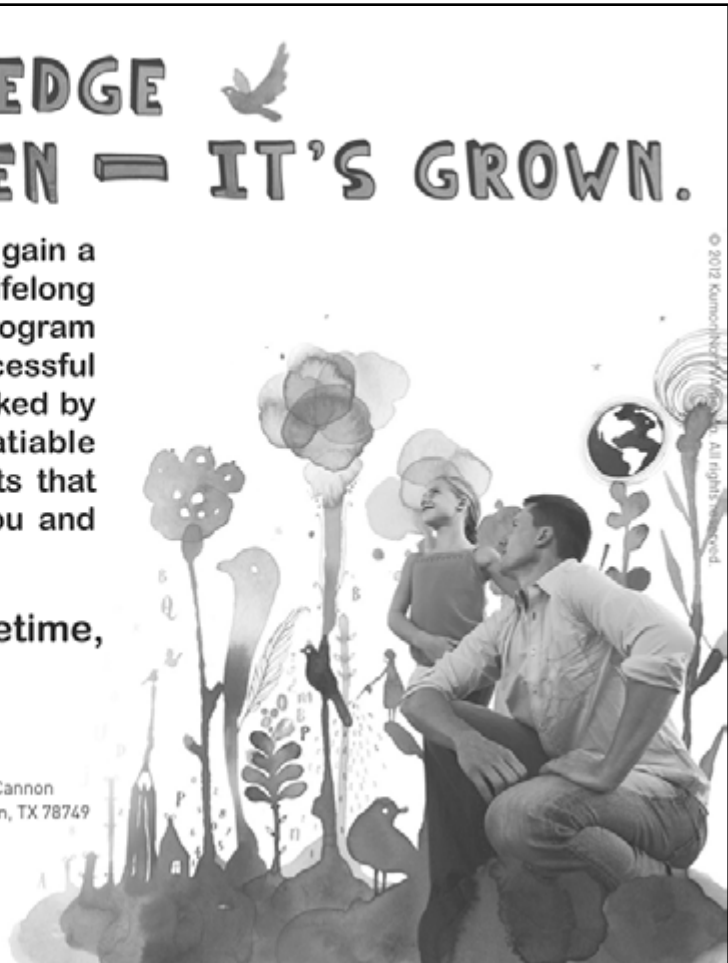
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*Saturday, August 11, 2012, 10am-12pm
Zilker Botanical Garden, Garden Center
2220 Barton Springs Rd., Austin TX 78746*

Turn water scarcity into water abundance! New filtration and treatment technologies make rainwater harvesting relatively easy. Rainwater harvesting systems can be installed in existing buildings or incorporated into new construction. Master Gardener Ed Parken will discuss how to conceptualize, design, and implement sustainable water-harvesting systems for your home and landscape.

Parking and seating are limited so please register online to reserve your seat at <http://travis-tx.tamu.edu/horticulture> and click on "Public Seminar Registration". This seminar is free; Zilker park entrance fee is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child or senior. The seminar 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.

PLANTING FOR WINTER COLOR

*Thursday, October 18, 2012, 10am-12pm
Travis County AgriLife Extension Office
1600 B Smith Rd., Austin TX 78721*

Perk up the winter landscape by incorporating the principles learned at this seminar. Understand the best times and conditions required to ensuring success with the plants and seeds. Bulb, dramatic vegetables, flowering annuals and perennials, shrubs and trees are all part of the selection mix and will be discussed. This seminar is free and open to the public.

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Average Sold Price / Sq Ft.	\$117.76	\$123.67
Total # of homes sold	135 sales	154 sales

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Oak Wilt

As you most likely know, oak wilt is a fungus that kills oak trees. Infections have been found in 16 oak species, but no species of oak is known to be immune. The main period of infection is in the spring.

Symptoms can be seen in red oak as early as May. Leaves turn dull green or bronze, appear water soaked and wilt. They then turn yellow or brown. Damage begins at the tips and outer edges. There is a very distinct line formed between the green and brown/ bronze. Symptoms appear throughout the crown and leaves are shed from the ends of branches. Crowns of trees with oak wilt seldom have uniform brown coloring as do trees with other issues. The disease progresses rapidly with red oaks dying within 1 year of disease onset but with some dying 1-2 months after symptoms appear.

For white oak, symptoms may be the same as for red oak and the tree may die in one year, but often white oaks die slowly. In trees that are dying more slowly, symptoms may only appear in and kill 1-2 branches per year. If the fungus is allowed to persist, then the tree will slowly decline each year leading to its eventual death. Some white oaks seem to recover from the disease, but still harbor the pathogen and may spread it to nearby oaks.

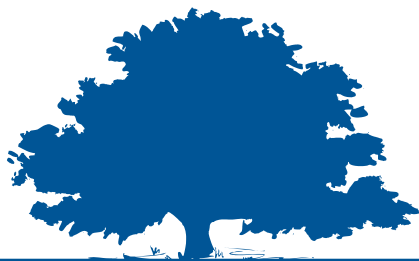
There is no known way to save a tree that is infected with oak wilt. The best thing to do is prevention techniques.

- Detect symptoms early and remove infected trees.
- Breaking root grafts between diseased and healthy trees. You may use mechanical or chemical barriers.
- Do not prune trees in the spring and summer. Fresh pruning wounds can attract beetles that carry the fungus.
- If you do need to prune, paint over all tree wounds immediately.

For pictures and in depth information on oak wilt, please see <http://texasoakwilt.org/>

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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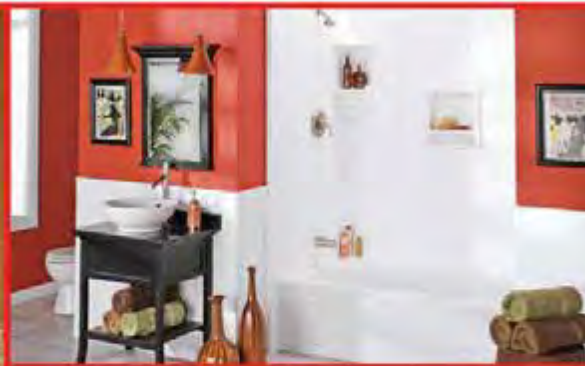
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Gratitude is the key

Unlocking The Doors To Treasures In Our Children

By Sugandha Jain

Gratitude is an instant mood converter. Gratefulness is the knife that melds impatience to patience, fear to love and anxiety to peace. Enveloped by the clouds of thankfulness, we can soar high in the air of optimism. Our aura is immediately cleansed when we fill our thoughts with praise. Relationships glow under the varnish of a positive expression in mutual affection.

We only have to look around us to realize how blessed we are. Being mindful of the generosity of people, beauty in our surroundings and the uniqueness of our own spirits can help us appreciate our fortunate existence.

Opening ourselves to receiving divine grace that is already a part of our lives makes us acknowledge our own sacredness. We appreciate our oneness with the universe and what we feel as a result, is gratitude on being a part of the whole. We feel love, we feel complete.

Modeling gratefulness with our families can help children open their hearts to the love and light in everything they do. Daily writing in their Gratitude Journal can gradually shift children's consciousness to a higher dimension.

Constantly reminding children to see the lessons presented by events instead of sulking on challenges can be an exercise in life-long learning. When we encourage children to make choices, evaluate them and re-choose options that help them feel grateful, we show them how to be free.

Together, we find that our interactions with each other have always been complete; the missing link in the puzzle in seeking out and seeding in the Om of smile- the symbol of thankfulness.

Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer and Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.



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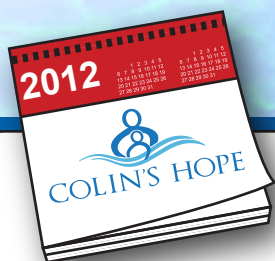
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	TOTAL Homes Sold	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
		Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	33	2,834	\$ 115	\$ 325	1993	29	10	10
North	18	1,921	\$ 138	\$ 265	1995	11	2	3
On The Park	4	3,454	\$ 112	\$ 386	1997	21	2	2
Wildflower	11	2,430	\$ 119	\$ 289	2001	28	2	3
Park West	6	2,445	\$ 135	\$ 330	2002	35	2	4
Vintage Place	5	3,302	\$ 112	\$ 371	2002	8	1	2
Hiescher	21	3,027	\$ 124	\$ 374	2003	20	3	5
West	21	3,538	\$ 120	\$ 424	2005	20	3	9
Park Place	7	2,467	\$ 134	\$ 330	2005	19	0	0
Mudfield	3	3,157	\$ 134	\$ 423	2006	30	4	1
Endeavor 1&2	4	2,609	\$ 120	\$ 314	2005	14	3	2
Lacrosse	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	0
Alta Mira	13	2,996	\$ 127	\$ 381	2009	39	1	4
Tranway Estates	2	4,704	\$ 124	\$ 585	2009	63	1	0
Endeavor Estates	2	3,819	\$ 125	\$ 475	2009	81	0	0
Avana-Ferrell	6	2,585	\$ 135	\$ 350	2012	48	0	1
Circle C Ranch Total	156	2,861	\$ 124	\$ 354	2001	26	38	46
% Change Mo/Mo	9%	2%	1%	2%	0%	-38%	-5%	-25%

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