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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.

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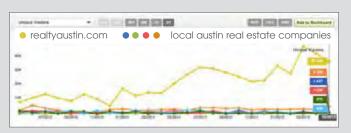
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# **SOUTHWEST AUSTIN** NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET UPDATE

### Western Oaks Market Stats (as of July 1,2012)

	2011	2012
Total Homes sales:	148	73
Median Sold Price:	\$252,500	\$267,000
Median Sold Price per Sq. Ft:	\$115.58	\$125.44
Median Davs on Market for sales:	25	5

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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.

# Congratulations to Family Tennis Tournament participants from Grey Rock Tennis Club

On to Naples, Florida!!
The Grey Rock Tennis Club

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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# **American Association of University Women**

Submitted by Diane Brewer, Membership VP

The American Association of University Women is a group of degreed individuals which works to ensure that opportunities and access of all kinds remain available to women and girls throughout the country and across the globe. Most people are aware that Title IX transformed athletics across the academic spectrum. Today, largely due to the efforts of groups like the AAUW, more and more women are also receiving equal pay for equal work, achieving the highest positions in business, and are also reaching pinnacle positions in government. Due to AAUW, deserving academic researchers are rewarded for their achievements with annual fellowships.

The Austin branch of AAUW is in the middle of its annual membership drive. The organization does not advertise, so it is important that people learn of this group and the indelible effect it can have on the lives of women. In Austin, AAUW volunteers work in GirlsStart and Mindspring, groups reaching out to girls who need a hand up; they

support non-profits like Ten Thousand Villages on South Congress, which markets the handmade goods of women in Third World Countries. Others are out in the community registering voters or working at voting sites. Membership VP Diane Brewer says that the dues of \$75 are divided among the national, state, and local levels of AAUW, and due to the work of the association, all but \$3 is tax deductible. For more information, go to: http://austin-tx.aauw.net

Service is only part of the story, however. Interest and study groups pervade the organization offering everything from a common love of reading, stitchery, and art appreciation, to bridge, mah jongg, theatre, and dining.

If you would like to explore the organization further, come to the AAUW-Austin Summer Social, located at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's parish hall, Exposition Blvd. @ Windsor Drive on Sunday afternoon, August 19th, at 3 pm. There will be a raffle, food, beverages, and lots of information. Come and see!



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# VOTER REGISTRATION DIRECTOR RECEIVES EDUCATION CERTIFICATION AWARDS

Travis County Voter Registration Director Dolores (Dee) Lopez received two education certification awards at the IACREOT (International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) annual conference held recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dee was awarded Initial and Advanced Certificates for completing more than 115 hours of education and training in the areas of election administration, voter registration and education, election day procedures, and other issues designed to ensure efficient and fair elections. Along with five other recipients, Dee was recognized at an awards brunch during the annual conference.

A member of IACREOT since 1999, Dee currently serves as the Chair of the Continuing Education Unit Committee. Dee has held the Travis County Voter Registration Director position for 21 years. Previously employed with municipal government, she has served in the public service arena for over 38 years. Dee earned Bachelor and Master degrees in Public Administration from Texas State University and has achieved the designation of CERA from The Election Center and, Certified Public Manager from the William P. Hobby Center for Public Service.

Founded in 1971, IACREOT offers members the opportunity to exchange ideas, elevate standards through education, develop efficient ways to serve the public and promote the ethics of public service.

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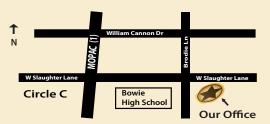
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Come meet some Fabulous Women on Thursday, August 30th @ Mandola's in Arbor Trails (William Cannon & MoPac) at 11:30. To sign up go to www.SouthAustinFAB.com. See you soon!

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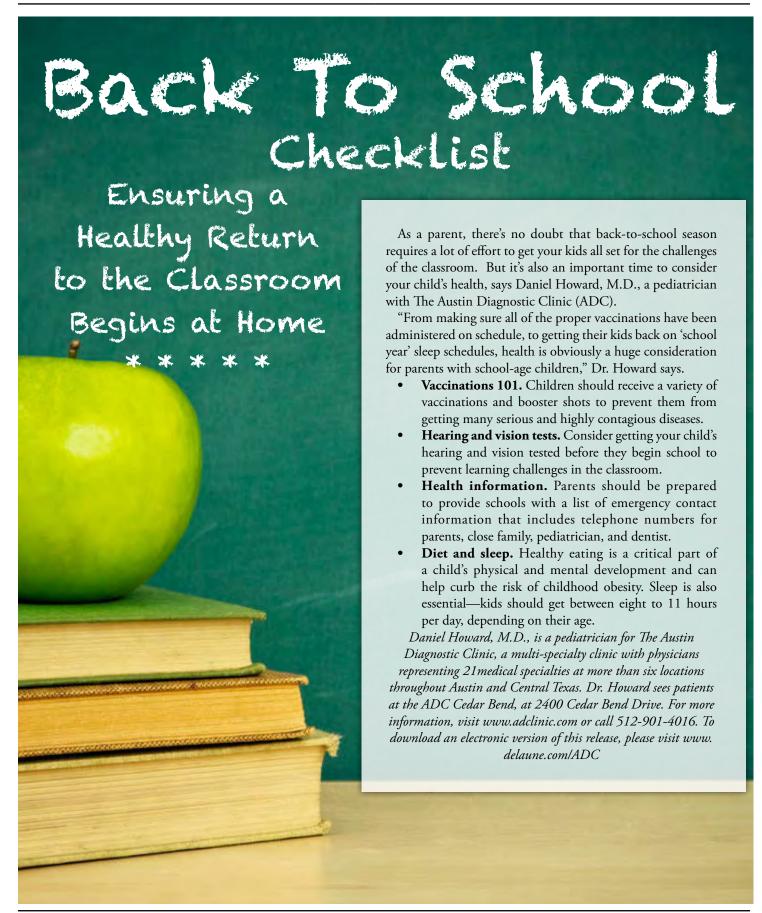
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# Oven Baked Tilapia with Leek Cilantro Salad by The Four Points Foodie

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 break 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.









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