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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The CCHOA Board would like to thank two outgoing board members who are stepping down, Russ Hodes and Brad Compere. Russ Hodes served on the board from 2007-2012 as a board member and as Treasurer for two terms. Brad Compere served on the board from 2010-2012 as a board member and Vice President. The board would like to thank both Russ and Brad for their years of service to the CCHOA and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

As the Bylaws allow, the board has appointed two new residents: Michael Chu has been appointed to Russ's term (which expires in March 2013) and Dan Vavasour has been appointed to Brad's term (which expires in March 2015). Thank you to everyone who volunteered for these two vacancies, we hope that those not appointed will choose to run in the March 2013 board election.

WILDFLOWER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEET & GREET

The CCHOA will be hosting Wildflower Park's Neighborhood Meet and Greet at our new Community Center (located at 7817 La Crosse Avenue, intersection of La Crosse Avenue and Spruce Canyon) on Thursday, September 20, 6:00-7:30 pm. The event will be sponsored by the amazing team at Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, and food and drink will be provided by Mama Fu's Asian House. Activities will include important guest speakers, door prizes, 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!

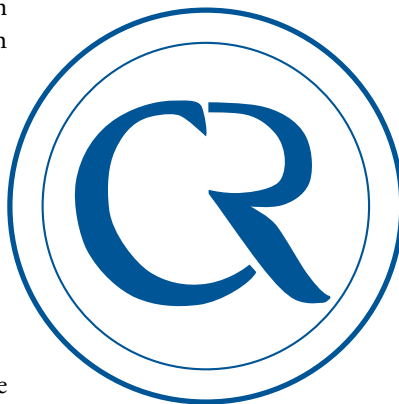
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY HOURS – MONDAY SEPT. 3RD

The HOA Offices....Closed

The Community Center....Closed

*The Swim Center....6am-10am Lap Swim Only, 10am-6pm Lap &
Recreational Swim*

The Community Center Pool....11am-7pm



ARE YOU ON THE HOA'S EMAIL DATABASE?

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BUSINESS REFERRALS

The Circle C HOA teams up with Associations Marketing Group to offer a unique service for our residents to find reputable locally owned family businesses that service our neighborhood. The next time you are in need of a business or service such as AC repair, pest management, dentist, beauty salon or veterinarian look no further than your trusted Circle C HOA website.

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED A VIOLATION LETTER?

The CCHOA typically drives at least two sections of the neighborhood a month. Lately, we have been stepping it up and driving even more to ensure that our neighborhood looks the best that it possibly can. To give you a heads up, here at the things that we are focusing on:

LANDSCAPING

We are particularly focusing on landscaping right now because, with Stage 2 watering restrictions having been lifted by the City, we

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City of Austin Solid Waste 974-1945

Dead Animal Collection..... 974-2000

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Street Light Outage 311

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Clayton Elementary 841-9200

Kiker Elementary 414-2584

Gozycki Middle School..... 841-8600

Small Middle School 841-6700

Bowie High School 414-5247

Mills Elementary 841-2400

SAYSA..... 899-1049

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

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

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Business Classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$65, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. at 512-263-9181 or advertising@PEELinc.com.

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REMINDER

City of Austin Leash Law

This is a reminder to all dog owners, that the City of Austin has a Leash Law which prohibits dogs from running loose.

§ 3-2-1 RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

Except as specifically provided in this title, an owner or handler may not allow livestock, fowl, a dog, or other domestic or dangerous animal or reptile to run at large.

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are now able to water two times a week. Furthermore, September is a great time to revive your landscaping due to, not only the lowering temperatures, but also because this gives new plantings plenty of time to get established before the first freeze. If you have weak turf, dead turf, dying turf, areas of exposed dirt, dead shrubbery, dead trees, or have removed trees that need replacing, you most likely have received or will receive a landscaping violation letter. Please take this opportunity to revive your yard by laying new sod, adding new shrubbery, planting new trees, etc.

WINDOW SCREENS

If your window screens are worn, torn, or frayed, they should be replaced. If you choose not to replace them, you are more than welcome to remove them all together.

FENCING

Please replace your fence if it is in disrepair. If you simply have a few broken or damaged fence pickets, those should be replaced. If your fence has been stained, the new pickets will need to be stained to match.

CLUTTER/DEBRIS

Please remove all clutter and debris from the front lawn, driveway, side yards, front walkways, and front porches. These items should be removed and stored out of public views at all times. This includes

your trash carts, which should only be visible on your City of Austin collection day.

YARD ART

We understand that you may want to decorate your front yard with fun yard art, statues, potted plants, hanging plants, pots, etc., but please understand that these objects are a matter of personal taste. You may love all your yard art, but your neighbor may not. Because this is matter of personal preference, these items are better suited for the backyard for your own pleasure. Two or three items are permitted if incorporated into your landscape design/bedding areas.

These are just a few things that we are focusing on right now. Thanks for keeping Circle C a beautiful place to live!

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.



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Residential Development Update

Submitted by Susan Hoover

CIRCLE C NORTH, WEST SIDE AT BARSTOW, BARSTOW COURT

A section of 22 residential lots have begun development on the west side entrance of Circle C North. The lots and subdivision have been approved by the City of Austin and will be subject to all City of Austin rules, regulations, and inspections. The lots will be for 22 single family homes built on a single street with access from Barstow. The homebuilder will be Streetman Homes, and the homes will be 100% masonry and range in square footage from 1800 to 3200 square feet, depending on the size of the lot.

The homes are in the Circle C Homeowners Association and are subject to approval by the Architectural Control Committee of the CCHOA. The developers are also responsible for installing a masonry wall that will match the wall already constructed on the east side of Barstow, and landscaping at the entrance. The subdivision is estimated to be ready for homebuilding by the end of the year, or the first of 2013.

For homes along Auckland that back to the new development, each new home will have a fence installed at the rear of the lot. Homeowners on Auckland are then welcome to take down their existing fence and share the new one, or keep their existing fence in place.

Construction hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and some construction will be done on Saturdays. There will be no construction on Sundays.

Questions: Construction/Development: Contact Steve Bartlett at steveb1406@gmail.com

Interest in buying a home: Streetman Homes, 512-329-9966

Questions for the Architectural Control Committee: Contact Susan Hoover at shoover@fastmail.fm.

AVANA, SOUTH OF SH 45

An additional section of residential single family lots is being developed at Avana, south of SH 45. The new section extends to the south off Estana Lane, and will consist of 72 single family lots. This will be a continuation of the existing home product in Avana.

Construction hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. It is anticipated that the lots will be finished in October, 2012. If you have questions regarding construction or development, please contact Dustin Einhaus at dustin@blakemcgeeco.com

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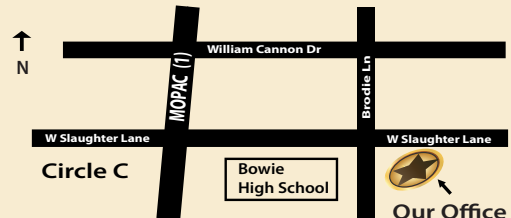
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Circle C Swim Center

Submitted by Brody McKinley, Aquatics Director

SELECT SWIM TEAM

Select Swim Team Registration is open for the 2012-2013 Season. The Circle C Select Swim Team is a year-round competitive swim program. The program is open to Circle C Residents and Non-Residents. The Select Swim Team Mission is to develop each swimmer's technique, conditioning, discipline, goal setting, self-esteem and competitiveness while learning and enjoying the sport of swimming. The team is led by Head Coach Hayley McGregory. Registration packets are available at the Swim Center Front Desk.

SWIM LESSONS

Group Swim Lessons have ended for the season, but Private Swim Lessons are still being offered. Contact Amanda, Swim Lesson Coordinator, at lessons@ccswim.net for more information, or inquire at the Swim Center Front Desk.

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Saturday

7-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Recreation & Lap Swim

Sunday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Recreation & Lap Swim

COMMUNITY CENTER POOL FALL HOURS

August 27 – September 30, 2012

Slide will be closed after September 3

Monday - Friday

Closed

Saturday - Sunday

12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS – LABOR DAY

September 3, 2012

Swim Center Pool

6-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Recreation & Lap Swim

Community Center Pool

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

With September and back to school time, we look forward to the Fall season, and hopefully some cooler temperatures and some rainfall. Since this newsletter is written in mid-August, it is difficult to predict what will be happening weather-wise as you read this. We were fortunate to have some rain in July, and there is some rain predicted for this upcoming August weekend. However, our lakes continue to be much lower than normal, and still only one half full. Because of that, the City of Austin will revert to Stage Two water conservation measures if and when the lakes

fall under 900,000 acre feet of water storage. This is a trigger set by the LCRA and requires additional water conservation. All we can do is hope for a tropical storm or two to bring some heavy rain out to the hill country and fill up those lakes!

In addition, the City of Austin is about to adopt a new water conservation ordinance. You can reference the entire copy of the ordinance at www.WaterWiseAustin.org. This ordinance will change the existing water conservation rules and regulations from three stages to four stages, and mandate some additional water conservation measures when the lakes are full and there are no restrictions in place. Currently, we are under Stage One water conservation restrictions that limits watering to two times per week on designated water days (odd addresses Wed/Sat and even addresses Thurs/Sun) with no watering between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. Residents and commercial uses can be fined for violations and the fines will be enforced through the City of Austin water billing system.



Large properties such as Circle C are eligible to apply for a Large Property Water Variance in the case that certain areas cannot complete their watering cycle within the prescribed hours on a single day. This is primarily the case for us in the following locations: some areas on Slaughter Lane, some areas on Escarpment, and Spruce Canyon from Via Grande to FM 1826. Our allowed watering days are Tuesday and Friday, but generally we will have water running somewhere every day of the week except for Monday. With the change in watering hours, there will be more irrigation running

from 7 p.m. to midnight, and we apologize for the inconvenience of water along the sidewalk. If you believe there is an irrigation problem, please contact the CCHOA office at 288-8663.

For September, the Circle C Landscape crew will be busy with their general maintenance on the commons areas. Hopefully, it will be raining some and helping us out with the look of the vegetation. In addition, we will be doing a fire ant bait treatment, trimming up perennials, and doing some treatments on our trees. For the bigger picture, we will be working on irrigation infrastructure improvements such as installing drip irrigation and bubblers (both which are allowed under most stages of the new water conservation code). We will also be looking for some opportunities to plant trees—fall is the best time.

By the way, if you have moved into a new home and have new trees, remember to water them by hand a couple of times per week for the first six months to one year, depending on the weather.

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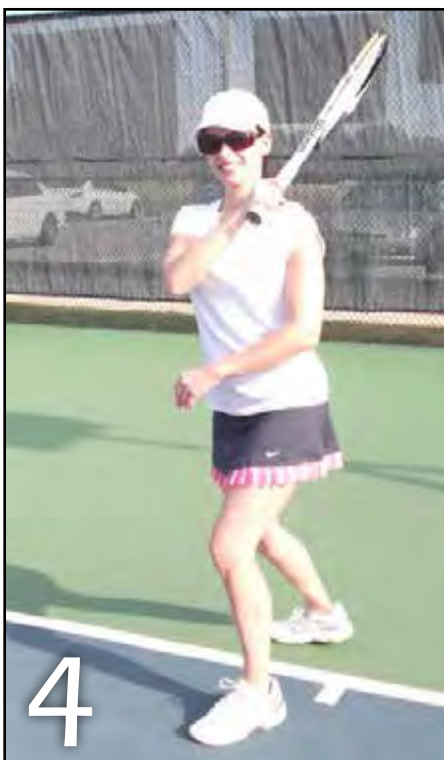
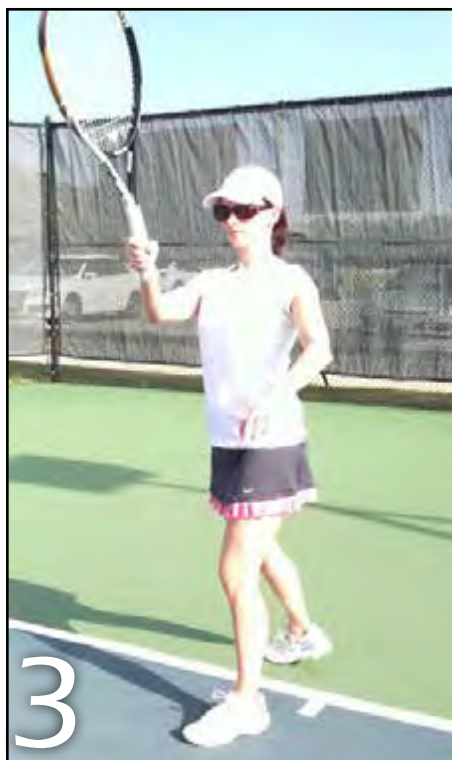
Tennis Tips

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional

Fernando Velasco

Owner, Manager and Director of Tennis

Grey Rock Tennis Club, Austin, TX



Starting with this issue, I will be giving tips on the fundamentals of the game of tennis. We will begin with the forehand groundstroke:

STEP 1: EARLY ANTICIPATION

The upper body turns with the right wrist slightly cocked back and level with the shoulder. Notice the eyes focused toward the incoming ball and the balance of the left hand in front of the body. The left foot started to move forward and it is pointing to the point of contact.

STEP 2: POINT OF CONTACT

Once the racquet starts accelerating, the right wrist is still slightly cocked back, but will have a small snap when making contact with the ball. Optimum point of contact is in front of the opposite foot. Notice that the eyes are still focused on the tennis ball

STEP 3: FOLLOW THROUGH

Once the ball has made contact with racket, the arm needs to follow through for a long period of time to allow maximum compaction of the ball and help from the strings and the frame. Notice that the body has slightly turned watching where the ball is landing. The knee has flexed some to allow more flexibility and power for the ball.

STEP 4: FINISH

If the racket has great momentum, let it continue coming through the body and finish it around the neck. This will allow for a more powerful impact and depth on the ball. The smile on her face shows that she hit a great shot!!

Look for next Issue: The Backhand Groundstroke





*Girls' 12 Doubles
Gabriela Saidleman (3rd from L)
Finalist*

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**Other participants not in pictures: Logan Lewis (B10S),
Mathew Ngo (B14S), Ryan Hughes (16S).**



*Boy's 10 Singles
(R) Satvik Raghunathan
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*Boy's 14 Singles
Tom Gilburg (Winner)
Gunnar Hooks (Finalist)*



*Girls' 10 Singles
(L) Sydney Johnson
2nd Place*



*Girls' 10 Singles Cons
(L) Eleanore Nelson
2nd Place*



*Girls' 12 Singles Consolation
Valeria Spiringli (Winner)
Gabriela Saidleman (Finalist)*



*Girls' 10 Doubles
Meagan Zeng (3rd from L)
2nd Place*



*Girls' 12 Doubles
Eleanore Nelson and Sydney Johnson
2nd Place*



*Girls' 14 Singles
Lauren Blevins (Winner)
Mackenzie Salter (Finalist)*



*Boys' 16 Singles Cons
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Travis David (Finalist)*

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Attention Clayton Families *2 coordinator positions available!*

We have three great programs that need a coordinator for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested, please email volunteers@claytoncardinals.org.

DADS OF CARDINALS (DOCS)

Description: The goal of this program is to encourage active involvement of male figures in their children's lives because it has a lasting and positive impact. All male figures in students' lives are encouraged to volunteer.

Assignment: Help plan, organize and attend special events such as bringing your Cardinal to school, having breakfast together, meeting for lunch, going to book fair, helping in class, and more.
Date of Event: Throughout the year

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR 2013 FUN RUN

Description: Clayton Elementary's biggest (& most fun) campus fundraising event of the year. Intrical part of making the FUN RUN successful. We need someone with great people skills and lots of energy.

Assignment: Coordinating and organizing volunteers before and during the FUN RUN event.

Date of Event: April 20th? 12-7pm

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WHEN:

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WHERE:

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*Submitted by Andrea Adams,
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MOMS Club® is a group designed just for the stay-at-home mother. We bring together moms and children to share activities and playdates, perform service projects, and develop friendships. Playgroups for the fall are forming now! If you are interested in more information about joining us, please email swaustinmomsclub@gmail.com with your name and address.

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Join us for the 2012 Inside Austin Gardens tour, showcasing 7 gardens where vegetables and ornamentals not only get along but elevate each other to new heights of design. Presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M Extension Service in Travis County, the tour takes place Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Tour includes gardens to explore, educational talks, and plant and book sales. Tour information can be found at <http://www.insideaustingardens.org>.

With water-wise gardening techniques in mind, seven gardens will showcase ways to incorporate food and water for all the visitors to the garden: bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, and birds - as well as people and pets. The gardens feature herbs, vegetables, citrus and fruit trees, as well as heirloom roses mixed with Texas-tough, drought-tolerant native and adapted plants. All gardens will feature water conservation in a variety of methods including rainwater collection systems, drip irrigation, mulches and soil composition.

As always, the tour will include educational seminars and other fun activities at each stop. Learn

what vegetables to grow and why, let the children eat rainbows, or hear the thought-provoking story of the American Indian medicine wheel. Learn practical methods to add edibles to your landscape, how to eat the fruits of your labors, and recipes to spice things up with herbs! Books, plants and t-shirts will be available at each garden.

Purchase advance tickets online at a discounted price, or at regular price at each garden on tour day. Further information - including seminar topics and schedules, maps and ticket prices-- can be found at <http://www.insideaustingardens.org>. So join us on the tour and help keep Austin edible and blooming.



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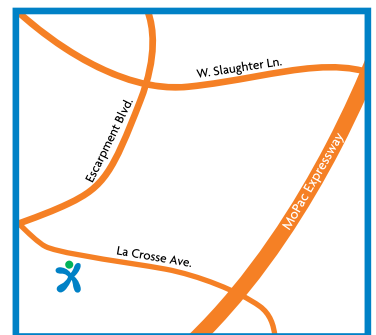
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With recent rains preceded by a mild winter, this summer has been an active mosquito season. Of particular concern are mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus (WNV).

Mosquitoes are present in Central Texas year round, but the population is largest and most active from April through September.

During the season, adult mosquito populations are monitored and tested for mosquito-borne viruses by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department. As of Aug. 10, 2012, Travis County has seen a total of 73 mosquito pools testing positive for WNV which is the highest number of positive pools detected since surveillance activities began in 2003.

PREVENTION

The four Ds:

Dusk and Dawn: Try to stay indoors at dusk and dawn. That is the time when mosquitoes likely to carry the infection are most active.

Dress: Wear pants and long sleeves when you are outside.

DEET: Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Read and follow label instructions. Spray both exposed skin and clothing with repellent.

Drain: Get rid of standing water in your yard and neighborhood. Old tires, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, birdbaths and wading pools

can be breeding sites for mosquitoes.

To report a mosquito problem, call 512-978-0370 or send an email.

COMMON SYMPTOMS

Most people who are infected with the West Nile Virus will not have any type of illness. It is estimated that 20% of the people who become infected will develop West Nile fever with mild, flu-like symptoms including fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. Persons older than 50 are at a higher risk for severe disease. Read more about symptoms and what you need to know about West Nile Virus.

In Texas there have been more than 351 human WNV cases and 15 deaths reported this year, including one in Travis County. Almost 80 percent of the statewide cases reside near the Dallas area.

HHSD has been actively working with community partners to increase awareness about the situation and promote preventive practices that can decrease transmission of WNV. An alert was sent to the Travis County Medical Society to remind physicians of West Nile Virus symptoms that patients might present, and tips have been provided through an Austin Energy utility bill insert, news releases, media interviews, web postings and other social media vehicles.

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John's "Sell" phone is (512) 970-1970!



11216 Cusseta Lane Just Listed at \$609,000.! Absolutely stunning 1 of a kind custom. Wood floors, soaring ceilings, opera balconies, HUGE master, HUGE office all on over a .50 acre lot! Game room looks over the massive back yard with custom, sandstone heated pool and hot tub. Unbelievable!

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7008 Cusseta Cove Just Listed at \$584,500.! This unbelievable home is your own private resort! Custom sandstone/stucco 4363 sq. ft. per taxes. Heated pool and hot tub, Koi pond with \$10K of fish that convey, 6 bedroom, 4 full bath, wood floors, stainless, granite, arbors, stone patios, rock walls, gorgeous architecture, plantation shutters, 9,000 gallon rain-water system! Wow!!



6801 Tanaqua Lane Just Listed at \$429,000.! Gorgeous model home loaded to the hilt on a big corner lot! Plan. Shutters, granite, stainless, park-like yard. Stunning throughout!



My name is Milo-Picasso-Kali-Squires and John is my dad. If you can guess which type of dog I am and which breed I am, John will send you a \$30.00 gift certificate to Santa Rita Cantina! Woof! Just call him at (512) 970-1970!

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10805 Capstone Just Listed! \$379,000.! Huge family home perfect for a growing family. 4 beds, 3.5 baths, BIG game room, BIG family room, granite in all baths, granite kitchen with stainless, Jacuzzi tub, wood floors, 4-side white stone, big yard—the list goes on.



10628 Galsworthy Lane Just Listed! \$324,500.! Gorgeous, RARE Newmark plan! Every bedroom is like living in a tree-house. Wood floors, 18" tile, HUGE master up with private view of greenbelt. Perfect home for all!



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BAITING FOR FIRE ANTS IN THE FALL

By Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program

While you may not be seeing too many mounds yet, fall is a great time to bait for fire ants. Baiting in the fall can help reduce the number of mounds that appear in the spring. Baits take time for results to be seen, so be patient and plan to schedule a baiting program for spring and fall. If you need fire ants killed quickly, you may want to use an individual mound treatment.

TIPS ON USING BAITS:

- Make sure you have a bait, not a granular
- Baits are either broadcasted over an entire property or sprinkled AROUND individual mounds for fire ants to pick up as food. Baits should NOT get wet.
- Granulars are sprinkled on TOP of a mound and watered in to carry the pesticide into the mound to come into contact with the ants.
- Broadcasting baits using a handheld spreader can save time and reduce the amount of chemical applied
- Use the proper amount of bait and application equipment for your yard size
- Read the label, it will tell you the rate of application and equipment required for application
- Many baits are placed at a rate of 1-1 ½ pounds per acre
- Many people put out more bait than is needed

- Check that fire ants are foraging before putting out bait
- Place a hotdog slice or potato chip near a mound, leave for 10 minutes, then check for fire ant activity
- Do not use stale or old bait
- Smell bait to make sure it is not spoiled; spoiled bait smells rancid
- Store bait sealed in the original container

Try to get your neighbors to bait around the same time as you do; this will push the reinvasion boundaries further away from your property. Even better, organize a community-wide fire ant management plan, they can help reduce the amount of fire ants within the community & save money on chemical costs

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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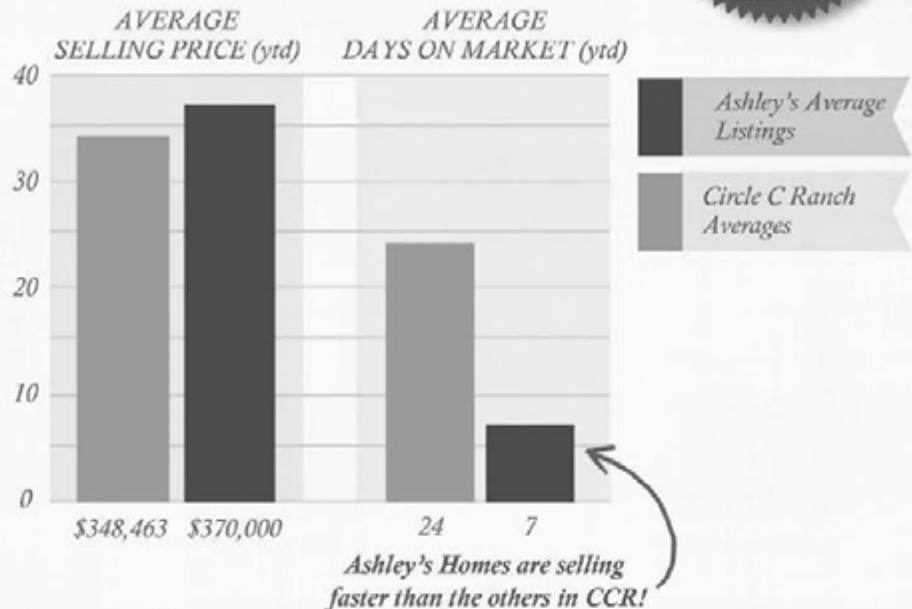
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TIPS FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS POISON CENTER *at Scott & White on bug bites and stings*

There are a few months left of this hot Texas weather. As we bound outdoors to embrace Mother Nature in all her chirping, buzzing, and green glory; we must be prepared to face all of the bites and stings we may endure.

No matter how fast we swat, squash, stomp, or shoo, the bugs will likely out number you; even in this heat!

But don't just head for cover and let bugs rule the outdoors, here are some "do's and don'ts" to make the rest of our summer enjoyable:

DO:

- Keep all food covered and clean spills immediately when picnicking.
- Wear light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent torches or bug zappers².
- Use insect repellents sparingly. They are safest if rubbed or sprayed on clothing. The most effective repellents contain the chemical DEET. Choose sprays that do not contain more than 10% DEET. DO NOT SPRAY young children, especially under the age of one, with repellents that contain DEET.

- Reapply insect repellent after swimming or activities that make you sweat.
- Remember: "Leave spiders, bugs, and snakes be, for they do not want to hurt me"

DON'T:

- Use insect repellents (containing DEET) on infants. An alternative is to cover strollers with mosquito netting and keep children indoors.
- Wear perfume and scented lotions, hair sprays, or cosmetics when outdoors.
- Wear dark-colored clothing.
- Allow food to spill in picnic areas.

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“The Texas Classic” Plates Now Being Issued at Travis County Tax Office

The Travis County Tax Office is issuing “The Texas Classic,” the new general-issue license plate from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV) for passenger vehicles.

“The old multi-colored, general-issue license plates have run out and we are now distributing the new black and white classic plates for cars,” said Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar Tina Morton. “Truck owners will be able to get the new classic plates in the spring of 2013.”

THE TEXAS CLASSIC INCLUDES:

Two new, high-visibility security threads join the existing security features embedded in the plate sheeting. Texas is the first state in the country to provide dual security threads, making it easier for law enforcement to spot legitimate plates.

Bigger plate numbers. The plate letters and numbers area full inch wide and just over 21.2 - inches tall.

A new license plate pattern. The plates are issued with three letters followed by four numbers. By keeping the letters and numbers separate in the alpha-numeric pattern, the seven-character license plate number is



easier to remember. This is convenient for plate owners, and also provides better recall for law enforcement and citizen witnesses.

“The general-issue license plate is part of your registration,” Morton said. “Anyone who buys a new passenger vehicle or needs replacement plates receives a set of general-issue plates. License plates are replaced every seven years due to a loss in reflectivity.”

The Texas Classic also ushers in a new era for truck owners. “We will no longer be issuing separate license plates for trucks,” Morton said. In September 2011, truck and passenger vehicle owners began paying the same fixed rate for registration, which eliminated the need for two different types of general-issue plates. “What’s good about this change is that the state name will be as large on the pickup truck plates as cars,” Morton said.

What if you don’t like The Texas Classic?

“The state offers all kinds of specialty plates,” Morton said. “You can access the specialty plate designs and learn more about The Texas Classic on the TxDMV website (www.TxDMV.gov).”

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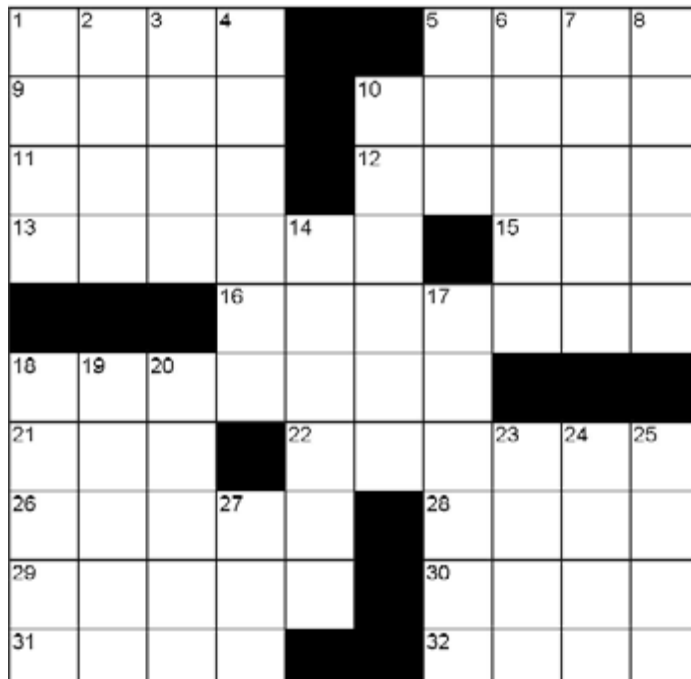
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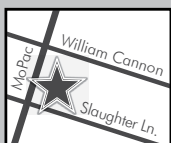
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NatureWatch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Summertime Blues

The gossamer-winged butterflies (or Lycaenidae) are a large family of small butterflies that include the coppers, hairstreaks, and blues. Usually noticed when flying erratically in an up-and-down fluttering motion, they bask in the sun with their wings open, and when perched sit with their wings closed, often rubbing their hind wings together. The blues are especially small with a wingspan of about one inch, and while mostly blue above, the identifying field marks are found mainly on the undersides of their wings. In Central Texas, the most commonly seen blues in open, sunny habitats are the Eastern Tailed-blue, Marine Blue, and Reakirt's Blue.

Eastern Tailed-blues (*Cupido comyntas*) are common and can be identified by the one to three orange spots near the tail on the underside of the hind wing. The males are deep blue on their uppersides while the females are a lighter blue to brown. They occur in the eastern half of the United States from the coast to the Great Plains.

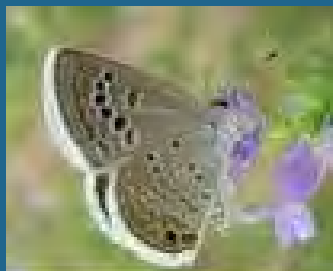
The Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*) is a fast flier (for a blue) and is found from Texas west to Southern California and south to Mexico. Its underside is strongly striped gray-brown often with a pale purple fringe. The male has a blue upperside with a strong purple overlay, while the female has a brown upperside with some blue at the base of the wings.

While the other blues fly mostly spring to fall, Reakirt's Blue (*Echinargus isola*) flies year round in Texas. The males are lavender-blue above while the females are primarily gray-brown with a touch of blue basally, and they are identified by the conspicuous row of five white-ringed black spots on the underside of their forewings.

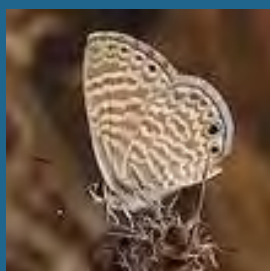
Each of these blues utilizes legumes as their larval food plants, so you can often see them flying around plants in this family, including alfalfa, mesquite, clover, dalea, mimosa, and indigo species. The caterpillars of these butterflies are slug-shaped, somewhat flattened, and are often tended to by ants, which feed on the sweet liquids secreted by the larvae and in turn protect the larvae from other predators. As adult butterflies, they feed on nectar from a variety of herbs found flowering in grasslands, fields, meadows, and along creeksides.

Interestingly, these blues are part of a group of butterflies called the *Polommatus* blues, originally studied by the self-taught butterfly expert and famous mid-twentieth century novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who hypothesized that they arrived in the New World from Asia in waves over millions of years. While few professional scientists took his ideas seriously at the time, recent DNA and gene-sequencing technology has proved him absolutely correct – that this group of butterflies originated in Asia, moved over the Bering Strait at a time when the land was relatively warm 10 million years ago, and eventually headed south all the way to Chile!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, *Nature Watch Austin*, published by Texas A&M University Press.



Reakirt's Blue



Marine Blue



Eastern Tailed-Blue

CIRCLE C HOME SALES ARE STRONG

The market has remained solid in all sections of Circle C. We have been holding many open houses in the neighborhood and finding there to be a lot of traffic. Now is the time to make a move if you are thinking about it. The inventory has increased steadily over the course of the summer, which is typical for the real estate sales cycle. We will see a slight slow down as our community focuses on the upcoming 2012-2013 school year that is about to start. As of the writing of this article there are 48 homes listed actively for sale in all of Circle C with the average price of \$379,262, average price per square foot of \$124.24 and average days on the market of 41. There are 35 properties under contract and pending sale right now, which is an awesome amount of activity. In the past 90 days there

have been a total of 107 sales in Circle C with an average sales price of \$357,335, average price per square foot of \$124.86 and average days on the market of 19. All of these are great statistics. Austin is receiving more and more accolades as one of the most livable and friendly cities in the country. The southwest part of town continues to be a major hotbed of activity and growth. There are 2 new sections of Circle C in development, Avana at Circle C and Grey Rock Ridge, both of which lie on the south side of 45 and will be great communities. If you are thinking of buying or selling please keep Goldwasser Real Estate and the Goldwasser Advantage Listing System in mind. As always we thank you for your support!

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Understanding Cholesterol For Healthy Living

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Cholesterol is found in hamburger, steak, chicken, fish, and just about every other animal-based food. It's also a natural substance created by the liver which has both health benefits and health risks.

David Joseph, M.D., a family practitioner with The Austin Diagnostic Clinic (ADC), says people seeking to lower their levels of "bad" cholesterol—called low density lipoprotein (LDL)—can begin by eating less food sources that contain LDL.

The three main food sources of LDL in your diet are saturated fat, which is a type of fat found mostly in foods that come from animals; trans fat, found mostly in foods made with hydrogenated oils and fats—such as stick margarine, crackers, and french fries; and cholesterol, which comes only from animal products.

"Cutting your intake of these food sources could help to lower your cholesterol levels," says Dr. Joseph. "Some foods, such as whole grains and whole-wheat products, and nuts such as walnuts, almonds, and brazil nuts, may have a healthy effect on blood cholesterol levels."

Instead of animal-based foods like hydrogenated oils and fats, Dr. Joseph suggests considering things like omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fatty fish like tuna, salmon or mackerel, as well as fish oil supplements, flaxseeds and flaxseed oil.

David Joseph, M.D., is a family practitioner for The Austin Diagnostic Clinic, a multi-specialty clinic with physicians representing 21 medical specialties at more than six locations throughout Austin and Central Texas. Dr. Joseph sees patients at the ADC Cedar Bend, at 2400 Cedar Bend Drive. For more information, visit www.adclinic.com or call 512-901-4076. To download an electronic version of this release, please visit www.delaune.com/ADC



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Affluent Parents Need More College Planning

Submitted by Rich Keith

Legg Mason's 2012 Intergenerational Survey of College Finances points out a lack of advanced planning among affluent Americans for their children's college education. The study looked at college funding and planning among three groups of parents with investable assets of \$250,000 or more: those with children who have already graduated, those with children currently enrolled, and those who are planning to send their children to college.

A vast majority of surveyed parents used or plan to use their current income or withdraw from other savings and investment accounts to pay for college. The Legg Mason survey found a lack of advanced or strategic planning including:

- Underestimating the extent of total expenses
- Starting the planning process too late
- Ineffective use of appropriate investment vehicles such as 529 plans
- Inadequate level of guidance from financial advisors
- Reliance on funds coming from other sources such as scholarships and even grandparents.

Parents of youngsters also relied on their own assets, including those not dedicated for higher education. The survey found that 83% of affluent parents in the college planning stage said they expected to use current income for college funding; 79% said they'd tap 529 plans; 65% would withdraw from their savings and investment accounts. As the numbers indicate, the surveyed parents in this college planning stage generally anticipate using multiple sources of cash to pay what could be six-figure higher education bills.

Parents with pre-college kids also may have plans to use student loans (40% of respondents in this category), their kids' custodial accounts (28%); Coverdell plans (7%); parents' retirement accounts (7%); and home equity loans (6%).

The prevalent use of current income shows that affluent parents are leaving money on the table by not using tax-advantaged savings programs, as Legg Mason puts it. "Unfortunately, many parents, regardless of wealth and income, fund college expenses via current income or investment and savings accounts not specifically targeted to college savings," Kenney said in a statement.

By beginning the college savings process earlier, parents can take greater advantage of the tax savings afforded by 529 plans and potentially free up other assets to fund their own retirement goals. "Even affluent families under-fund their children's college savings, despite having resources to make additional savings," Kenney said. Many parents who realize they should be saving more admitted they either did not know how much they needed to save or did not expect expenses to be so high."

He indicated that families are grateful for getting education and guidance in developing a college savings plan that includes systematic investing in a tax-advantaged vehicle such as a 529 plan. Source: Adapted from articles by Donald Jay Korn in Financial Planning, August 2012; and Primerica Financial Services.



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Circle C Central	38	2,837	\$ 114	\$ 324	1993	26	15	11
North	20	1,943	\$ 138	\$ 269	1995	11	7	2
On The Park	5	3,475	\$ 115	\$ 400	1996	16	1	4
Wildflower	11	2,381	\$ 122	\$ 290	2001	29	3	1
Park West	9	2,468	\$ 137	\$ 337	2002	24	2	2
Village Place	6	3,357	\$ 112	\$ 376	2003	9	4	3
Hilshire	25	3,006	\$ 124	\$ 373	2003	22	3	2
West	25	3,494	\$ 122	\$ 426	2005	30	4	6
Park Place	7	2,167	\$ 134	\$ 300	2005	19	0	0
Marfield	4	3,246	\$ 122	\$ 428	2006	41	4	1
Enclave 182	6	2,605	\$ 125	\$ 333	2006	30	2	1
La Crosse	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	0
Alta Mira	15	3,010	\$ 127	\$ 383	2009	36	2	2
Fairway Estates	2	4,701	\$ 124	\$ 585	2009	62	0	1
Endeavor Estates	2	3,819	\$ 125	\$ 475	2009	81	0	0
Avenue Cuiqui	7	2,537	\$ 127	\$ 340	2012	51	1	0
Circle C Ranch Total	182	2,864	\$ 125	\$ 352	2001	25	48	39
% Change Mo/Mo	17%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-2%	26%	-15%

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