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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager

CITY IMPLEMENTS STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City Manager implemented Stage 2 Water Restrictions, and enforcement began on September 4, 2012Watering One Time Per Week:

Automatic Irrigation Systems

Water Days: Water Hours:

Wednesday (odd addresses) 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Thursday (even addresses) 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Hose End Sprinkler:

Water Days: Water Hours:

Saturday (odd addresses) 12:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sunday (even addresses) 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

- Watering with hand held hose, any day, any time
- Watering with drip irrigation
- Tree watering with bubbler or soaker hose

Prohibited:

- Home Car Washing
- Ornamental fountains with 4 inch emissions or fall of water

NEW LEFTTURN LANE PARKSIDE VILLAGE

Construction of a much desired left turn lane at Beckett and Slaughter has begun. The lane is being constructed by removing some of the north side of the median on Slaughter between Beckett and the median cut. We do not have an estimated timetable for completion and the project will most likely cause some traffic concerns from time to time. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Stratus Properties at 478-5788.

ONTHE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEET & GREET

The CCHOA will be hosting On The 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 Thurs., Oct. 18, 6-7:30 pm. The event will be sponsored by the amazing team at Green Building Energy Services, and food and drink will be provided by Mama Fu's Asian House. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come out and meet your neighbors, HOA staff, and Board of Directors, and win door prizes! Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail. See you there!

HAVEYOU RECEIVED A LANDSCAPING VIOLATION?

The Circle C Homeowners Association is committed to keeping

Circle C Ranch a desirable neighborhood. As such, deed restriction letters are sent to those homeowners who are in violation of the various requirements of the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of Circle C Ranch and all of the amendments to the CCRs. During the exceptional 2011 drought, a number of homeowners did not water their vegetation and therefore lost the required front yard lawn, trees and shrubs. The majority of homeowners who watered the allowed amount of one time per week with a sprinkler system or hose end sprinkler along with some hand watering sustained their front yards during the Stage Two City of Austin Water Restrictions.

The Architectural Control Committee of the CCHOA set new guidelines to allow homeowners to convert to a Water-wise landscape plan. The guidelines are posted on the Circle C website at www.circlecranch. info. The guidelines encourage drip irrigation, bubblers to trees, drought tolerant plants, and limited turf area. They allow a well maintained and attractive front yard, promote water conservation, and comply with City of Austin regulations. Further, the City of Austin will provide a Rebate for conversions of an existing irrigation system to a more efficient system. The CCHOA has sent out deed restriction letters mandating owners to get their front yards up to the neighborhood standard by Oct.15. The letters were sent out during Stage One water restrictions which allowed a 30 day watering in variance according to City of Austin rules. Since that time the City of Austin has revised their Water Conservation Code that changes the water conservation rules for Austin citizens. You can access the entire code at www.waterwiseaustin.org.

On Sept.4, the City invoked the new Stage Two Watering Restrictions. These restrictions limit watering with an automatic irrigation system or hose end sprinkler to one time per week. However, drip, soaker hoses, hand watering and bubblers are exceptions to that requirement. The City of Austin code has changed to allow certain types of watering at all but Stage Four, and the Circle C HOA has developed guidelines to promote this type of watering. Therefore, all of the letters that have been sent to homeowners requiring restoration of their front yards by Oct. 15 are still valid.

In the next few weeks, the temperature will drop into a good range for planting. Homeowners will be able to install vegetation and water it in by hand, use drip irrigation or soaker hoses, water with an automatic sprinkler one time per week during designated days and hours. Due to the fact that

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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 <u>ashley@circlecranch.info</u> by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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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.

Source: 1992 Code Sections 3-1-3(G), 3-2-2, 3-2-25, and 3-3-2; Ord. 031009-9; Ord. 031211-11.





CCHOA News

HOA Announcements- (Continued from Cover)

homeowners received letters allowing several months for completion of the project, everyone would have been able to take advantage of the Stage One New Landscape Variance if the landscape was installed over the summer. If you did not do this, you can take advantage of the lower Fall temperatures and supplemental rainfall to get your front yard into compliance.

In summary, the CCHOA has given homeowners a lot of time to fix their landscapes. We have adopted guidelines that promote water conservation and allow watering during all but the final stage of water conservation required by the City of Austin. We are heading into the fall season with lower temperatures and supplementary rainfall, so the October 15th requirement for replanting remains intact. If you are changing your yard to the water wise model, please remember to submit a plan prior to beginning your project.

SAY GOODBYETO PETE'S TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Pete Wainscott has brought smiles and joy to so many Circle C residents for the past 8 years with his ever-so festive and over-the-top holiday lights. We are sad to announce that Pete has informed the HOA that he will no longer be having Pete's Trail of Lights on Rigsbee Court. We'd like to thank Pete for all the hard work on the holidays for the past 8 years. We have truly enjoyed it.

AREYOUA NEW HOMEOWNER?

If you have recently moved into a new home, please be aware of the following:

- New trees will need extra water. You are allowed to water by hand.
 Don't let them dry out, or they will die! If trees on your property die, you are responsible for replacing them.
- Remove tree stakes after one year.
- Please place your trash can and recycling bin out of sight on every day
 except your trash day. Do not store them in the driveway. Carts must
 be stored in your garage, behind your fence, or on the side of your home
 if fully screened by shrubbery.
- Anything other than a standard vehicle, such as an RV, trailer, boat, golf cart, etc., is not allowed to be parked in your driveway at any time.
- If you are planning an improvement, please visit the Architectural Control page of the website to get instructions on how to submit plans.
- Please plant your backyard within 90 days, per the CCHOA deed restrictions.

WEST NILE VIRUS SEASON IS UPON US

"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. Check out these other websites with useful information as well: www.austintexas.gov/article/west-nile-virus-season-upon-us

No spraying inside Austin for West Nile - www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/Copy_of_no-spraying-inside-austin-for-west-nile

Texas leads nation in West Nile cases, and count expected to rise, officials say - www.statesman.com/news/local/texas-leads-nation-in-west-nile-cases-and-2440246.html

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Please be a good neighbor by cleaning up then properly disposing of your dog's waste after walking him or her in the neighborhood. This includes around all common areas and your neighbor's yard! Carry a bag, use it as a glove, scoop the waste, pull the bag over your hand, tie it up, then dispose of it in your own trash when you return home. Simple, courteous, the right thing to do. According to City Ordinance, Defacation By A Dog Or Cat, an owner or handler shall promptly remove and sanitarily dispose of feces left on public or private property by a dog or cat being handled by the person, other than property owned by the owner or handler of the dog or cat.

BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS

The Association receives quite a few barking dog complaints from residents. The current policy of the HOA is to send a cooperative letter to the owner making them aware that their dog(s) barking is a nuisance to their neighbors. In order for the HOA to send a letter, we MUST have the correct address and specific dates and times the dog(s) are barking. We recommend that you first talk to your neighbor about their dog(s) – perhaps they are unaware that the dog(s) are a nuisance. A resident may also choose to file a complaint with Municipal Court at the City of Austin. City of Austin code states: Section 3-3-9 Noise by Dogs, "It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any dog which makes frequent or long, continued noise which is disturbing to persons in the neighborhood who have normal nervous sensibilities."

You may obtain more info by calling Municipal Court at 974-4800.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join communities nationwide on Tuesday, Oct. 2, to participate in the 29th Annual National Night Out. This is designed to heighten crime awareness, generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and relationships, and send the message that our neighborhood is a safe place to live. Plan a cookout or a block party. Turn on your porch lights, lock your doors, and spend the evening outside with your neighbors! Visit this link for more details: www.austintexas.gov/news/national-night-out-2012-kick-celebration-october-2-2012

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.





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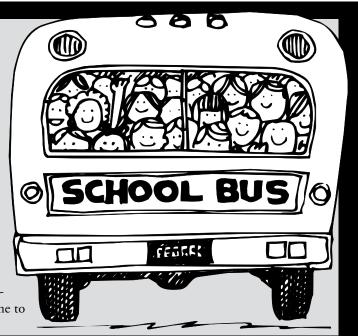
Back To School

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

Other changes to be aware of include:

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is illegal!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and midafternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.



Time To Slow Down!



Circle C Celebrates the holidays

Circle C Holiday Kid's Party

Date: December 1, 2012
Time: 10am to 12:30pm
Location: Circle C Community Center

Save the Date! Come enjoy breakfast, holiday crafts, train ride, petting zoo, Games2U videomobile, face painting and Santa! Free for residents.



Adult Holiday & Casino Party

Date: December 1, 2012
Time: 7pm to 10pm
Location: Circle C Community Center

Save the Date! The much requested Adult Holiday & Casino Party is back! Tickets will go on sale beginning October 15, 2012; open to residents ONLY until November 9th. Ticket cost is \$10/per person and may be purchased at the Circle C Community Center Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm. Activities will include: hor'dourves, cash bar, casino play, raffle of prizes, music & dancing!



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Tennis Tips

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco

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HOW TO HIT A TWO-HANDED BACKHAND

In last month's newsletter, I gave tips on how to hit a Forehand. In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute a two-handed backhand for a right hander.

STEP I - Ready position: The body is facing the net and both of the hands are on the handle of the racket. The left hand should not overlap the right hand and it should be gripping the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are shoulder width apart and the body in is good balance.

STEP 2 - Back swing: Once the player makes the decision to hit on the left side, the body should start taking the racket back before the ball bounces. Notice the slight change of grip on the right hand toward the top of the handle (continental grip). Notice the turn of the upper body and the right foot leading the left foot. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

STEP 3 - Point of Contact: The eyes now shift toward the point of contact which should be in front of the right foot. The right hand is still slightly relaxed, but the left hand is doing most of the work at the point of impact. The racket has made contact with the ball and weight of the player has shifted toward the point of contact. It is important to keep the right shoulder closed and not open the left hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility and power on the ball.

STEP 4 - Follow Through: Once the racket has made contact with the ball, let the arms extend out toward the target selected. The elbows now are bent and the head of the racket is wrapping around the left shoulder.

Look for next Issue: The One-Backhand Groundstroke







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When school started on August 27, we had already put in more than 150 hours toward our marching season show. We head to Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana in November. One of the ways we get support is a special program that my mom loves. So she asked me to write this article, which I am. (Because when mom says "Maybe you might want to....", you pretty much just do it.) The students of Bowie provide flags to those who wish to have them. We deliver on the following 7 major holidays.

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> Best regards, William Schuckle, Freshman Baritone Section (Baritones ROCK!) aschuckle@earthlink.net

If you have questions about the service, or your flag is not raised by 8:00 a.m. or lowered by 8:00 p.m., email: flags@bowieband. org. For immediate service, call 512-537-0463. Note all new subscriptions BEGIN January 1st

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Circle C Swim Center

Submitted by Sammie Surguy

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Monday – Sunday: Closed

With school in session a couple of schools are having their swim team practices here at the Swim Center in the mornings. We understand that with this change, there will be less lanes available for residents, but please be assured that we always keep at least 3 to 4 lanes available for residents, meaning you may have to share a lane. For instructions on how to "circle swim," grab a flier on lap swimming etiquette at the front desk next time you are here. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

CIRCLE C SELECT SWIMTEAM

The Circle C Select Swim Team is in full swing for their 2012-2013 season. Although it may be a little chilly outside all the swimmers on the Circle C Select Swim Team are working very

hard and making progress every day. If your child would like to join the team try-outs are still being held every week day from 3:30-4:15pm. If you would like more information check out the Circle C Select Swim Team site at: www.select.ccswim.net OR contact the Swim Center Front Desk at: (512)288-6057 or by e-mail at customerservice@ccswim.net

ADULT MASTERS

With the temperature dropping you may think that it is too cold to get into the pool for a good workout. But think again the Circle C Swim Center is heated to 80 degrees during the colder months. So come join the Adult Masters program and get a great work out in, during the colder months.

Adult Masters is held: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-9:15 a.m. If you have any other questions please contact the Swim Center Front Desk at: (512)288-6057 or by e-mail at customerservice@ccswim.com

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Lastly, we just wanted to send you a friendly reminder about your pool ID's. With the summer long and gone, many of you are storing away your pool bags for the winter. D on't forget to remember where you leave your pool ID's. Since the ID's are good season to season, you'll need to hang on to them for next summer. If you lose your ID, we can replace it for you at the front desk for a \$3 replacement fee.



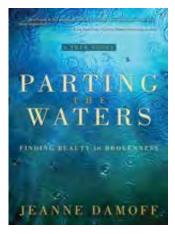


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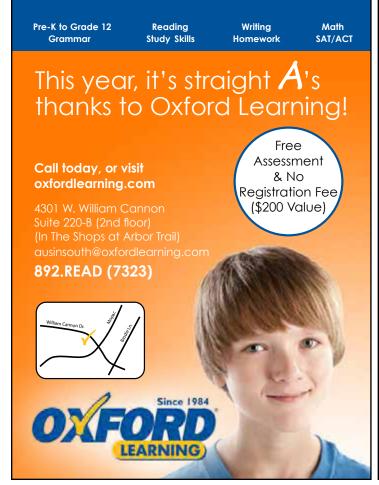
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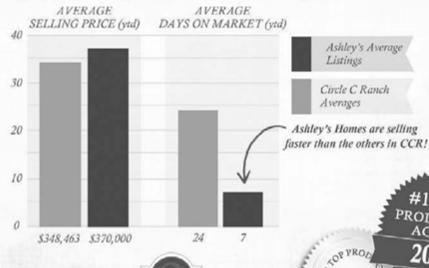
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Event Announcement

from the

Travis County Master Gardeners

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Learn all about bulbs, whether planting in the ground or forcing the bulbs to grow indoors. This class will include a discussion of reliable varieties for our conditions, methods to success, and requirements for indoor growing such as containers and media. 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.

Bethany Lutheran Church

3701 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, Texas 78749 Service of Celebration as we observe our 50th Jubilee Year Sunday, October 7, 2012, 5 pm

Free To Breathe

On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Free to Breathe – Austin will hold its second annual 5k fun run and 1 mile walk at Old Settler Park in Round Rock. Free to Breathe is a non-profit organization whose mission is to decrease deaths due to lung cancer and help patients live longer through research, awareness and advocacy. Lung cancer takes more lives than breast cancer, colon cancer and prostate cancer COMBINED! It is also the least funded.

LOCATION

Old Settlers Park, 1001 Harrell Parkway, Round Rock, TX 78665 **EVENT SCHEDULE**

7:30 a.m. - Registration & check-in 9:10 a.m. - 5K run 9:15 a.m. - 5K walk & 1-mile walk 8:45 a.m. - Rally 9:05 a.m. - Kids' Dash

Online registration is \$25 before Oct. 31st. Please visit www. freetobreathe.com to sign up. To learn more about National Lung Cancer Partnership, our programs and our financial information, visit www. NationalLungCancerPartnership.org.

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Race for the Cure in Circle C

Submitted by Andrea Adams

MOMS Club of Austin/Circle C-NW is hosting the 2nd Annual Race for the Cure event in Circle C on Sunday, November 4th at 10am at the Circle C Metro Park. Everyone is encouraged to join us in walking/running this 5k event in the park, which takes place at the same time as the official event downtown. Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Komen Foundation to help raise awareness and funds to support breast cancer education, screening and treatment.

Benefits of participating in Circle C: No need to drive downtown and search for a parking spot on race morning; Enjoy exercising with your neighbors and friends; Refreshments at the finish line; No special awards or timing chips (just for fun!); Strollers encouraged; Playground easily accessible after the race; and No crowds or hassle when picking up your packet/t-shirt.

We are currently seeking both event sponsors and walkers/runners to participate. To sign-up or for more information, please email swaustinmomsclub@gmail.com

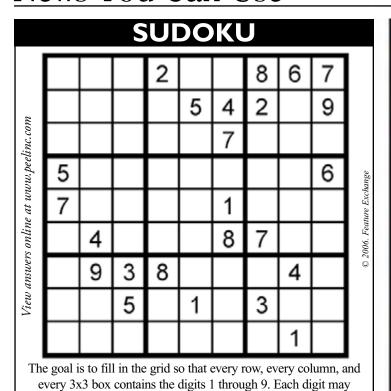
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Recipe of the Month



Grilled New York Strip

with

Sauteed Mushrooms & Beurre Blanc by the Four Points Foodie

Was in the mood for a yummy sauce ... you know the kind you lick off your fingers? This Beurre Blanc really compliments the simplicity of a salt and peppered grilled steak along with some sauteed mushrooms. I paired it with a simple salad and this was our amazing dinner tonight.



Steak Ingredients:

Your choice steaks, room temp and seasoned with salt and pepper only

1 lb sliced baby portobello mushrooms

1 T olive oil

Preheat your grill. In a medium sautee pan, add olive oil and sautee mushrooms on medium heat until dark and caramelized. Remove from heat and hold.

Grill your steaks the way you like them, then remove from heat and let them rest, covered with foil, for 10 minutes.

Beurre Blanc Ingredients:

1 medium shallot, minced

8 oz white wine

3 T heavy cream

12 T cold butter, cubed

salt and pepper to taste

In a saute pan, reduce the shallots and wine until about 2 T remain. Add the heavy cream and cook until it bubbles, then remove from heat. Slowly whisk in the nobs of butter, a few at a time, until incorporated. As you whisk a few in, the sauce gets thicker and thicker. Once all the butter in whisked in, season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve, top your steak with mushroom and then the Beurre Blanc. I added some minced chive for a tiny bit of taste and color.

News You Can Use





Submitted by Trish Moore

FUN FACT: The leaf colors red, yellow and brown are in the leaves all year long and only become exposed when the chlorophyll disappears in the fall. The red color is trapped glucose, the orange is carotene, and the brown is waste. Try pointing out the different colors as you rake up piles and let the kids jump in them!

LETTER: P-Point out things around the house, grocery store, or on the road that start with the letter "P" such as "pumpkin", "playing", and "people".

NUMBER: 5- It is good for kids to hear the repetition of the numbers as you count out items. Try counting out 5 "pumpkins", 5 "peas", or 5 "pieces" for younger children or let older kids count them out to show off their skills.

SNACK: Cut apples into slices. Allow children to use a butter knife and spread peanut butter on one slice, place raisins on top and cover with the other apple slice. Letting kids get involved in the process gets them excited about eating healthier and gives them a sense of pride in their work.

SONG: "5 Little Pumpkins"

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh, my, it's getting late!"

The second one said, "There are bats in the air!"

The third one said, "But we don't care!"

The fourth one said, "We'll run and run and run!"

The fifth one said, "Let's have some fun!"

OOOOOOH went the wind and OUT went the light.

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight

YOGA POSE: Tree-Stand up straight and tall. Breathe in and out. Feel your legs reaching toward the ground and your head reaching toward the sky. Look at one spot to keep your eyes steady. Now lift your right leg by bending your knee. Place your right foot against the inside of your left leg, above the knee (or below if that's more comfortable). Imagine roots growing from your left foot into the ground. Now stretch your arms up like branches. Don't worry if you start to fall, just start again from the beginning. (Parents.com)

CRAFT: Stamped Pumpkins: Cut a potato in half. Let kids dip it in orange paint and make circles on paper. When it is dry, have them add faces, stems, and leaves to the pumpkins with paint, crayons or cut pieces of construction paper.

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End of Summer Home Maintenance Tips

Submitted by Eric Hegwer

As the weather begins to cool in Central Texas, and the brutally hot days of August are behind us, now is the time to take care of all those little items that you've been putting off in favor of staying inside your air conditioned living room.

Each of these projects is inexpensive, easy, and you can easily accomplish several in a weekend.

LANDSCAPING

Pull up some weeds, lay down some mulch, and prune back the plants. Hire some neighbor kids to rake the leaves. The end of the summer is also a great time to fertilize for the fall/winter dormant season for native Texas plants.

CLEAN GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

Clogged gutters can overflow, potentially causing damage to the wood fascia around your home. Cleaning your gutters is easy, but does involve climbing up a ladder and scooping out some gross stuff. If you aren't comfortable with heights or don't know how to use a ladder, hire a pro. Scoop out the dirt, leaves, and debris, and wash everything clean with water from a hose.

OUTDOOR PAINTING AND TOUCHUPS

Walk around your house and look for any areas that need touch ups, are peeling, or look rough. Carefully scrape or sand the area, prime, and paint with the matching color to complete the repair.

CAULKING AND SEALING

Check key areas around windows and doors for gaps. Cracks can cause leaks and higher energy bills and can be easily repaired with caulk or expanding foam. Also, check for loose trim boards, and re-attach them as necessary.

ASPHALT AND CONCRETE REPAIR

To prevent shifting and tilting of driveways and sidewalks, reseal asphalt every two years and fill cracks in concrete with epoxy.

Maintaining your home doesn't have to be difficult. Especially when you catch problems early and fix them. In doing so, you will increase your home's value and prevent costly repairs down the road. If you aren't able to do this work yourself, hire a professional or inquire with your neighborhood HOA to see if any able bodied neighbors can help.



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Splitting Hares

Nature Watch
by Jim and Lynne Weber

Colloquially known as 'bunnies', rabbits and hares are small mammals that can be found in a variety of habitats, including meadows, woodlands, grasslands, deserts, and even wetlands. But did you know that there are true differences between rabbits and hares?

Rabbits are clearly distinguished from hares in that rabbits typically have young that are born blind and hairless (altricial) and hares have young that are born with hair and able to see (precocial). Since young hares are well camouflaged and mobile within minutes of being born, the mother does not protect them and is with them only long enough to nurse. Rabbits, other than cottontails, live underground in burrows, but cottontails, like hares, live in simple grass nests above the ground called 'forms.' Unlike rabbits, hares usually do not live in groups (although a group of hares is called a 'drove') and they are generally larger than rabbits, with longer ears and black markings on their fur. Hares are also called jackrabbits, as they are very quick and can run up to speeds of 45 miles per hour! They have jointed or kinetic skulls, which are unique among mammals. This joint permits relative motion between the anterior and posterior part of the skull's braincase, helping to absorb the G-force created as the hare strikes its powerful hind legs with impact against the ground.

In our area of Texas you can find the Swamp Rabbit (Sylvilagus aquaticus), the Eastern Cottontail (Sylvilagus floridanus), and the Black-tailed Jackrabbit (Lepus calfornicus). Living in the eastern third of our state and one of the largest cottontails in its range, the Swamp Rabbit inhabits poorly drained river bottoms and marshes. Its upper parts are grayish-brown heavily lined

with black with a white underside and cinnamon-colored front legs and tops of hind feet. At home in the water, this rabbit's dense fur helps to waterproof its skin, and unlike other rabbits it will cross streams and rivers on its own. Also unlike other rabbits, its young have fur at birth but their eyes and ears are closed.

Eastern Cottontails are the most common rabbit in the eastern three-fourths of Texas and are moderately large with rusty-brown fur, relatively short ears, and large hind feet. These cottontails commonly frequent brush-dotted pastures and are active largely in the twilight hours and at night, when they venture out to meadows or lawns to forage. They often live at the edges of town and feed in gardens and flower beds, and are common along country roads lined with dense vegetation. Eastern Cottontails are prolific breeders, and can have as many as four or five litters throughout the year.

The Black-tailed Jackrabbit, also known as the Desert Hare, reaches a length of about two feet and weighs from three to six pounds. Its distinctive long ears and powerful rear legs distinguish it as a hare. With dorsal fur that is dark buff peppered with black and an underside of creamy white, its black markings are found on the tips of its ears and the top of its short tail. In warmer climates like ours, this jackrabbit breeds year round and the average litter size is four, but it can range from two to seven depending on the food supply. Since it does not hibernate or migrate, it uses the same square half-mile to mile habitat of oak-juniper woodland as its territory.

Now that you know the subtle (and sometimes confusing) differences between these closely related mammals, you too can try your hand at splitting hares!







Eastern Cottontail



Black-tailed Jackrabbit

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Breast Cancer: Importance of Early Detection

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths. Screening is vital because early stages of the disease are easier to treat. The American Cancer Society recommends women:

- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the

following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
 - Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
 - Pulling in of the nipple
 - Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
 - An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

For more information about breast cancer and early detection, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, visit the American Cancer Society Web Site at: www.cancer.org, or visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site at: http://nbcam.org/





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Boxelder Bugs

Boxelder bugs are dark brownish-black insects with orange markings around the edges of the thorax and wings. These bugs are about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch long as an adult. Nymphs, or immatures, look similar to adults, but are smaller, do not have fully developed wings which allows you to see their bright red abdomen.

While boxelder bugs typically do not cause damage to the landscape or structure, they may become a nuisance in and around homes from fall until spring. In the fall, adults and large nymphs gather in large numbers to move to areas to overwinter. Boxelder bugs spend the winter in cracks and crevices in walls, around door and window casings, tree holes and in debris on the ground. Sometimes they will try to move indoors to overwinter. On warm days from fall until spring, adult boxelder bugs will emerge from their overwintering location to warm themselves in the sun.

Removing female boxelder trees from the area may solve problems with large, repeated infestations of boxelder bugs. Hiding places can also be reduced or eliminated by removing debris such as boards, leaves and rocks from the area as well as sealing and cracks and crevices around the home with caulk or expanding foam. If chemical treatment is desired treat overwintering areas with chemicals containing active ingredients such as pyrethrin, cyfluthrin, bifenthrin, carbaryl or acephate.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Also check out www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com



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HALLOWEEN

Boo! What are you going to be for Halloween? Sometimes, it can be fun to dress up as a group. Maybe your brothers, sisters, friends - or even parents - will want to join in the fun. Here are some costume ideas for groups of two or more.

- sun and moon
- winter, spring, summer, and fall
- salt and pepper shakers
- a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste
- cop and robber
- doctor and patient
- veterinarian and animal (dog, cat, or bunny)
- fireman and fire dog (dalmatian)
- fisherman and fish
- squirrel and nut
- teacher and student
- pilgrim and Indian (or turkey!)
- prince and princess (or king and queen)
- cowboy and horse (or cowboy and cowgirl)
- dog and bone (Arf! Arf!)
- Santa and elf (or Mrs. Claus)
- macaroni and cheese
- Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail (from Peter Rabbit)
- Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Lion, and Toto (from the Wizard of Oz)
- Sonny and Cher (ask your parents!)

And no matter what you dress up as, please be safe while you're haunting the neighborhood!

vampire and bat

- burger and fries
- peanut butter and jelly
- three blind mice
- three little bears
- three little pigs

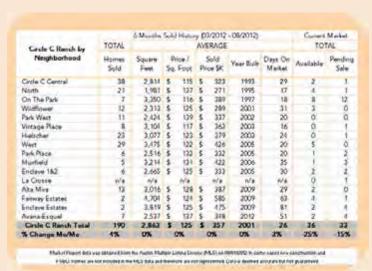


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