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CCHOA Announcements

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager

Annual Meeting Recap

The Circle C Homeowners Association Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm at the Community Center. Thank you to everyone who voted, submitted a proxy or quorum proxy; we were able to meet quorum prior to the meeting. There were three open board seats up for election. Congratulations to Michael Chu, Chris Poyner, and Natalie Placer McClure who were each elected to three year terms! Check our website, www.circlecranch.info, to see the power point slides from the Annual Meeting.

Community Wide Garage Sale

The CCHOA will host Circle C's Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 20th. Each individual homeowner is encouraged to hold their individual garage sale on this date. We will be advertising the event (in print and on the internet) from 8am to 5pm and will have street maps available on our website. If you have any questions about this event, please call the HOA office at 288-8663.

Neighborhood Meet & Greet

The CCHOA will be hosting the Neighborhood Meet and Greet for Muirfield, Fairway Estates, Alta Mira, and Avana residents at our new Community Center (located at 7817 La Crosse Avenue, intersection of La Crosse and Spruce Canyon) on Thursday, April 18, 6:00-7:30 pm. The event is sponsored by Austin Real Estate Partners, and food and drink will be provided by Circle C Café. Austin Custom Winery will also be here with a free wine tasting! 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!

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

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Submitted by HOA Manager, Denise Nordstrom

What are the rules on trash containers and recycle cart storage?

Trash containers and recycle carts are permitted to be at the curb only on your scheduled collection day until 10pm. This is a requirement of the City of Austin. Trash containers and recycle carts are to be stored where not visible from the street at all other times.

Are basketball goals allowed in Circle C?

Permanently installed goals are not permitted in Circle C unless approved by the Architectural Control Committee. The deed restrictions state that basketball goals are to be stored out of the view of neighbors when not in use. City of Austin code prohibits portable basketball goals in the street or right-of-way (10ft back from curb); you may report to 311.

Are cars allowed to be parked on the street?

The CCHOA does not have jurisdiction over the streets in Circle C; they are the responsibility of the City of Austin. City of Austin regulations on abandoned vehicles may be found on the City's website at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/vehicle-abatement>. Please call 974-8119 to report an abandoned or non-operating vehicle.

What should I do about barking dogs and stray animals?

Stray Animals may be picked up by animal control by calling 311. The City of Austin states it is unlawful for dogs to make frequent noise disturbing to persons in the neighborhood and violations should be reported to the City. You may also call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 with specific date and time for excessive barking. The staff will send a cooperative letter to the homeowner.

How do I report a street light outage?

Every light pole has an assigned number mounted on the pole. Jot down that number and call the City of Austin 311 non-emergency number to make the report.

Are boats, trailers and recreational vehicles allowed in Circle C?

The Deed Restrictions require that any vehicle or trailer other than a conventional automobile be stored, placed or parked in an area concealed from view of other Homeowners. Our restrictions only apply to boats, trailers, and RVs on private property. The CCHOA has no authority over what might be parked on the public street. A boat or trailer in the street, not attached to a vehicle to pull it, should be reported to COA Abandoned Vehicles, 974-8119.

What are the rules on maintenance?

Homes are to be kept in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Lawns and garden areas should be kept alive, free of weeds and attractive. Lawn mowing is required on a regular basis. Litter, trash, dead vegetation and debris should be promptly removed. Trees and shrubs are to be pruned. Public right of way and sidewalks should be clear and unobstructed. All shrubbery should be trimmed away from street signs and from corner traffic sight line obstructions.

What are the rules in Circle C on walking with your dog off leash and what about picking up after your dog?

Both of these issues fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Austin. It is against COA ordinance to have a dog off leash except on your private property. It is also a requirement by the City that dog owners pick up and properly dispose of their dog's feces. Please keep our landscaped commons areas beautiful and clean for the enjoyment of all.

Do I have to submit plans for improvements and/or additions to my home?

All improvements such as changes in paint or roofing color, decks, patio covers, pools, change in fencing or any other permanent structure must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. You may download an application form as well as a fee schedule on our website at www.circlecranch.info under the "ACC" quick link section.

What do I need to visit the Swim Center?

All residents must possess and show their swim center ID card to enter either Aquatics facility. ID cards are available at the Swim Center office located at 5919 La Crosse Avenue. You may also go online at <http://www.circlecranch.info/Circle-C-Aquatics-313990-14837.htm> for more information and to download the required forms.

Are door to door solicitors and door flyers allowed in Circle C?

Both of these issues are governed by the City of Austin, full details can be found on their website at: www.austintexas.gov/ By City ordinance, solicitors must abide by "No Soliciting" signs on private property. Some neighbors have had success in placing a small "No Soliciting" sign near the doorbell and/or a small staked sign near the front porch. Suspicious solicitation should be reported to 911 at the time of occurrence.

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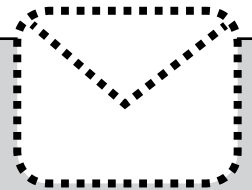
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REMINDER

City of Austin Leash Law

This is a reminder to all dog owners, that the City of Austin
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§ 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
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Source: 1992 Code Sections 3-1-3(G), 3-2-2, 3-2-25, and
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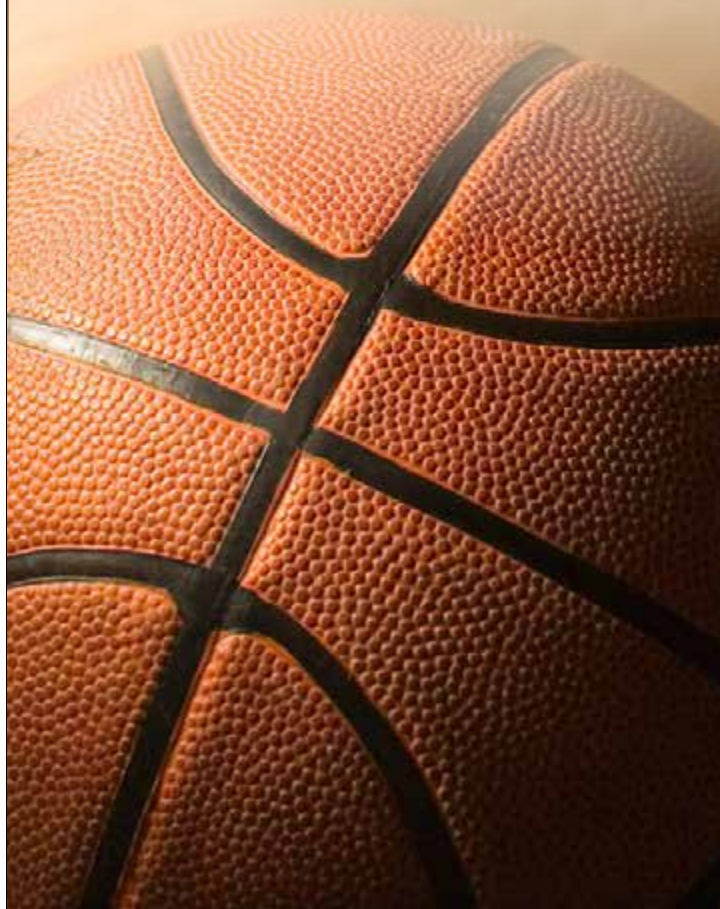
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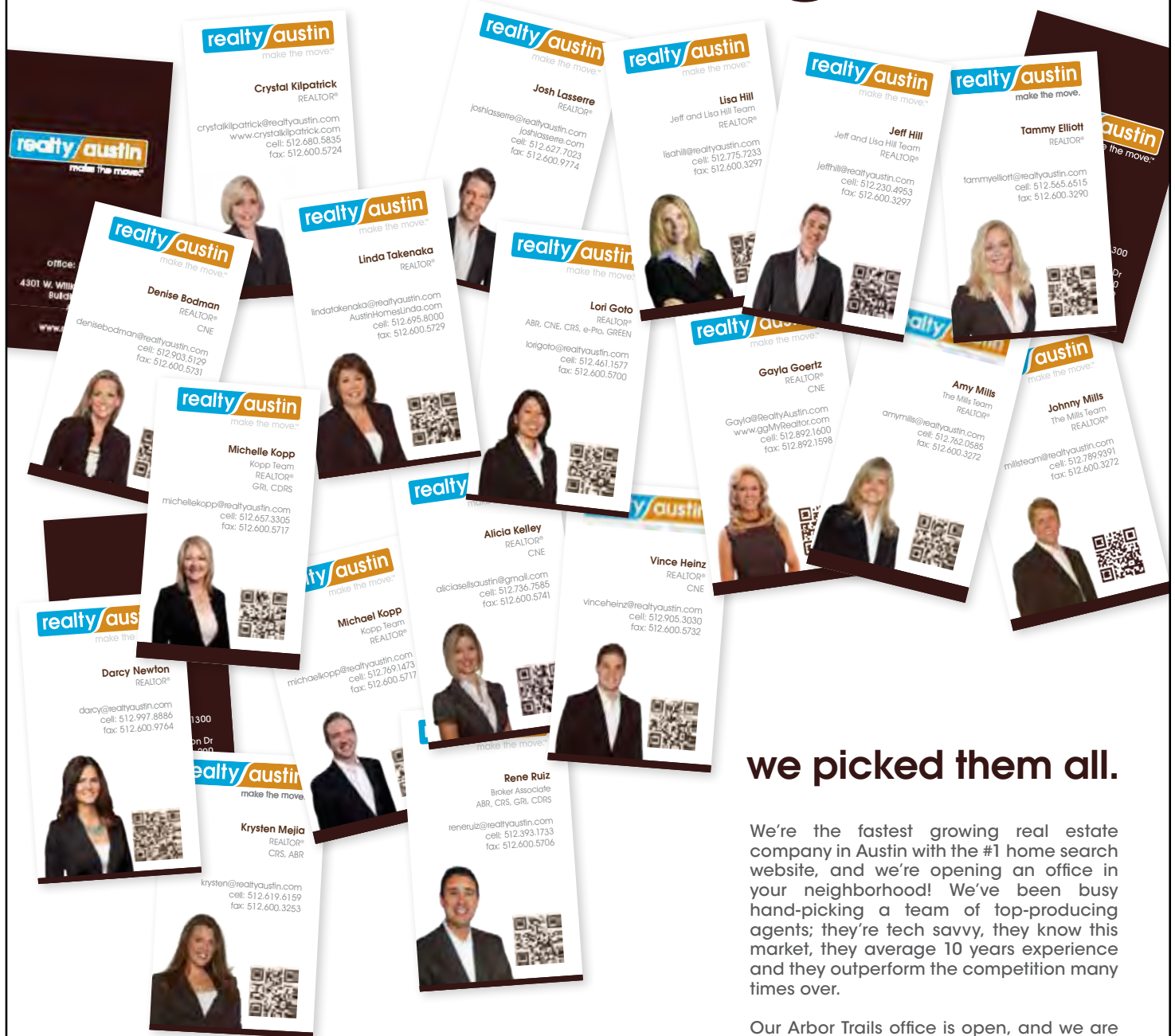


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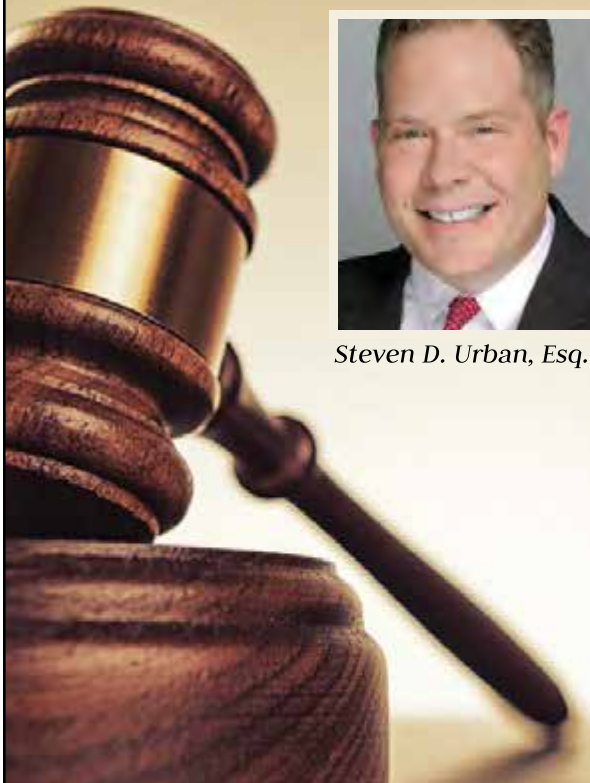


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Circle C Swim Center

Submitted by Sammie Surguy

THE CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER WELCOMES SPRING!

The Circle C Swim Center is so excited that the spring and wonderful weather are finally here! Since many of you haven't been here for awhile, make sure to check out our website, www.ccs swim.net to stay current on our policies and rules. You can also find all other Aquatics Center information there. Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

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SELECT SWIM TEAM

The Circle C Select Swim Team fills up fast once the weather starts to warm up so set up your tryout sooner than later. Tryouts are from Monday-Thursday 4:15- 4:45 p.m. please e-mail frontdesk@ccswim.net before you come. Old Select Swim Team Shirts and Caps are 50% off, stop by and get yours today!

PRIVATE LESSONS

The weather warming up, bring your kids to the pool and sign them up for private lessons! With the select swim team going strong and the Seals about to start up make sure your swimmer is confident and ready to make the team. Coach Amanda has availability Monday-Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm. Call the front desk at (512)-288-6057 today to sign up. Bookmarks for pricing can be found at the front desk.

GROUP LESSONS

It's almost that time of the year again! Group lessons are just

around the corner. Make sure your kiddos are ready to dive into some summer pool time fun, bring them in for an evaluation starting Sunday April 7th from 4-6pm. The first session of group lessons start Tuesday April 23rd so make sure you get evaluated early and a spot in the first 2013 session. For more information or questions please contact Coach Amanda at lessons@ccswim.net or the front desk at (512)-288-6057. Bookmarks with information about dates, times, and evaluations can be found at the front desk.

HIRING

Looking for a fun job? We're accepting applications! It is time to start planning for the 2013 swim season at the Circle C Aquatics Centers. We will be accepting Applications for Employment on a rolling basis. Please complete the Application for Employment as well as the Availability Sheet(s) for the position(s) for which you are applying. Both Front Desk and Lifeguard positions are available. For more information and forms to fill out please visit: www.ccs swim.net and click on employment.

Hiring of 15 year old lifeguards: A 15 year old will be hired if they are a good fit and they have taken a Circle C lifeguard class and must turn 16 within two weeks of the last day of the Circle C class. If a 15 year old takes a class at another facility, they may be interviewed/hired no less than 2 weeks before 16 birthday.

Spring Break Holiday Hours

March 9-17, 2013

Monday-Friday

Lap Swim Only: 6 - 10 a.m.

Lap and Recreational Swim: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday

Lap Swim Only: 7-10 a.m.

Lap and Recreational Swim: 10-6 p.m.

Sunday

Lap and Recreational Swim: 10- 6 p.m.

Spring Hours

March 18 - June 9, 2013

Monday-Friday

Lap Swim Only: 6 - 10 a.m.

Lap and Recreational Swim: 3:30 - 8 p.m.

Saturday

Lap Swim Only: 7 - 10 a.m.

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Circle C Landscape

Submitted by Susan Hoover

April Showers Bring May Flowers.....we can only hope this to be true as we are again faced with very dry conditions throughout Texas. We continue to adapt all of the Circle C commons areas to this reality. One of our newest installations is on the median tip at Slaughter/Beckett. This area has been done with all drip irrigation, drought tolerant zoysia turf, and drought tolerant plants. Stratus Properties paid for this work as a renovation of the left turn lane that was put in as part of the Alamo Draffhouse and south side shopping center improvements.

We will be focusing on converting all our median tips and other areas that are suitable to drip irrigation in the near future. This will allow for the most efficient watering.

Maintenance tasks for April include the mowing, blowing and getting rid of the massive amount of oak leaves and pollen that will cover the neighborhood as the trees shed their leaves. We will be touching up mulch, adding pre-emergent for weed prevention, and spreading fertilizer. We do not fertilize until mid-April on the commons areas as the grass will not be actively growing until the night time temperature is consistently above 60 degrees.

The CCHOA has recently converted all of the landscape lighting to LED lighting. This produces a cooler temperature, and thus cooler light color, than the halogen light bulbs we have used in the past. However, it provides great savings on the overall electric bill. One fun fact about Circle C is that there are over 750 landscape lights throughout the subdivision, so conserving electricity as we can is a must. We have found a good conversion bulb for the existing fixtures, making it possible to only switch out bulbs rather than replace all fixtures.

Our watering schedule on the commons areas complies with the Stage 2 water restrictions currently in place by the City of Austin Water Utility for all commercial and residential properties. We are limited to once a week watering, between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. This watering does occur on all days of the week as some of our watering sections are very large and cannot be watered on one single day. We have legally filed and approved variances with the City of Austin to handle this. Generally, we water on Tuesday or Friday. However, on Slaughter Lane and Escarpment, you will see various sections watering on other days. Please feel free to call the CCHOA office if you see watering outside the allowed times, or if you have questions about the watering schedule. If you see a broken sprinkler head, or a leak, please contact us at 288-8663 or at info@circlecranch.info. We monitor the system continuously, however it is very large and things can break without us knowing so we appreciate your help.

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Afternoon Substitute Teachers Wanted

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Must have a sense of humor, enjoy children and love to play. To apply: Please email your resume to kestrello@circleccdc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

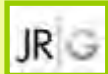


Circle C Women's Book Club

Submitted by Sonja Hibbs

Love to read? So do we! The Circle C Women's Book Club is a great group of women of all ages who lead crazy-busy lives, but who always make time for good books and each other. Over the past five years, we've read some great stories and some not-so-great ones from every genre. We shy away from the fluffy stuff (think "The Devil Wears Prada"), but don't have our noses stuck in just the classics either (although we have read a few of those). We actually talk about the books, which always leads to great discussions on our own lives. Sound good? Then come join us!

We meet once a month on Sunday at 3:15 at a member's house, typically the third Sunday or last Sunday depending on schedules. We also try for a mid-month meeting at a coffee shop or restaurant when life doesn't intervene! Contact Sonja at sonjajawaisel@yahoo.com for more information.



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AISD Bond - Proposition 1-4: Committee for Austin's Children

Submitted by Carolyn Merritt

AGING FACILITIES: The average age of AISD schools is 40 years old; 50 of the over 110 campuses in the district are more than 50 years of age. To preserve our investment in our schools and address issues such as code requirements, air quality, adequate heating and lighting, and facility upkeep, action must be taken now. This will prevent being faced with even more expensive repairs in the future.

OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS: In 22 of our schools, enrollment is more than 125% of the school's permanent capacity. This creates a hardship on both students and teachers. Core facilities are not large enough to serve these large enrollments, and portable classrooms are used in lieu of permanent facilities. Lunch has to begin as early as 10:00 AM at some of these schools to accommodate the number of students. All the while, Austin's population continues to grow. This bond addresses a number of overcrowding issues. It seeks to reduce the number of portables by 16% and expand core facilities.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS: Technology is an ongoing investment for our children and their teachers. Bond proceeds will be used to replace end of life computers; to purchase new printers and Innovation Stations for the remaining classrooms that have not received them yet, enabling all teachers to use this technology; and to purchase additional computers for students to design spreadsheets, do research, give presentations and learn to program. The equipment will be purchased with short-term bonds since state cuts to education and state policy has significantly reduced the funds for the operating budget.

Austin Independent School District (AISD) has placed four bond proposals on the May ballot. Propositions 1 – 4 will provide funds to:

- Repair & renovate our aging schools
- Upgrading electrical systems
- Repairing roofs and windows
- Replacing plumbing
- Replacing and repair flooring
- Updating heating and cooling systems
- Enhancing safety on campuses by purchasing monitoring cameras
- Upgrade and update science & technology labs
- Upgrade and add technology to support learning throughout AISD
- Construct additional classrooms and replace portables
- Construct three new elementary schools
- Upgrade fine arts, physical education and athletic facilities to encourage better attendance, higher test scores and higher graduation rates
- Provide funding to continue to reduce the consumption of energy and take advantage of programs offered by Austin Energy that encourage energy conservation
- Provide funding for Career & Technical Education facilities and position the district to benefit from the formation of the new Austin medical school. These opportunities help students to be college or career ready and to have marketable job skills that could provide earning capacity while they continue their education.

All of the funds raised through Propositions 1-4 will stay in our community for the benefit of our children.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How were the items and projects to be funded by Propositions 1-4 selected? The facility needs of every school within AISD were assessed by AISD technical staff so that the Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee could ensure the funds would go towards projects and items with the greatest need and of the highest priority. This committee of 30 community members, appointed by the Superintendent from across the School District, reviewed the recommendations and solicited input from the community. The committee recommended the final list of projects to the AISD Board. The bond propositions were placed on the ballot in a unanimous vote by the AISD Board.

How much would the bond propositions cost me? Less than a \$6 per month property tax increase for the owners of a \$200,000 home. Homeowners over 65 years of age would be exempt from any tax increase if Propositions 1-4 are passed.

Who will make sure the money is spent properly? If propositions 1-4 are approved, an independent citizens' oversight committee will be appointed by the AISD Superintendent to ensure the funds are spent properly and only on voter-approved projects. Bonds will only be issued as needed.

What if Propositions 1-4 do not pass? Major renovations at schools are necessary to protect the investments already made by taxpayers. Without these additional bond resources, our existing campuses will not receive comprehensive repairs and renovations that are desperately needed, such as roofing projects and more efficient air conditioning and heating systems. New classrooms are already needed, and the demand is only increasing as more people move to Austin. The number of students will continue to grow, putting additional burdens on our already overcrowded schools. More portables will have to be added to address growth. Construction costs will only become more expensive the longer we wait.

Will passing Propositions 1-4 improve classroom instruction? Yes, studies have shown that overcrowded classrooms hinder teaching and learning. In addition, by making major repairs and renovations now, maintenance budgets should be reduced, freeing up funds that can be used for teacher and classroom needs. Furthermore, students that participate in AISD fine arts and athletics programs have proven to have higher attendance rates, higher test scores and higher graduation rates.

Isn't this a lot of money? The last big bond package in 2004 authorized a maximum tax rate increase of 4.6 cents, and by comparison this bond package raises it only 3.5 cents per \$100 valuation. Even though the total amount of this bond is larger, it has a smaller impact on the tax rate. It is important to note that through excellent fiscal management, the district has held the projected tax rate increases in the 2004 and 2008 bond programs 2 cents below the maximum rates authorized by the voters.

Even after passage of the bond package, AISD will still have the second lowest tax rate in the five-county Central Texas area. AISD serves over 86,000 students and is the fifth largest public school district in Texas.

Didn't we just vote on Bonds a few years ago? We had a large bond package pass in 2004, nine years ago. There was a smaller bond package for \$343 million for urgent needs in 2008 but it did not address facilities district-wide.

When is the election? The election is Saturday, May 11, 2013. Early voting is April 29-May 7, 2013.

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How to Execute The One Handed Backhand Volley

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, and the forehand half-volley. In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the one –handed backhand volley when players are at the net and have to hit the ball on the fly. In the illustrations, the Manager and Director of Tennis at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, Fernando Velasco, demonstrates the proper form and technique. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Split step: When the player comes up to the net, the player will stop and take the split step by bouncing off the toes at the same time and let the body lean forward to react to the ball. Both hands are on the racket so it can react to either move to the left or to the right. Eyes are focused on the incoming ball. Notice the left hand being on the throat of the racket, not next to the right hand

Step 2: The Back Swing: The left hand will guide the head of the racket at eye level and with a short back swing. The upper

body has made a turn and the weight of the body has been placed on the left leg. Eyes are focused toward the point of contact. The right hand is relaxed to allow the left hand to make the proper opening to meet the ball.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: As the swing comes forward, the left hand releases the racket and the right foot leans toward the ball. The left hand stretches back to allow proper balance on the point of contact. The head of the racket is slightly tilted up to allow a slice on the ball. This assures good height above the net and will force the ball to stay low when making contact with the court, thus making it tougher for the opponent to return the ball back to the player.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Once the ball leaves the racket, the follow through is extended toward the target. The weight of the player is now on the right leg and the left arm is still balancing the body as a “butterfly swing”. The shoulders are still slightly turned and are ready to come back to the split position.

Look for in the next Newsletter: *The Two-Handed Backhand Volley*

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Tennis Pro-Emeritus, Dennis Ralston (in center), receiving the USPTA Texas Proud Award. Dennis is a former ATP Player, United States Champion and Wimbledon Champion.



General Manager and Director of Tennis, Fernando Velasco (center), receiving the USPTA Texas Small Facility Manager Award. Velasco has been the Manager of the Grey Rock Tennis Club (formerly the Circle C Tennis Club), since 2001.

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Submitted by Michael Armstrong

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Submitted by Rondena Mackey

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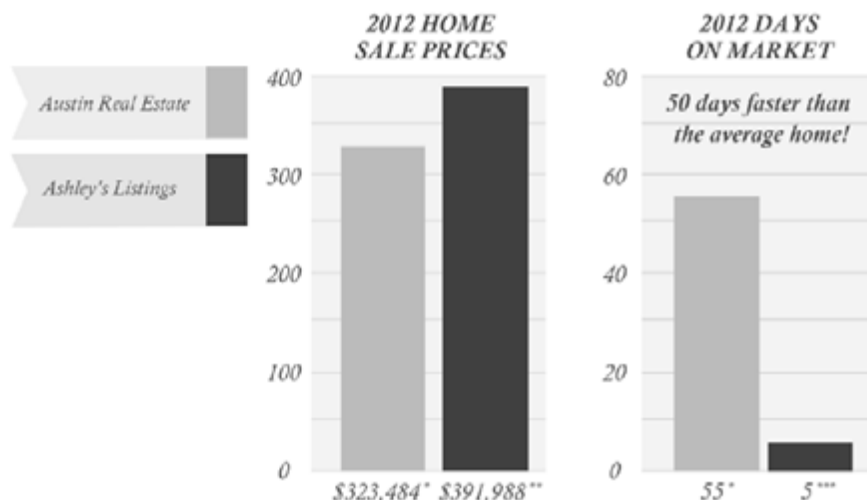
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April Events at the Wildflower Center

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

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We're featuring plants that attract butterflies and a live butterfly demonstration. Guided walks, gardening tips and book signings. Information at wildflower.org

ART EXHIBITS

March 9 through May 27

Shou Ping's colorful paper sculptures in the McDermott Learning Center, Jim La Paso's kinetic metal creations in the gardens and Denise Counley's wildflower watercolors in The Store.

FREE PLANT CONSERVATION LECTURES

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3—Dr. Gary Nabhan, "The Three-Legged Stool"

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Travis County Master Gardeners Events

HOW TO BUILD A HOME DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Thursday, May 9, 2013, 10am-12pm

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Can you conserve water and still keep your plants happy? Yes! Drip irrigation slowly distributes water and reduces evaporation and run-off, allowing your soil to absorb the maximum amount of water. Learn about the different types of drip irrigations systems and spray heads which are available to determine the system which will best solve your irrigation needs. Gain firsthand knowledge of how to plan and assemble a drip irrigation system. This will include a discussion on layout, parts, tools and specifics on assembly.

These classes are part of the Green Thumb series. Registration required at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> or by phone 979-845-2604. Keyword Search: Green Thumb. One class is \$15, with price discounts for signing up for 3 or more classes at the same time. Class is limited to 40 people. It is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County.

WHAT'S EATING MY PLANTS

Thursday, June 13, 2013, 10am-12pm

Travis County AgriLife Extension Office
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Yikes! What is eating my plant? Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist, will teach you detective skills needed for correctly identifying insects. Knowing exactly who are the "good bugs" and the "bad bugs" is important because the majority of insects are not "bad"!

Armed with knowledge of insect mouthparts and biology, you can figure out what may be causing damage to plants even when there is not an insect in sight. Think about what kind of mouth part could have done the damage? Are there holes in the plant? Are the holes small or are entire leaves eaten? Does the plant have yellowing and curling on the foliage? Knowing the types of damage insects can cause to plants can help reveal what pest you are dealing with and help to make management decision. Identification of common insects will also be covered along with integrated pest management practices to help reduce pesticide use. Integrated pest management programs start with non-chemical approaches first and while chemicals are included in the program, they are a last resort strategy.

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FLOUR BEETLES

There are various insects that may invade stored products within the home. This will focus on red and confused flour beetles. These beetles are similar in looks and biologies. They are small, reddish-brown to brown in color with a somewhat flattened body.

The beetles are omnivorous and feed on grain dust and milled grains, but can also feed on undamaged grains. In homes they may be found in cereals, flour, pasta, dried beans, chocolate, nuts, herbs and spices. With large populations of the insects, they may cause a foul taste and odor to infested products due to a secretion from their scent glands.

If you are having a problem with these beetles, but cannot locate the source in your pantry, it may be that they are coming from somewhere else. Check where pet food is stored. Also look in areas with dried flowers or potpourri. Sometimes people will see these beetles during or after they have had a rodent infestation. The beetles can come from rodent baits that may contain grains or from rodent nests where food was stored.

MANAGEMENT TIPS:

Inspect all food items and get rid of anything infested. If you do not want to throw away the food, you can either put in in the freezer for a week or heat in the oven at 200 degrees for 2-3 hours.

Clean all pantry areas, making sure to get any grain dust out

of cracks and crevices. Use a cleaning solution after all debris is removed. Seal any cracks where grain dust may accumulate with a sealant product.

Do not buy damaged or expired items from the grocery store.

Use products promptly and if you go away for a period of time (a week or more), store items in the freezer.



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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By Concentra Urgent Care

Accidental injury is the number one killer of America's children, taking more lives than disease, violence, and suicide. Prevention is the cure. It's estimated that by taking these and other simple precautions, almost all (90%) of these accidental injuries can be avoided.

- Childproof your home. Look at every room as your child would. Ask yourself what looks interesting and what can be reached. Get down on your hands and knees, and check for small things children can choke on.
- Use the back burners on stoves, and turn pot handles to the back. Keep children away from the stove or microwave when cooking, and don't serve hot food or drinks to them. Keep knives, glasses, and scissors where young kids can't reach them.
- Cover electrical outlets that are not in use.
- Keep guns locked, unloaded, and where kids can't reach them.
- Take precautions to avoid fire in the home. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month.
- Plan several ways to escape from each room if a fire starts. Practice the fire escape plan with your family. Identify a safe place to meet outside.
- Lock up matches, lighters, and gasoline. Keep space heaters where kids can't reach them and away from curtains, beds, and papers.
- Never put electrical cords under rugs
- Always supervise children while they are in the bathroom, and follow other important bathroom safety guidelines. Keep the

hot water heater at low-medium or less than 120° Fahrenheit. Mix hot and cold water in the bathtub, and test it on your forearm before putting children into the tub. Never leave the room while they are bathing.

- Keep toilet lids closed and locked, and doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed when not in use. Put razors, curling irons, and hair dryers out of reach.
- Avoid exposing children to potential poisons. Lock up potential poisons out of children's reach, including cleaning supplies, pet food, medicine, vitamins, beer, wine, and liquor. Read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to children. Know which houseplants are poisonous and keep them where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping area and test them every month. Make sure heating systems are vented outside and checked every year.
- Prevent serious falls. Keep furniture away from windows. Install guards or stops on windows that are not emergency exits.
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of stairs. Never use baby walkers.
- Keep emergency numbers by every telephone. Call 911 if a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure. If you suspect a child has been poisoned, call 1-800-222-1222.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.

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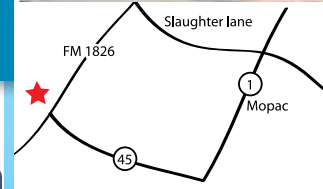
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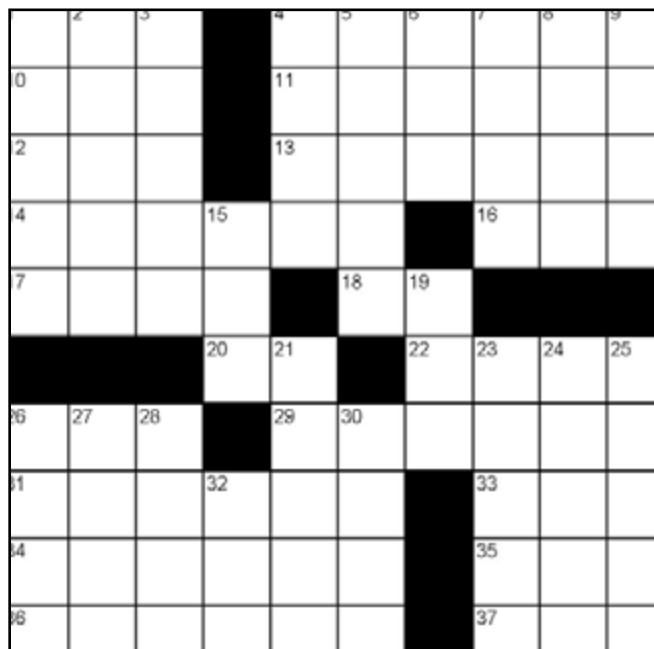
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20. Hey!
22. Baby's "ball"
26. Fortify
29. Groove
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34. Accounts
35. Central Intelligence Agency
36. Stacking card game
37. Critical

DOWN

1. College field of study
2. Open mouthed
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4. Dog food brand
5. Zealous
6. Repose
7. Double-reed instrument
8. Singing voice
9. Adolescent
15. Saute
19. Move away
21. Toothbrush brand
23. Taken __ (shocked)
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	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	30	2,854	\$ 115	\$ 329	1993	37	5	8
North	11	2,070	\$ 139	\$ 288	1995	17	1	6
On The Park	8	3,555	\$ 118	\$ 421	1997	30	1	0
Wildflower	8	2,215	\$ 135	\$ 298	2001	21	0	3
Park West	1	1,925	\$ 168	\$ 324	1998	2	1	1
Vintage Place	10	3,055	\$ 116	\$ 354	2004	39	0	0
Hilscher	12	3,075	\$ 131	\$ 403	2003	16	1	6
West	12	3,516	\$ 124	\$ 437	2005	37	1	2
Park Place	4	2,540	\$ 133	\$ 337	2005	9	1	1
Muirfield	8	3,831	\$ 136	\$ 519	2005	52	1	1
Enclave 1&2	5	3,047	\$ 128	\$ 391	2009	86	0	2
Lacrosse	3	2,908	\$ 111	\$ 331	2007	164	0	2
Alta Mira	9	2,889	\$ 135	\$ 390	2007	38	0	2
Fairway Estates	1	3,764	\$ 145	\$ 545	2009	58	0	0
Enclave Estates	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Avana-Bisquel	6	2,609	\$ 142	\$ 371	2012	76	1	2
Barstow Village	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1
	128	2,942	\$ 127	\$ 373	2001	39	13	37
% Change Mo/Mo	19%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	5%	-28%	16%



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