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# HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager*

## Our New HOA Manager, Karen Hibpshman

I want everyone to please join me in welcoming Karen as our new HOA Manager. Karen has lived in Texas for 11 years and raised two children who are now attending college. Prior to starting in the property management business she spent 9 years in the US Air Force. She has worked in the property management business for over ten years and has worked exclusively on single family HOA's ranging in size from 68 homes to 2200 homes. Karen managed 18 individual HOA's

which consisted of 5,000+ homes. Karen has worked directly with developers and homeowner elected boards on these communities. She worked closely with the developer and the residents to ensure a smooth transition when the development was completed and transitioned to a resident elected board. She is looking forward to working with the CC HOA board and meeting the residents.

*-Chris Poyner, CCHOA President*

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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to [ashley@circlecranch.info](mailto:ashley@circlecranch.info) by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

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Resident Directory (names  
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Announcements

Documents and Forms  
(i.e. ACC guidelines, deed  
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Amenities Information

Classifieds

And More!



# CCHOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager*

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens and law enforcement agencies to join forces to promote awareness of crime and drug prevention and to strengthen the police/community partnership.

*National Night Out is designed to:*

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Austin and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics. Events such as cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks will all occur simultaneously throughout the city and nationwide.

Hosting a National Night Out Party can be easy. Invite your neighbors or your entire block. The goal is to get to know your neighbors and communicate what is happening in your neighborhood. Have punch and cookies, a potluck dinner, an ice cream social, or anything to bring your neighbors together. If you are interested in having a National Night Out

party, please register online at: <http://austintexas.gov/departments/national-night-out> or to receive an application in the mail, call 512-974-4900. If you would like a visit from APD, AFD, EMS, or Code Compliance, you will need to register your party with the Austin Police Department Office of Community Liaison before September 13, 2013.

We recommend you also register your party with the National Office at [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org) to help us show the number of participants in Texas. Texas has held 1st place position for the past 18 years and Austin is 4th place. Let's keep our place in the nation. By registering with the National Association you will also be eligible to compete in a new category #10 Neighborhood/Community.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM CELLULAR TELEPHONE INTERFACE

This is a program that allows you to register your cell phone to your home address to be notified by local public safety agencies of any police/fire/ems emergencies. For more information and to register your phone, please visit <http://wireless.capcog.org>.

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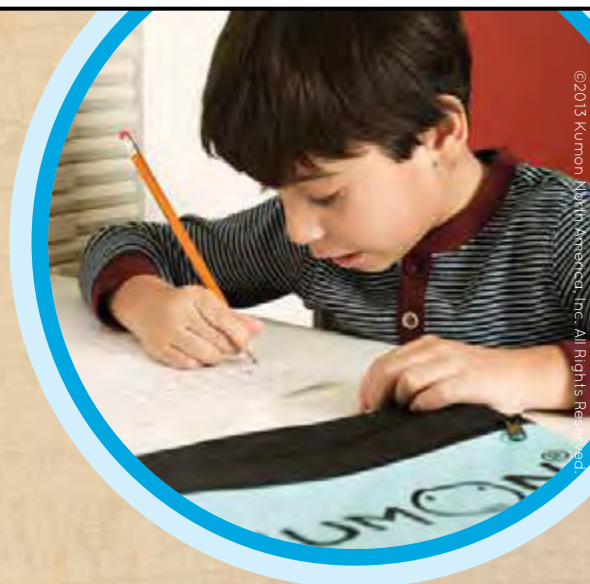
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## Circle C Swim Center

*Submitted by Sammie Surguy*

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### ADULT MASTER'S SWIM

Coached by Hayley McGregory, the Adult Master's Swim program is offered three times a week at the Swim Center. This class will teach you how to swim faster with less effort. It is for adults of all swimming abilities. We will incorporate drills for all four strokes into structured practices that will increase your endurance. Classes are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00am - 8:15am. Cost is \$50/month for residents and \$60/month

for non-residents, so bring a friend!

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Join us every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00am - 10:00am for this exciting water exercise class! Taught by Marilyn Vaillant, this class combines various formats of water exercise to give you the most complete program possible. Regardless of your current fitness level or physical condition these invigorating non-competitive workouts are sure to be beneficial. Cost is \$45/month for residents and \$55/month for non-residents. Bring your friends and join the fun!

### FALL HOURS

**August 25 thru September 29, 2013**

<i>Monday - Friday</i>	6-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only 3:30-8 p.m. Recreation & Lap Swim
<i>Saturday</i>	7-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Recreation & Lap Swim
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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 understand that keeping your lawn green and alive is difficult right now due to the extreme heat and watering restrictions. However, there are many things you can still do to make your front yard landscaping looking great. Keep your grass mowed and edged. This should be done every two weeks. Keep your bedding areas free of weeds and grasses. Add new mulch. Create a well-defined edge around your bedding areas and tree wells using a shovel or weed eater. Remove any dead vegetation from your yard. Keep tree limbs trimmed to the City of Austin's recommended 14 feet. All shrubbery should be trimmed to reveal at least 2/3 of your first floor windows. Tree stakes should be removed after 9-12 months. If they are left longer than 9-12

months, they actually start to damage the tree.

**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.

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. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

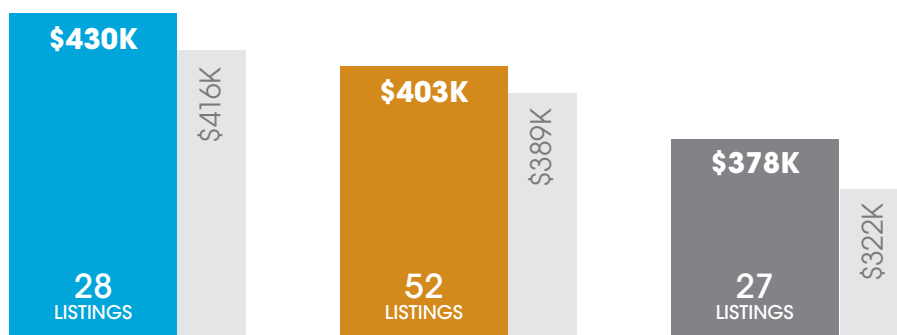


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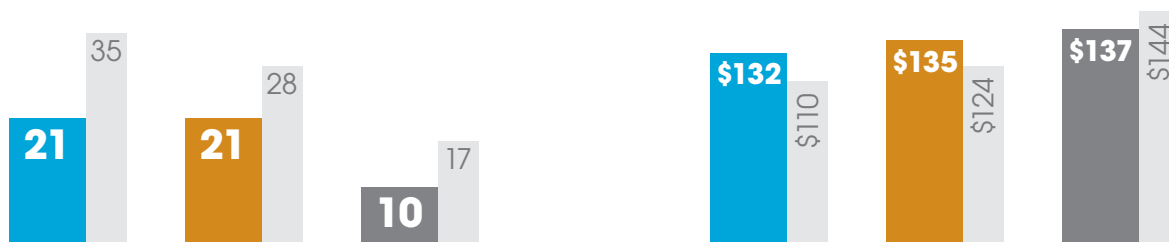
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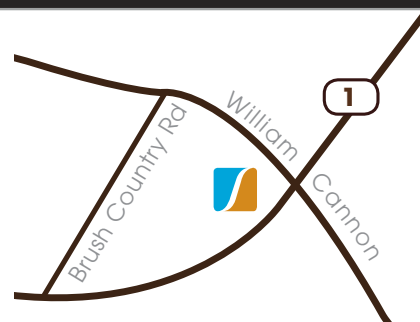
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## CIRCLE C LANDSCAPE

*Submitted by  
Susan Hoover*

The drought continues in Texas and especially Central Texas and everyone may want to watch for the City of Austin to move forward to Stage Three Water Conservation rules if we do not receive sufficient rainfall to fill Lake Travis and Buchanan to a more manageable level. Despite our rain in July, the lakes still remain quite low, with the combined storage the first week of August at 35%, or 735,000 acre feet.

Our water conservation stages are in direct response to various levels/triggers set by the LCRA. For complete details, you can access the LCRA website at [www.lcra.org](http://www.lcra.org). The City of Austin has been under Stage Two Water Conservation since September, 2012. If the lakes fall to less than 600,000 acre feet of water, or if the LCRA declares a drought worse than the drought of record, the City would be forced to implement Stage Three restrictions according to our drought management plan. Stage Three is similar to Stage Two, however, now the water hours are restricted to only six hours per week. For automatic sprinkler systems, watering could occur only between midnight and 6:00 a.m. one day per week on the assigned day. For hose-end watering (manual sprinklers), watering would be limited to one day per week, 7:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Some of the current Stage Two restrictions to keep in mind are that you are not allowed to wash a car in your driveway, you must use a commercial car wash facility. These are required by the City to have water recycling, so that is the reasoning behind this

rule. There are a few other rules that affect homeowners, but in order to put off going to Stage Three as long as possible, we hope everyone is complying with the Stage Two water restrictions. For more information you can access the City of Austin website [www.austintexas.gov/water](http://www.austintexas.gov/water).

For the Circle C Commons areas, we continue to convert various areas to drip irrigation. After September 15 when the weather starts to be more manageable, we will be implementing replacement plantings up in Circle C North. We will be able to convert all of the commons areas to drip irrigation, and all areas along fences and walls will be landscaped. Later in the fall, we have a special project planned for LaCrosse, from Park West Pass to Fox Creek, where replacement landscaping and drip irrigation will be installed. We will also be planting replacement plantings throughout the neighborhood. These are limited to where we can install drip irrigation.

For maintenance in September, we will be completing our standard mowing rotations, light trimming on perennials and shrubs, continued mulch touch up, irrigation review, and standard weeding. We are anticipating a hot September, so hand watering of trees and trying to keep everything alive will be paramount to our efforts. If you are making plans for your own yard, fall is a great time for planting trees and shrubs. We usually wait until the temperature is about 10-15 degrees lower than the heat of summer (around 90 degrees). You will have to water with a hand held hose to establish the plants, but the evenings in late September work well for this.



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## MOMS CLUB

of Austin/Circle C-NW, TX

*Submitted by Andrea Adams*

We want to say a huge thank-you to everyone in the community who helped with the school supply drive for SafePlace. We were thrilled to collect so many items from donors in Circle C! 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](mailto:swaustinmomsclub@gmail.com) with your name and address. MOMS Club chapters are assigned by neighborhood boundaries and in order to determine whether you reside within our boundaries or another MOMS Club chapter, please include your street address. You can also learn more on our website: <http://momsclubofcirclecnw.webs.com/>

### MOMS CLUB OPEN HOUSE

*Submitted by Lisa Williams*

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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 3rd Annual Race for the Cure event in Circle C on Sunday, November 10th 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 Austin Foundation to help raise awareness and funds to support breast cancer education, screening and treatment.

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*Tom Lott (left), Winner of  
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*Jason Alexander (right),  
Finalist of the Men's 4.0  
Singles*



*Danny Dobbs (left),  
Winner of the Men's 4.5  
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*Tom Lott (left) and Robert  
Carrillo (right), Winners  
of the Men's 3.5 Doubles*



*Left to right: Jody Hagemann  
and Diana Holder, Winners;  
Camille Palafox and Jean  
Backus, Finalists of the  
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*Julie Asbra and Rhonda  
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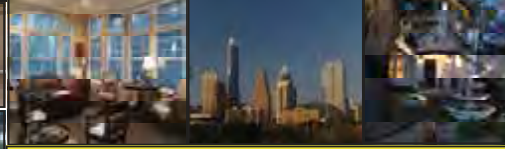
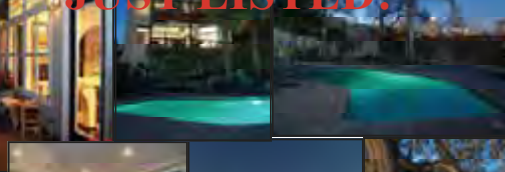
John Squires and the Squires Team sell scores of homes in Circle C Ranch, but they also work in many other areas all over Austin. Many sellers in Circle C want to "move-up" or "move-down" to other areas of Austin, such as Lakeway, Westlake, Rimrock, Dripping Springs, etc. Some move for the school systems and some move to retire. Below are 7 homes John has either listed or has placed buyers under contract in the last month in different areas all around Austin. John has lived in Austin since 1960, (yes, he's *that* old) so he knows the area. Please allow him to help you with all of your needs.

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Wow Circle C! Many homes are selling very quickly, now that school is under way and there is still a shortage of homes on the market. Small and medium sized families are all placing homes under contract quickly and the inventory is getting very sparse, as some are selling as quickly as they come on the market depending on the floor plan, size, lot, etc. The **"Second Spring"** is about to start as a completely different segment of buyers are about to start looking for their dream homes in Circle C with hopes of closing by the holidays. October, November and December are fantastic months to have your home on the market, as Circle C sells year-round anyway. Homes always show fantastic during the holidays as they always smell good with all the fresh baking and are decorated to the hilt. There is an exodus of buyers relocating to Southwest Austin from Northwest and Westlake areas. The word is out that Circle C is only 10 miles to downtown, is very affordable for many families and is a great place to retire. Many people have adult children and grandchildren in Circle C and are moving here to be closer to the kids. With the new home subdivisions coming on strong and the interest rates staying low, it has kept the market very active all year in this area. It makes it easier for the people moving here to sell their homes too from wherever they are moving from. Call John for an update on the whole area, where the new homes are being built and for how much. As usual, with the holidays the home builders slow down. This also increases the demand for resale homes for those buyers not wanting to wait for a new home. Right now, Avana is backed up and they can't even start building a home for a new buyer for probably 2-3 months after contract. Halloween is here, Thanksgiving is a speed-bump and Christmas is upon us! If you would like a no-obligation market analysis on your property, please call any time at **(512) 970-1970**. Thank you! John.



**Call John's "Sell" phone for a quick response at (512) 970-1970!**

Below are 4 homes John Squires has **"SOLD!"** or is building. With the lack of homes being the major obstacle in buyers finding suitable housing, sometimes it is better to just build rather than get into multiple offer situations with almost every house. Right now, John is building a large KB home on the golf course, a stunning Standard Pacific home with 3-car garage in Avana and a beautiful Streetman 1-story in Greyrock Ridge. All 3 new-builds homes are in various areas of Circle C Ranch. The 4th home was a resale on Walpole Lane and in need of a complete remodel. It was a David Weekley Home and on a beautiful street in original Circle C with large trees and manicured lawns. An adventurous buyer saw the value, purchased the home and now is making it a showplace. With the history and value-maintenance of Circle C, it will be a great investment over time. John Squires also has a list of contractors that can renovate or remodel your home if you want to stay put OR sell your home. Give John a call for a consultation at your convenience.

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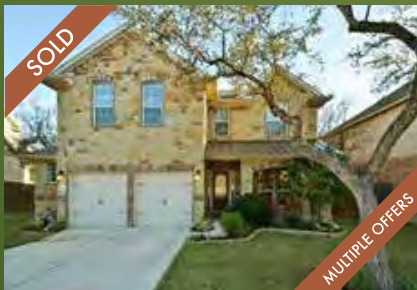


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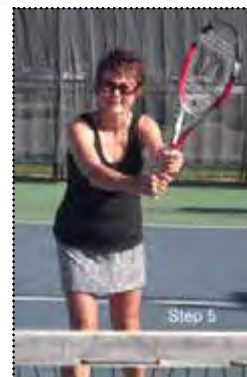
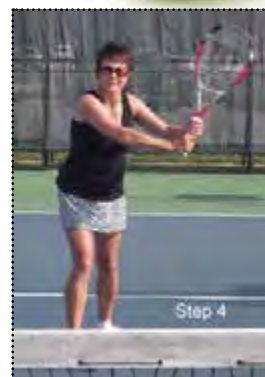
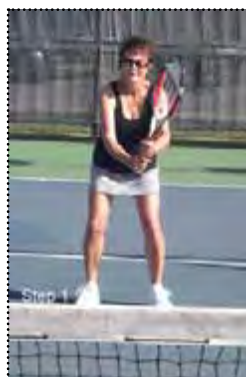




# TENNIS TIPS



By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



## How To Execute The Two-Handed High Backhand Volley Approach Shot

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, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return, the backhand service return, and the forehand high volley approach shot.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the two-handed backhand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in “no-person’s land” (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the “killer or placement volley”. In the illustrations, Linda Henson, a player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

**Step 1:** The Ready Position and Split Step: When Linda realizes that she is caught in “no-person’s land”, she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

**Step 2:** The Back Swing: Once Linda realizes that the ball has been directed to her backhand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand next to the right

hand to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her left foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball. She will make a slight change toward the continental grip on both hands.

**Step 3:** The Point of Contact: Linda now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted toward the point of contact. Notice the right toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep. The control of the ball will be made with the left hand, which is holding the racket tighter. The right hand is more relaxed and helps keep the face of the racket in a 45 degree angle at the point of contact.

**Step 4:** The Follow Through: Once Linda has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her right arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

**Step 5:** The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Linda realizes that her shot is deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Linda will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the “kill volley”.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: The One-Handed Backhand Volley Approach Shot*

## Circle C Resident Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

*Submitted by Jackie Rollins*

Jackie Rollins, a resident of Park West, recently received one of the highest honors awarded to volunteers, The President's Volunteer Service Award, in recognition for her term on the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), an independent Federal Advisory committee established under the authority of the Treasury Department. Jackie served three years on the Panel comprised of about 75 individuals representing the entire nation who listen to taxpayers, identify issues and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. She spent her last year on the Panel as its National vice-president. In Jackie's words "there is no more satisfying experience than that of making a difference through volunteer service."



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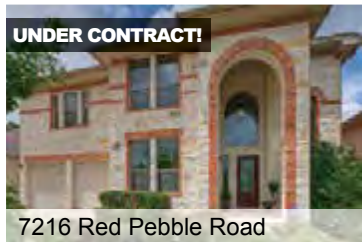


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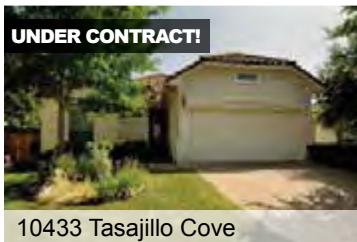
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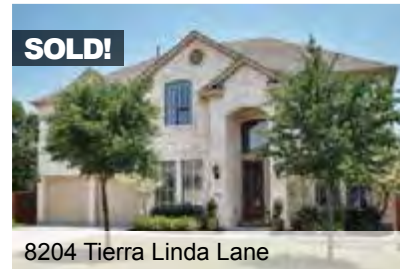
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## SPIDER MITES

Submitted by  
Wizzie Brown

Spider mites are common plant pests that are found on the underside of leaves. Their feeding can cause leaves to discolor, causing a speckled appearance. With severe infestations, the plant leaves discolor to a silver or bronze color which may result in the leaves dropping from the plant.

Spider mites are arachnids, closely related to spiders and ticks. Similar to spiders, spider mites can produce silk and often cover leaves with webbing, especially when there are large populations. The webbing helps to protect the mites and their eggs from natural enemies and harsh environmental conditions.

Spider mites lay their eggs along the leaf vein during the growing season. Eggs are round and large in size when compared to the adult mite. Some species of spider mites peak during warmer months of the year while others become more active in the cooler months of the year. The mites are able to develop more quickly when temperatures are warmer, so populations can grow very quickly. Spider mites thrive in dry conditions. Their natural enemies require more humid conditions, so dry conditions allow spider mite populations to grow with little predation or parasitism that would keep the population at an acceptable level.

There are many predatory arthropods that feed on spider mites. Some of these include predatory mites, spider mite destroyers (a type of ladybug), minute pirate bugs, big-eyed bugs and predatory thrips. Proper watering of plants may also help to reduce spider mite outbreaks as watering plants can help reduce stress brought on by drought. Using strong jets of water to hose plants can also help to dislodge spider mites on infested plants. Miticides or acaricides can be used to manage spider mite outbreaks. Look for active ingredients such as horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, abamectin, bifenthrin, dimethoate 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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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# BE LICE-FREE FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

*By Stacey Pomerantz*

Back-to-school means lots of new things: new clothes, new backpacks and new supplies. It's a time to navigate a new class schedule and meet new teachers. Yet, it needn't be a time to worry about head lice. We often hear about lice during back-to-school season because kids return to a tighter environment after a summer of being outdoors. Lice are transmitted via direct head-to-head contact 95% of the time. The ideal scenario for lice transmission is when kids talk, hug or sit with heads touching. Keep in mind that lice don't jump or fly. They also die relatively quickly (24-36 hours) if they're not directly on your scalp. Lice are easier to avoid and get rid of than you might imagine. Since lice do not carry or spread disease, there is no formal exclusion policy in Texas schools. Head lice doesn't mean a child is dirty or should be shunned. Mostly, lice are inconvenient due to the time necessary to eliminate them. Here are some easy tips to stay lice-free this school year:

1. Each child should have his/her own set of brushes and combs. Store them in separate drawers or baskets at home. Label them accordingly and make sure each child knows whose is whose and keep your own separate.

2. Use lice deterrent spray every day. There are a few varieties of combination detangler/lice repellent sprays on the market. These sprays contain scents that lice find offensive, such as mint or tea tree oil. When used daily, these scents repel a louse and cause it to nest elsewhere (in another scalp). It can be most effective when applied every day, including before

sleepovers, play dates and school.

3. This is a biggie: teach your kids to avoid direct head-to-head contact when playing with friends. Show your little ones a photo of children using the iPad or reading books in very close proximity. Help them learn how to play with other kids elbow-to-elbow, not head-to-head!

4. If school reports a lice outbreak – though they are not required to – or you suspect your child has lice, do not panic! Instead, make sure you have a good quality nit comb (normal combs do not trap lice or nits). Most parents say that it is hard to see evidence of lice. Use the comb as your eyes via daily comb-outs. Catching lice early can often prevent a household contraction. If you're not sure how to do a proper comb-out, look online where many 'how to' videos exist.

5. Finally remember the rule of "once a week, take a peek." While your kids are de-compressing after a long day of learning, run your nit comb through their hair at the base of their necks and behind their ears. Nits can be many colors from a cream color to amber. They glisten in dry hair and are the shape of a sesame seed that clings to one side of the hair shaft, often close to the scalp.

If you think you see lice and want to outsource removal, there are several options who will come to your home for treatment. At the end of the (school) day, you'll be happy to have these tips in your back pocket.



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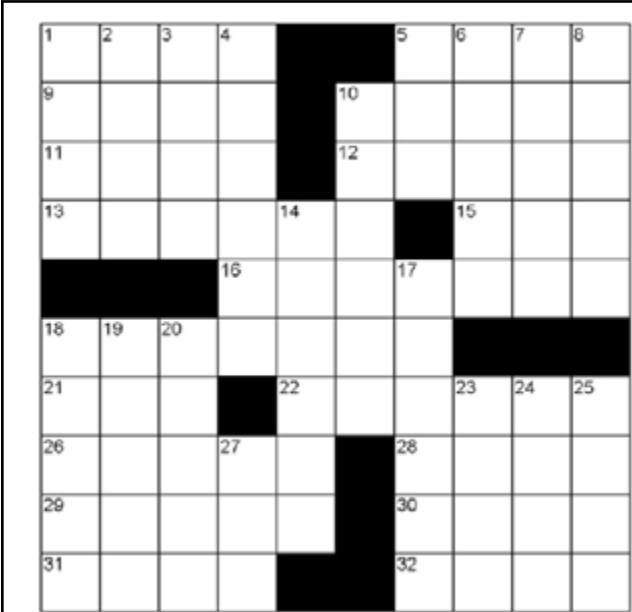
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15. Ex-serviceman
16. Rovers
18. Covered in coarse hair
21. Single
22. Sacred songs
26. Scrimmage
28. Prophet who built the arc
29. Remove
30. Canal
31. Eye infection
32. Tear

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2. Airy
3. "Rabbit" animal
4. Singing voices
5. Wing
6. Innocent
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On The Park	6	3,788	\$ 125	\$ 473	1996	21	1	1
Wildflower	17	2,273	\$ 137	\$ 311	2001	20	1	0
Park West	8	2,216	\$ 161	\$ 356	2001	7	0	4
Vintage Place	5	3,367	\$ 117	\$ 396	2004	11	0	4
Hielscher	26	2,922	\$ 140	\$ 409	2003	9	5	2
West	25	3,582	\$ 133	\$ 476	2005	19	6	4
Park Place	4	2,587	\$ 139	\$ 361	2004	4	0	1
Muirfield	9	3,324	\$ 150	\$ 499	2006	14	3	0
Enclave 1&2	9	2,850	\$ 138	\$ 395	2006	37	1	3
Lacrosse	6	2,896	\$ 134	\$ 388	2007	7	3	0
Alta Mira	10	2,848	\$ 141	\$ 401	2007	24	2	0
Fairway Estates	2	4,006	\$ 145	\$ 583	2011	5	1	2
Enclave Estates	1	4,010	\$ 162	\$ 650	2010	4	0	0
Avana-Esquel	6	2,460	\$ 153	\$ 376	2012	85	1	1
Barstow Village	1	2,100	\$ 169	\$ 355	2013	77	0	0
	212	2,833	\$ 137	\$ 389	2001	18	39	40
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