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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Karen Hibpshman, HOA Manager

First Ever Food Trailer Night a Huge Hit!!!

I Thank you so much to everyone who came out to enjoy some delicious food and great company at our first ever Food Trailer Night on August 23rd! It was a big hit...we are estimating that at least 600-700 residents attended!

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to John Ed. Marchak with Close2MyHome™ and the neighborhood businesses on the directory for putting together this awesome event! From booking the trailers to setting out the chairs and tables, Close2MyHome™ did it all! We appreciate your hard work and for bringing our community together for this fun event. So remember the next time you need anything for your home, family, yard, pet or car go to your Close2MyHome™ neighborhood directory. The pre-qualified businesses are owned or recommended by your neighbors. You can find it on the Circle C HOA home page or by going to www. Close2MyHome.com.

We would also like to thank Circle C residents Narcy and Carlos Martinez. They are the owners of Marquee Event Group and are responsible for providing all of our tables, tents and chairs. We would also like to thank Carlos for providing us with his iDJ music set up. Thank you Narcy and Carlos for adding some extra "flavor" to the event. We would also like to thank Circle C residents Bekah Self with Gladiator Boot Camps, The Duncans with Fitfanatic Wellness and Abe Gandara who



are all responsible for providing some needed shade with their pop up tents. Next time, we will try to get some more pop ups to accommodate more people. We would also like to thank Circle C resident Sarah Jordan of Miles of Smile Photography for providing us with some great pictures of the event.

We are already in the planning stages for the next food trailer nights in September and October. Stay tuned for more details by checking the website and signing up for email announcements.

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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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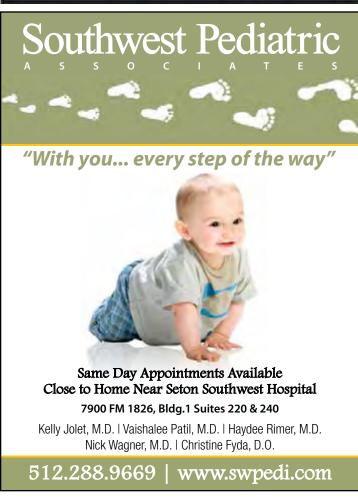
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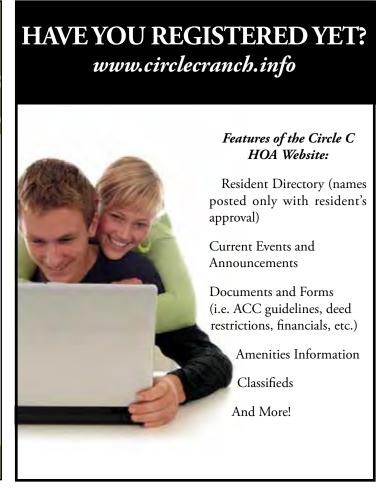
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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT

Hi friends and neighbors,

I still can't believe the school year is already here. It seems like the summer just flew by. Unfortunately we have had many reports of people speeding through the school zones. Please remember to slow down so we can keep our kiddos safe. Also just a reminder it's a \$200 fine for using your cell phone in a school zone (that includes texting).

With summer coming to an end and school starting, it is that time of year for everyone to take a look at their fences, make repairs or replace if necessary. If you are replacing your fence with a fence that is like the one you already have, no ACC review is required.

Fences that face a street or open space are required to have the smooth side out. Four or six inch pickets are acceptable and must be installed vertically. The City of Austin regulates the fence height under the Land Development Code. The approved fence height for the City is six feet. If you back to a common area street with no driveway cuts, you may already have a higher fence up to eight feet. If it is already in place, you may replace with the same height. If you want to alter the height of a six foot fence, you must get a City of Austin permit and submit the project to the Architectural Control Committee. Rear fences that back to Circle C commons areas such as Escarpment, LaCrosse, Barstow, South Bay and Dahlgreen require ACC review and approval prior to construction. These streets have individual restrictions that must be complied with.

For more detailed information, forms, or to make a submission to the Architectural Control Committee, please go to the Circle C website at www.circlecranch.info and log in as a resident. You will find a link under Resident Services.

Please feel free to contact the HOA office if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Thank you all for making Circle C Ranch a wonderful place to live!

All the best.

Chris Povnor

CCHOA President

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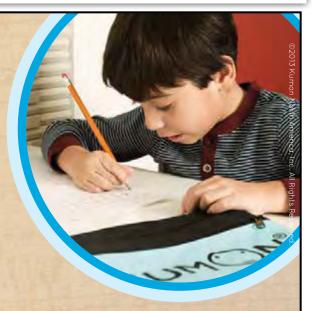
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Submitted by Karen Hibpshman, HOA Manager

HOLIDAY LIGHTING RECOMMENDATIONS

As the neighborhood prepares of the fun and festivities of upcoming holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas, many residents love to decorate the exterior of their homes with lights, blow-ups, and other seasonal décor. In the spirit of our Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, we remind owners that lights and décor should be limited to not more than FOUR weeks before each holiday and all lights and decor should be removed no later than 15 days following the holiday.

Section 5. Exterior Lighting. Any Owner or builder desiring exterior lighting on a residence shall submit a lighting plan showing all locations, spacing, standard types and light type and sizes for approval by the Architectural Control Committee, provided that Christmas lights shall be permitted without prior approval during the month of December each year, and provided further that such lights must be removed by January 15 of each year. No exterior light shall be installed or maintained within the Property that is found to be objectionable by the Architectural Control Committee. Upon notice by the Committee that any exterior light is objectionable, the Owner of the Property on which same is located will immediately remove said light or shield the same in such a way that it is no longer objectionable.

We would greatly appreciate the cooperation of all Circle C homeowners in following the spirit of the CCR's.

TREE AND SHRUBTRIMMING

As we are driving the neighborhood, we are noticing more and more residents who need to trim their shrubbery and trees out of the City of Austin public right of way. This right of way is the first 10' back from the face of the curb line. All shrubbery should be cut back out of this 10' right of way if it interferes with the City of Austin public sidewalk. Trees that overhang in the 10' easement should be pruned to a height of 14'. This trimming allows for clear passage of pedestrians, bikers, automobiles, and trash and recycle trucks. Both of these are City of Austin Code, and required of all property owners. Compliance also greatly improves the look of our neighborhood. Please do your part as a responsible Circle C and City of Austin resident.

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.

CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER'S NEWTEXT/EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

We are now offering residents and program participants the ability to sign up for text or email alert notifications.

You will have the option to subscribe to various groups:

General Information: Receive notifications regarding general Circle C Aquatics Information including pool closures, special events, etc.

Select Swim Team: Receive notifications regarding Select Swim Team, including practice cancellations, reschedules, meet registration info, etc.

Swim Lessons: Receive notifications regarding private and group swim lessons, including delays, cancellations, reschedules, etc.

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Click on the "RainedOut" icon below to begin the registration process. (https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=27ace255448ed6e1e70c)



COMMUNITY INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON MOPAC INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OCT. 24

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are hosting a Store Front "Meet and Greet" for anyone who wants to provide input and learn more about the MoPac Intersections Environmental Study.

The event will be held Thursday, October 24, from 10 am to 7 pm at Parkside Village, 5701 Slaughter Lane in front of Suite B between BurgerFi and Matthew Horne Dentistry. Residents are invited to come and go at their convenience.

Displays of the project location and preliminary options for mobility improvements at the intersections of Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue will be available for review. Study team members will answer questions. There will be no formal presentation.

Those with questions or special needs are invited to contact Melissa Hurst, Community Outreach Manager at the Mobility Authority, 512-996-9778, or mhurst@ctrma.org.

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.

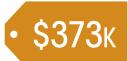
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Circle C Celebrates the holidays

Circle C Holiday Kid's Party

Date: December 7, 2013
Time: 10am to 1:00pm
Location: Circle C Community Center

Save the Date! Come enjoy breakfast, holiday crafts, train ride, petting zoo, Games 2U videomobile, face painting and Santa! Free for residents.



Adult Holiday & Casino Party

Date: December 14, 2013 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!



Submitted by Sarah Humphrey

SELECT SWIMTEAM

It's not too late to register for the 2013-2014 Select Swim Team! The Circle C Select Swim Team is a year-round competitive swim program organized under the auspices of the Circle C HOA, managed by the Aquatics Director and supported by the Circle C Select Swim Team Booster Club. The program is open to Circle C Residents and Non-Residents. The Select Swim Team Mission is to develop each swimmer's technique, conditioning, discipline, goal setting, self-esteem and competitiveness while learning and enjoying the sport of swimming. Head Coach Hayley McGregory is a USA National Team Member, holds multiple USA National Championship Titles, and is the current World Record holder in the 50 backstroke and the 100 backstroke. Try-outs in September for the Swim Team are on Saturdays from 10:00 - 10:15am.

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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 8:00am – 9:15am. Cost is \$50/month for residents and \$60/month for non-residents, so bring a friend!



WINTER HOURS

September 30, 2013 - December 31, 2013Recreational area closed for the season. Lap swim only.

Monday - Friday 6-10 a.m. & 3:30-7 p.m. (closed in the middle of the day)

Saturday 8-11 a.m.

Sunday Closed

All Swim Center hours and detailed information about the Swim Center can now be found online for easy access.

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CRCLE CLANDSCAPE

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Well folks, we've made it through another Texas summer. As the scorching temps and heat slowly (slowly!) start to recede around here it's time to start thinking about Fall lawn care. The City of Austin's Grow Green project has some great information on Fall turf fertilization to arm yourself with before you head out to ready your lawn for the Autumn months. Here are some highlights:

- Determine if you are fertilizing high, medium or low foot traffic areas to ensure proper application rates. Fall fertilization helps the grass take off in the Spring. In Circle C, we usually apply it in late October or early November.
- Try to use organic fertilizers which are naturally slow release and low in phosphorous.
- Don't over-do it. Measure lawn size vs property size when calculating how much fertilizer to use
- Sweep any fertilizer off of hard surfaces, walkways or roads back onto your lawn
- Avoid use of herbicides to kill weeds, especially when fertilizing.
 This is terrible for your trees, and the excess runs off into our ground water.

Perhaps the most important factors to keep in mind when planning to fertilize your turf are 1) using too much fertilizer and 2) the effect that water has on the process. I know, water (or lack thereof) is always on our minds here in Central Texas but when it comes to fertilizing, too much water is not a good thing. Neither is over-fertilization. Think of it as avoiding feast vs famine- any fertilizer unable to be used will wash into our watershed and threaten our water quality. So only use as much fertilizer as your turf area needs, and when watering do so gently to avoid runoff. And above all, never fertilize before it rains!

Resources:

City of Austin Grow Green: Earth-wise guide to Lawn Care http://austintexas.gov/department/grow-green-resources GreenView: The Benefits of Late Fall Fertilization http://www.greenviewfertilizer.com/articles/topics/fertilization

On the commons areas, we are doing some landscape installations now that it is finally cooler. Look for replacement hedges along South Bay and Dahlgreen, landscape improvements at Circle C North and replacement plantings in areas where we have drip irrigation and can sufficiently water things in.

We will be continuing our standard mowing maintenance schedule, and in particular dealing with that pesky weed call dallisgrass. This is a tall grassy weed that grows about 6 to 8 inches per day in the Fall. We do try to dig it out as we can (we just about have all of it out of Escarpment), but we don't treat it with a chemical weed killer due to its location near people. The herbicides you have to use for this type of weed are not people nor environmentally friendly.

As mentioned above, we will do a fertilization of all turf and bed areas near the end of October. We use an organic fertilizer on all of the St. Augustine in the neighborhood, and a standard fertilizer with a pre-emergent granular weed preventative on the zoysia and Bermuda grass areas. As we head towards November, we look forward to our favorite time of year when we put up the holiday lights and get them turned on by Thanksgiving!

We were fortunate to have some intermittent rains in early September. Hopefully, this will have continued and we can only hope for a nice tropical storm that might help fill up the lakes!!



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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco













How to execute The One-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, the forehand high volley approach shot, and the two handed high volley approach shot.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the one-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 at the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put into a defensive mode. This will cause the player to hit a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the "killer or placement volley". In the illustrations, Darin Pleasant, Director of the ATP Academy at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Ready Position and Split Step: When Darin realizes that he is caught in "no-person's land", he takes the split step by bending of the knees and staying on his toes. His racket is in the volley position and his feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball. Notice that the left hand is on the throat of the racket.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Once Darin realizes that the ball has been directed to his backhand, he will turn his upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is still on the throat of the racket. He has loaded his weight onto his left foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball. He will make a slight change toward the continental grip on the right hand.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Darin is now ready to step into the ball. He his kept her eye on the ball and his 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 him to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow him to hit the ball deep. The control of the ball will be made with the right hand, which is holding the racket tighter. The right hand will keep the face of the racket at a 45 degree angle at the point of contact.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Once Darin has made contact with the ball, he finishes the follow through with his left wrist laid back. His left arm is pulling back for better body balance and his eyes are still watching the racket where he made contact with the ball.

Step 5: The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward the opponent and Darin realizes that his shot is deep He now moves closer to the net for the put away volley. If his shot was not deep, Darin will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over his head. By the look in his eyes and his smile, he just did a "kill volley".

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute "The Lob"

CONGRATULATIONS-



GREY ROCK NATIONAL MOTHER/SON CHAMPIONS

Grey Rock Members Michele Haggerty and Jackson Cobb were crowned National Mother/Son National Champions during the National Family Tennis Tournament held in New York. Michele and Jackson won the local tournament in Austin, the regional tournament in Kansas City and the National Tournament in New York. Also participating in the tournament were Shelly Brennan Foreman who placed third on the Mother/Daughter Division. Congratulations to all!!

GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB HOSTS WHEELCHAIR/ADAPTIVE TOURNAMENT

The Grey Rock Tennis Club hosted the first "Wheelchair/Adaptive" Tennis Tournament. Nine players in wheelchairs and three wearing prosthetic devices participated in this event. Results were as follows:

- Open Wheelchair Division: 1st place: Mike Haynes, 2nd place: Francisca Mardones
- "B" Wheelchair Division: 1st place: Dustin Strelsky, 2nd place: Adam Lucio
- Adaptive Division participants: Jaime Ortiz, Frieda Borth and Roger Chan, who played both singles and doubles.

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Community Invited to Attend Open House Meeting on SH45SW Environmental Study October 8

Submitted by Sara Morgenroth

The Texas Department of Transportation and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority have launched an environmental study for SH 45SW and are hosting an open house to get your input. The purpose of the open house is to gather public input regarding the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS), present the draft Project Coordination Plan, and to discuss the project's purpose and need. Information about the tentative schedule and the EIS process will also be presented.

The open house will be held Tuesday, October 8, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Bailey Middle School (cafeteria), 4020 Lost Oasis Hollow, Austin, TX 78739.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the

SH 45SW Environmental Study, ask questions and submit official comments. No formal presentations will be given. Feel free to come and go at your convenience.

If you have special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Stacey Benning¬eld at 512-832-7369.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but want to comment on the project, please visit our Virtual Open House at www. SH45SW.com from October 9 - 18, 2013. Written comments may also be mailed to TxDOT Austin District Environmental Coordinator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas, 78761-5426 or faxed to 512-832-7157. All comments must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.



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John's Listing -125 Abbott in Belterra. Jawdropper former Scott Felder model home. 1-story with GE Monogram thru! Covd. Patio w/greenbelt behind! \$444.500.



John's listing—500 Sunny Lane-\$1,075,000. Stunning downtown views in Travis Heights!



John's buyer and listing! 4616 Walsall Loop. Perfect cottage at \$239,000.



John's buyer 11417 Archstone-Stunning David Weekley with grotto pool. \$475,000.



John's listing—11200 Casptone Gorgeous Streetman close to Clayton!



<u>John's listing</u> 5608 Gorham Glen Newmark with wood floors, granite, stainless! \$359,000.!



John's Listing 10800 Galsworthy—Gorgeous, backing to greenbelt! \$329,000.

10100 Silver Mountain in Lewis
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A PARENT'S GUIDE TO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Submitted by Leslie Hays Weston

When your child misses school, he is missing opportunities to learn, socialize, gain confidence, and be inspired. Each year, Central Texas students are absent 2.4 million days of school. Many of these absences were potentially preventable, including routine medical or dental checkups, traveling, or just skipping. This guide has easy tips for you so you can make sure your children don't miss out.

Rule 1: Don't make others sick

- In Texas, all students must be up-to-date on immunizations before starting school. Some grades require additional vaccines. See the full list at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/
 - Your child should stay home for at least 24 hours if:
 - She is running a fever of 100 degrees or more
 - He has vomited more than once or has diarrhea
- She has flu symptoms, like fever, cough, sore throat, chills, aches and pains

Make sure your child is free of symptoms without medicine for a full day before sending him back. If you have questions about when your child should stay home, just ask your school nurse.

Rule 2: Appointment times matter

Schedule medical appointments when they are least disruptive to school: on Saturday, late afternoon, or first thing in the morning. In most school districts, students not present at 10 a.m. are counted absent. If your child must miss school for a medical appointment, ALWAYS get a note from your doctor and take it to your school so the absence is excused.

Rule 3: Listen to the nurse

School nurses are trained in how to understand symptoms. In most schools, students are not allowed to call or text parents directly. If your child contacts you from school, call the school nurse FIRST before deciding what to do.

Rule 4: Keep your child safe

If your child is being bullied or is scared to go to school, keeping him home won't solve the problem. Instead, immediately go to your counselor or assistant principal for help. If your child is depressed, your school nurse or counselor can assist you with finding help.

Rule 5: Don't miss out if you don't have to

If you take your child out of school to travel, or you let her stay home when you know she's not really sick, she misses important learning time and it costs your school almost \$40 per day. Missing school has long-term impacts, too: if your child misses 10 days of school, he is 3 times as likely to drop out.

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Submitted by Saralee Tiede

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For more information about Moms In Prayer International, visit www.MomsInPrayer.org.

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Saturday, October 19, 2013, 10am-1pm Travis County AgriLife Extension Office 1600 B Smith Rd., Austin TX 78721

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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.

Visit this website to learn more details, register for the event, and purchase a t-shirt: http://circlecrace4cure.eventbrite.com

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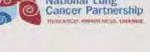
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FALL WEBWORMS

Submitted by Wizzie Brown

Webworms are often found on pecan trees around Central Texas. These caterpillars defoliate trees and create large unsightly webs on the tips of tree branches. There are 2-4 generations of webworms that occur each year. The first generation appears April- May and the last generation occurs in the late fall. The last generation is the most damaging generation, which provides these creatures with the name fall webworm.

Webworm larvae, or caterpillars, are about an inch long when fully grown. They are pale green to yellow with tufts of long hairs projecting from their body. Most people notice webbing that webworms create on the tips of branches. Webworms feed within the webbing and use it as protection from predators. When the caterpillars need new foliage to feed on, they expand the web.

To manage these pests, depending on the size of the tree and accessibility, you can prune egg masses off the tree before they caterpillars emerge (egg masses are on the underside of leaves and are covered with hairs) or prune out small webs when they begin to form in the spring. Webs can also be knocked out of the

tree or opened with a stick or jet of water to allow predators in. Insecticides are also available for webworm management. Look for active ingredients such as Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (this product specifically targets caterpillars), spinosad, tebufenozide or carbaryl. Even when using a pesticide, the web must be opened so the pesticide reaches the caterpillars.

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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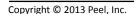




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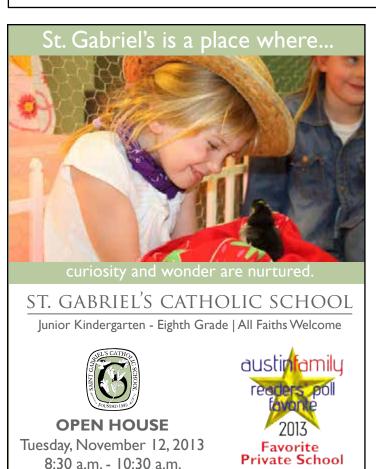
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