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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Karen Hibpsman, CCHOA Manager

Annual Meeting Recap

The Circle C Homeowners Association Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 5th 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 two open board seats up for election. Congratulations to Jason Bram and Bob McKenna who were each elected to three year terms! Check our website, www.circlecranch.info, to see the power point slides and other information from the Annual Meeting.

Food Trailer Night

Our next Food Trailer Night will be on Friday, April 11, 5pm at the Circle C Community Center. Make sure that you are signed up for our email announcements and check the website regularly for updates and more details as we get closer to the date.

Community Wide Garage Sale

The CCHOA will host Circle C's Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 12th. 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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 am at the Circle C Child Development Center. Cost is \$1 per child. Children ages 1-10 years are welcome (areas are divided by ages: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, and 7-10 years). Limit is 12 eggs per child (parents, please monitor this). Come see the Easter Bunny and enjoy Easter treats. If you would like to help volunteer for this event, please contact us at info@circlecranch.info or 288-8663 – we can always use extra help!

Important Dates

April 11
Food Trailer Night

April 12
Community Wide Garage Sale

April 18
HOA Office Closed for Good Friday

April 19
Easter Egg Hunt

April 20
Pool Closed for Easter Sunday



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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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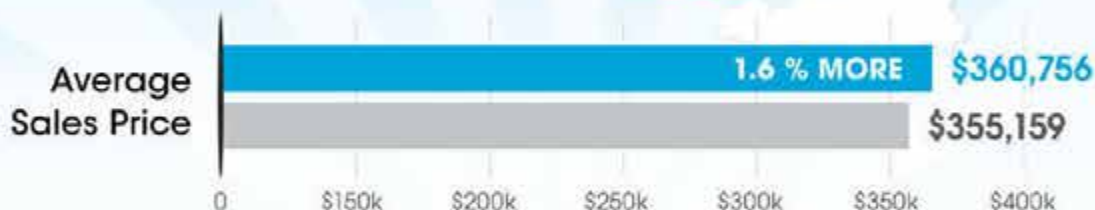
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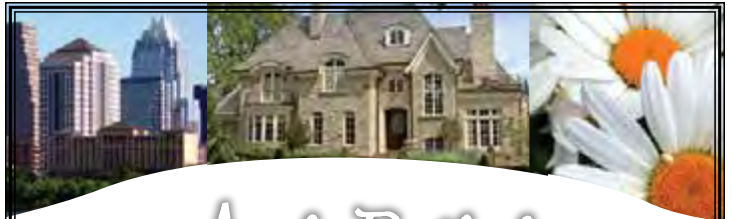
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SUBMITTED BY KAREN HIBPSHMAN, HOA MANAGER

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

Those of you who attended our Annual Meeting, you were lucky enough to meet Southwest District Representative, Senior Officer Joshua Visi, and hear some really great tips on keeping our community safe. For those of you who were unable to attend, we'd love to fill you in. Officer Visi touched on the school traffic, pan handlers, and solicitors.

Officer Visi addressed the Gorzycki Middle School pick up parking concerns along Colberg and Allerton in Circle C North. He discussed people double parking and people parking to block neighborhood driveways, both of which could result in issuing of tickets.

He also addressed the people that had been pan handling recently at our Slaughter intersections. APD is working to resolve those issues. The Austin Fire Department is the only organization authorized by the City of Austin to solicit at intersections.

Officer Visi also briefly touched on solicitors throughout the neighborhood and how to handle them. See the article below for more details.

Here are some other safety tips that Officer Visi has shared with us:

The first main tips, and this sounds obvious, but...lock your doors (when you are away from home, as well as when you are at home) and close your garage. Officer Visi said many Circle C residents do not lock their doors or shut their garage. You should also lock all windows, keep valuables out of sight by shutting blinds, and never open the door for a stranger. You can also install a security system. Get to know all of your neighbors, so you can recognize when someone is in your neighborhood that doesn't live here. Keep each other informed about suspicious activity.

For your car, you should always park in the garage and keep the garage shut. If you are unable to park in the garage, the next best option is to park in the driveway and keep the car locked at all times. Parking on the street should be a last resort, but if you have to, make sure that the car is locked, parked in a well-lit area, and all valuables are removed.

If you are planning on going on vacation, make sure that you have someone to come and check on your house regularly. Leave your lights on a timer. Remove the emergency pull string from the automatic garage opener. Criminals will sometimes use a device (like a long wire hanger) and push it through the seams of the garage and pull the string to open the garage.

Check out this link for a checklist of ways to keep your home secured: <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/neighborhood-safety/homechk2.pdf>.

TIPS ON HANDLING SOLICITORS

Submitted by APD SW District Representative, Joshua Visi

1. Acknowledge you are home: When someone knocks at your door, acknowledge you are home. Talk through the door without opening it. If you don't answer, and it happens to be a criminal they may attempt to break into your home.

2. Do not feel obligated to open the door: You are not obligated to open the door to anyone. If they say there is a car problem, offer to

call their road service for them. If it is an accident, call 9-1-1 for them. The idea is to keep them outside and you make the call for them. Ask them to stand by while you place the call. If the person stays, it is a good chance that they are legitimate; however, if they leave quickly, it is probably a con.

3. Insist on identification: Identification should always be verified BEFORE opening the door. Insist they disclose their name, company and the product or service represented. Service representatives should have appointments and not just "show up" at your door. Also, make sure to install a wide angle viewer in your door, so you have a better view – you can buy them at any hardware store.

4. Call if the person is persistent or if something seems off: While some solicitors are legitimate, it is also a tactic used by criminals to case neighborhoods, looking for easy targets. Be aware that criminals will often be carrying backpacks and cell phones. People who are lying often give too many details, touch their face a lot, or keep looking away. Experienced con men will also send younger kids into the neighborhood to do the knocking, knowing that a kid does not draw the suspicion that an adult might.

5. Get a description: Start at the head and then work down to the feet. Do they have a hat? What color shirt? What color pants? Are there other details, like a logo on the shirt? How tall are they (compare them to a family member.) Look for other details; distinguishing features, direction of travel, another person, a vehicle.

6. Help police connect the dots: If anything seems strange or off, CALL!

Why? Because criminals move around and calling in things that seem suspicious can help the police connect the dots. Maybe the police have had reports of another person matching this description in another neighborhood. Maybe somebody a few streets over reported that same car to the Watch. Maybe other neighbors have reported the same fake company going door-to-door to their APD representative.

Call 911 - if it's happening now. "I just had a solicitor on my door and he could not show me a company card."

Call 311 - you want the police to be aware of something, but it's not an urgent matter "My neighbor just told me there was a young man who knocked his door last night. He was driving a white Ford truck and he seemed too persistent."

CITY OF AUSTIN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SOLICITORS:

§ 9-4-22 SOLICITATION BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS PROHIBITED. A person commits an offense if the person solicits contributions between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. by going to the door of a residence.

FIRE PREVENTION

With all the greenbelt space in Circle C and the current drought conditions, it is important that every homeowner does their part to

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CCHOA News

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help keep Circle C fire free. One of the most important things you can do to help keep your home fire free is to clean out your gutters. It's also really important to keep your trees trimmed, grass cut, and dead vegetation removed. If you back up to greenbelt space, please keep that area free and clear of clutter and debris including dead vegetation and brush. Click here to download your personal wildland fire action guide: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/fire_marshal/pdf_files/ReadySetGoTexasBooklet.pdf. There are tons of great tips in here about how you can prepare your home and your family for a wildland fire.

WHO TO CALL? THE CITY OF CIRCLE C HOA?

We get calls all the time for various issues throughout the neighborhood that are actually issues that are handled by the City of Austin. Here is a breakdown of when to call the City and when to call the HOA:

City of Austin:

- Emergencies, vandalism, burglaries, suspicious activity
- based on the incident, either call 911 or 311 first; you may then report it to the HOA so we can inform other residents of the activity
- Anything that occurs on the street
- The City owns the streets in Circle C, so anything that occurs on the street must be reported to the City. The HOA has no jurisdiction over the street or any activity that occurs there. This would include illegally parked cars (read the Vehicles and Parking in Circle C article below for more details), solicitors, driving/traffic/safety concerns, road conditions, street lights, etc.
- Illegal activity
- Fireworks in the neighborhood, people in the "no trespassing" areas, airsoft guns, etc.
- Watering restrictions
- Wild animals
- City of Austin Right of Way
- The City of Austin right of way is 10 feet back from the face of the curb. This is typically the area up to the first seam in the driveway. Any issues that happen within this area (basketball hoops, obstruction of sidewalks, etc.) should be called into 311.
- Backyard activity
- The HOA can only regulate what can be viewed from the street. If there are issues with a neighbor's backyard, you may call 311 to see if they are able to assist you.

Circle C HOA:

- Anything that ties directly back to the Governing Documents
- Maintenance of the home: exterior paint, shutters, window screens, etc.
- Maintenance of the lawn: keeping the yard mowed and edged, trimming trees and shrubbery, removing dead vegetation, maintaining bedding areas, etc.
- Clutter and debris
- Trash carts left out outside of trash pickup days
- Barking dogs
- Fences
- The HOA can only regulate what we can see from the street view. The HOA does not get involved when the back fences and fences shared with neighbors are not visible from the street.
- Any activity in the driveway: clutter and debris in the driveway; disabled

cars in the driveway; jet skis, boats, trailers parked in the driveway

VEHICLES AND PARKING IN CIRCLE C

We have received an increased number of emails and calls recently concerning vehicles and parking concerns in Circle C. Unfortunately, the CCHOA has no authority over vehicles parked on the public streets. The streets in the gated communities are controlled by those separate sub-associations and those concerns should be directed to the appropriate management company.

It is always our suggestion and is safest for cars to be parked in garages. The next best place to park a vehicle is in your driveway. The governing documents of the CCHOA do not dictate where vehicles must be parked, only that vehicles must be in good repair if parked in the driveway.

Vehicles in good repair are permitted to be legally parked on city streets.

If a vehicle is illegally parked (too near a fire hydrant or stop sign, blocking a driveway, facing the wrong direction, not parallel to the curb), that complaint should be called into the City 311 non-emergency system. Vehicles with expired tags or inspection stickers are not in violation of any City or State law until such time that they are in motion on the street. They may be expired and parked, if parked legally and are in good repair.

All concerns regarding vehicles in disrepair in the street must be called into the City of Austin Abandoned Vehicle Department. This department will tag vehicles that are obviously disabled; flat tire, no engine, on blocks etc. Vehicles in no sign of disrepair are allowed to be left on the street if legally parked. Please call the department, 512-974-8119, with the address, the license number, description, etc. An inspector will check the status and tag for removal if appropriate. If the vehicle is moved into a driveway, the CCHOA can then write the owner a violation letter as vehicles in disrepair are not allowed in driveways.

One other issue regarding vehicles is the number of vehicles at a residence. There is a City of Austin Code which states that residences may not have more than one motor vehicle for each licensed driver residing on the premises. This type of concern is handled through the City of Austin Code Compliance Department by calling 311.

Boats, jets skis, trailers of any sort are not allowed in driveways and are not allowed to be left on the City streets per the City of Austin. If in a driveway, the CCHOA will address with a violation letter. If in the street, City of Austin Abandoned Vehicles will tag, 512-974-8119.

The Circle C HOA will address matters where it has authority – on a property owner's premises. If the matter involves City of Austin right of way, the City of Austin must address the issue.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A DEED RESTRICTION?

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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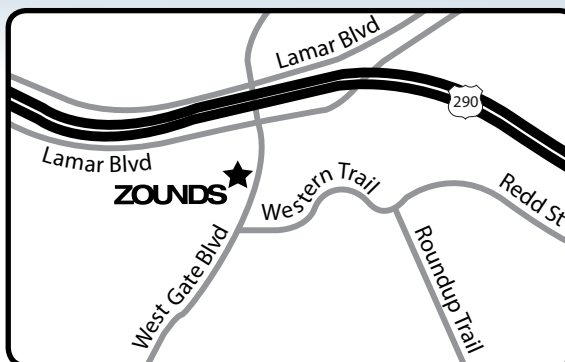
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CIRCLE C LANDSCAPE

GET TO KNOW THE TEXAS SUPERSTAR® PLANTS

Submitted by Susan Hoover

As we head into springtime here in Texas (much to the chagrin of our Northern neighbors) many of you are likely ready to spruce up your yards following the winter season. With the hot and dry conditions of our Texas summers, landscaping can be a challenge- yet it doesn't have to be! Which is why the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension programs have put together a list of Texas Superstar® plants; plants that are considered "outstanding landscape plants specifically adapted to Texas."

The plants that make up this list have undergone several years of field trials in which they receive minimal soil preparation, reasonable levels of water and no pesticides. These plants have all proven to perform well under the typical Texas growing conditions and are thus labeled as a Texas Superstar®. The roughly sixty plants that made the list include annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees and specialty plants such as citrus. This means lots of options for homeowners looking to create beautiful landscaping with plants that are Texas-tough. Some of the commonly used plants in our area include Snapdragons, Amaranth, Helenium, Zinnias, Lantana, Petunias, Sage, Pride-of-Barbados and Thryallis.

These plants and more can be found at many local nurseries. For a detailed list of the designated Texas Superstar® plants you can visit: http://www.texassuperstar.com/press/Superstar_13_rev2.pdf

As we look forward to Spring after this long cold winter, Circle C Landscape will be busy working on the commons areas. We have completed an early Spring clean up to get rid of winter weeds, fallen leaves, dead vegetation and cut the turf areas pretty short. This will be followed by a Spring fertilization when it is warm enough and the grass is truly growing. For the most part, the irrigation remains off throughout the neighborhood and we hope the spring rains will assist us with keeping them off as long as possible.

This spring we will also be working on sprucing up the post office areas, and replacing plants in key areas that have been damaged. We are also looking forward to planting trees throughout the neighborhood. Due to our limited water supply, this has to be done carefully and only in locations that allow bubblers or drip irrigation to be installed. So, enjoy the Spring weather, before we know it we will enter our hot and dry season!!!

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IN THE YARD

Submitted by Jackie Rollins



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Head of Household

Office Use Only -

Unit ID: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ ☐ Check here if this is a Cell Phone

Alt Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Member ID: _____

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Head of Household Signature: _____

Date: _____

Renters Only (If you are leasing your home in Circle C, the Homeowner or Leasing Agency must fill out the following section)

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CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER

Submitted by Sarah Humphrey

CURRENTLY HIRING LIFEGUARDS!

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NEW POOL CARDS!

Attention Residents, Circle C Aquatics has implemented a new system that requires updated information for all Homeowners and Renters. The form attached can be dropped off at the Swim Center during business hours or left in the drop-box outside the facility. We will be printing new photo ID pool cards for all residents in the neighborhood so be sure to come get them!

SWIM LESSONS!

April is here, and along with some hopefully warmer weather so are swim lessons! We have private lessons with Coach Amanda available starting the first of the month and group lessons following suit starting April 22nd. All swimmers must be evaluated before registering for group lessons, evals are held Sundays from 4-6 and the Wednesday before the session registration deadline from 5:30-6:30. Evaluations start Sunday April 6th.

2014 is going to be a very exciting year for swim lessons. Not only are we continuing the volunteer program for youths ages 11-14, we are also holding three Mommy and Me sessions this year! Two of the session will be held in June following the normal Tuesday-Friday schedule and the third session will be held on weekends for all of our working parents.

SPRING HOURS!

Monday-Friday

6-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only

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10 a.m.-6p.m.

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NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD

Submitted by Fran Greve

The annual meeting of the Park West HOA was held on February 12, 2014. Congratulations to Eileen Groves and Jackie Rollins on their election to the board. Thank you for accepting the responsibility and duties of a board member; your service is appreciated. Officers of the 2104 Park West Board of Directors are the following: President – Linda Bal, Vice President – Fran Greve, Secretary – Eileen Groves, Treasurer – Tom J, Director – Jackie Rollins.

Recently a large, healthy looking coyote was seen on Lot 103. There have also been sightings within Circle C Ranch. With new construction further south on Escarpment and the new subdivision Avana being built at Escarpment and Hwy 45, there is less wilderness for animals to inhabit and on which to hunt. Be aware that these predators are around and keep small pets safe.

If you wish to have something posted on our Park West bulletin boards, please contact one of the board members. The locked Plexiglas bulletin boards that face the street are for Official Business and used only by the PWHOA Board of Directors. Please do not tape anything on the Plexiglas because the tape damages the surface. The back wall of each of the mail centers has a bulletin board for residents' personal use. Feel free to use them for posting lost and found notices, items for sale and other announcements. Thank you for your cooperation.

The City of Austin recently has begun requiring audits of irrigation systems

on property over an acre. Park West met the criteria for the required audit and when the inspection was done, our system at the east mail center failed because of higher than allowed water pressure. (This is the only system that Park West maintains since the west mail center is part of a Circle C irrigation system). A certified company was hired to correct the water pressure to allowed levels and a re-inspection has been ordered. Also, our landscaper, Pearson Landscaping, has installed a drip irrigation system at the east mail center as a gift to the community. With the correction of the water pressure and the installation of the drip system, we expect to see a significant decrease in the overall usage of water for Park West and a corresponding decrease in our water bill.

The installation of new sidewalk sections and the replacement of the wood in the expansion joints of our common areas is complete. Now might be a good time for homeowners to check on their sidewalks and driveways for missing or broken wood in expansion joints and walkway sections that may have been lifted by encroaching tree roots. If you would like the name of the contractor that did the association's work, please call a board member. Thank you to retiring board member Jan Stephens for her work on the sidewalk project.

Spring is on the way (no really, it is!) and we will see more of our neighbors out and about as the weather warms up. It's a great time to plan a spring social. If you have an idea for a get together or would like to help with the social, please let us know. It's time to party!

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Hey Circle C Ranch, thank you for 2 minutes of your time. I have worked with many Austin Police officers in helping them with real estate over the years and we all probably can realize that their profession is a dangerous and often thankless job. They are a great bunch of guys and are trying their best to keep our growing city safe for us, our kids, visitors and booming population. They've never asked anything of me but to properly represent them in their real estate transactions. One of my favorite clients is Jason Disher who is a Motorcycle Patrol Officer and good buddy. He has recently informed me that they are looking for donations to help alleviate the costs in a trip planned to commemorate one of their fallen officers that passed last year in Austin. The commemorative journey is to honor Lieutenant Clay Crabb and add him to the wall in Washington D.C. The City of Austin helps with gas for them to drive, but does not cover any hotel costs once in Washington. I told him I would see what I could do by contacting some of my clients and the companies they work for to see if they could make a small donation to help. I always like to give back to Circle C and this time I am asking for a little help for A.P.D. Anyway, I appreciate anything you may be able to do individually or if you own a business. \$10., \$20. \$50., or whatever is possible. You can make out checks to **"The Greater Austin Crime Commission"** with a notation for **"Austin PD Motors"**. You may contact me directly at **(512) 970-1970** and I will come by your house and pick up a check from under your door mat or whatever is convenient for you. I will then take them to Officer Jason Disher. It is also tax deductible as a charitable donation! This is very much appreciated by A.P.D. and the officers. Thank you, John Squires



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The Austin Police Department Motor Unit has been given permission from the Department to take eight motor officers and motorcycles in the National Police Memorial Ceremonies in Washington DC in May. This is a very special trip for APD motors because we'll be adding APD Lieutenant Clay Crabb's name to the wall. Lieutenant Crabb was killed in the line of duty on October 16, 2013.

The city is furnishing us with a gas card to pay for gas. All other expenses will be paid for by the officers who are volunteering to go. The estimated cost of Hotels for the trip is about \$12,000.00.

Here is our planned schedule:

May 9th: Leave Austin, drive 12 hours to Nashville, Tenn. (spend night)
May 10th: Drive 12 hours to Washington, DC
May 11th: Meet the Crabb family and escort them and other surviving family members to their hotels
May 12th: Escort surviving family members to their hotels
May 13th: Candle Light Vigil escort and ceremony
May 14th: No scheduled events for this day
May 15th: Annual Peace Officers Memorial Day Service and parade to capital
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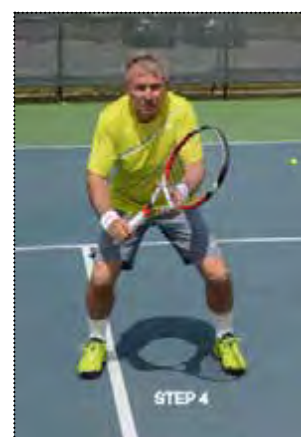
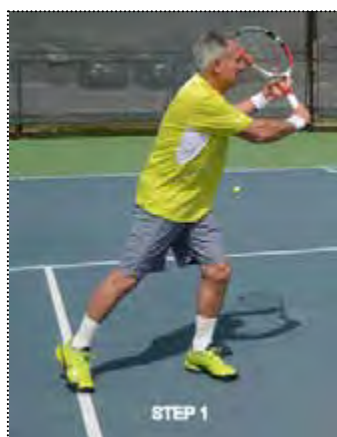
As you can see, we have a busy schedule and a lot of driving.

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Thank you very much for your interest and assistance.
Sgt Jason Disher

TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



How To Execute The Backhand Drop Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the 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, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, the forehand lob, the two-handed backhand lob, the one-handed backhand lob and the forehand drop shot.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Backhand Drop Shot. This shot is used when a player is deep on the baseline and returns a short soft ball. The player hitting the drop shot is forcing the opponent to run toward the net. This ball should be hit high enough to clear the net and almost bounce back toward the net. If the player running for the shot can get it on the first bounce, he/she will most likely be off balance and will be forced to commit an error or return for an easy put away volley. In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Manager and Director of Tennis at the Grey Rock Tennis Club,

shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the base line when the opponent is expecting a deep return of a serve.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Fernando realizes that the ball will landing short and high, he starts his back swing high and compacted. He is using the continental grip and keeping his eyes focused on the flight of the ball. His left hand is holding the throat of the racket.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Fernando is now ready to perform the drop shot. His eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is angled up to create the underspin on the ball. His goal is to keep his head still. His left hand pulling back to keep the center of gravity in the center and his weight is shifting toward his right foot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a drop shot is to keep the ball on the strings as long as possible. Fernando is almost “cupping” the ball during the follow through. Fernando’s grip is relaxed and the head of the racket is pointing toward the sky. His left shoulder is almost opening backwards and his eyes are following the path of the ball.

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Submitted by Lisa Williams

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Submitted by Elizabeth Gandy

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Submitted by Mikala McFerren

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GENISTA CATERPILLAR

Submitted by Wizzie Brown

With spring and Mountain laurels come insects, more specifically genista caterpillars. Genista caterpillars can be quite common on Mountain Laurel, but may also be found on crape myrtle and honeysuckle. These caterpillars can grow up to one inch in length and are greenish-yellow to orange in color with small black and white dots along their body. The caterpillars have hairs that emerge along the body, but hairs do not densely cover the body. Genista caterpillars create webbing similar to that of webworms. Larvae, or caterpillars, feed within the webbing causing defoliation of the plant. Eggs are laid in overlapping clusters on the underside of leaves. Pupation occurs in a small, white silken cocoon that is attached to plants or structures. There are two generations per year.



Management of outbreaks can be rather simple. If plant size and numbers of caterpillars allows, the caterpillars can be hand-picked from the plant and either smashed or dropped in a bucket of soapy water. Other options may include insecticidal soap, horticultural oils, botanicals, spinosad or *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, also known

as Bt. *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* specifically targets caterpillars, but will not distinguish between "good" and "bad" caterpillars, so be careful where you apply it and also be aware of drift that may occur. When using Bt or spinosad, good coverage of the plant foliage is essential since the caterpillars need to consume a lethal dose. There are also numerous synthetic insecticides formulated to treat for caterpillars. When using any pesticide product, be sure to read and follow all label instructions.

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 The information given herein is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service or the Texas A&M AgriLife Research is implied. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

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	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	43	2,798	\$ 133	\$ 372	1993	28	3	7
North	18	1,987	\$ 153	\$ 305	1995	28	0	4
On The Park	4	3,310	\$ 131	\$ 433	1997	23	1	1
Wildflower	10	2,295	\$ 144	\$ 330	2002	6	1	1
Park West	9	2,297	\$ 155	\$ 356	2002	36	2	1
Vintage Place	3	3,589	\$ 116	\$ 417	2003	16	0	1
Hielscher	10	3,234	\$ 134	\$ 433	2002	54	0	1
West	12	3,507	\$ 137	\$ 480	2004	22	1	0
Park Place	7	2,266	\$ 151	\$ 343	2004	6	0	0
Muirfield	4	3,431	\$ 138	\$ 472	2006	80	1	0
Enclave 1&2	2	2,588	\$ 152	\$ 393	2007	6	0	0
Lacrosse	4	2,669	\$ 147	\$ 392	2007	46	1	2
Alta Mira	7	3,160	\$ 130	\$ 410	2007	51	0	2
Fairway Estates	4	4,024	\$ 159	\$ 638	2012	43	2	1
Enclave Estates	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Avana-Esquel	3	2,572	\$ 155	\$ 397	2013	77	6	3
Barstow Village	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Barstow Court	1	2,733	\$ 141	\$ 385	2013	21	0	1
Greyrock Ridge	1	1,887	\$ 172	\$ 325	2013	7	0	1
Total	142	2,776	\$ 141	\$ 391	2000	31	18	26
% Change Mo / Mo	-10%	-1%	2%	1%	0%	14%	-5%	24%
% Change Yr / Yr	11%	-6%	11%	5%	0%	-21%	38%	-30%

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