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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Karen Hibpsman, CCHOA Manager

Food Trailer Friday

The next food trailer night is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 5-8pm, at the Circle C Community Center. Join us for good food, fun activities, and great company. Visit our website, www.circlecranch.info, and stay connected via our email announcements for more details as we get closer to the event.

Memorial Day Hours

The HOA offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observation of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 27.

The Community Center pool will be open on May 26 from noon-6pm.

The Swim Center pool will be open on May 26, 6-10am lap swim only; 10am-6pm lap/recreation swim.

Free Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 4/19 Event:

Submitted by Sarah Jordan of Miles of Smiles Photography



Happy Easter! I will be posting free photos of your kids with the Easter Bunny at my website for free download from April 26 - May 31. To find your images during that time, visit www.milesofsmilesphotography.com and under "Announcements" a link will be posted that will take you to your images. If you need assistance, please email me at milesofsmilesphotography@yahoo.com. Enjoy!

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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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SUBMITTED BY KAREN HIBPSHMAN, HOA MANAGER

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR OFFICERS NAMED

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Chris Poynor.....President

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COMMUNITY CENTER POOL OPENING FOR WEEKENDS ONLY STARTING MAY 3!

Spring Hours:

May 3-June 8

Saturday & Sunday Only, 12-6pm

Summer Hours:

June 9-August 24

11am-7pm, Closed Tuesdays

Memorial Day (May 26): 12-6pm

Labor Day Weekend (August 30-September 1): 12-6pm

SUMMER CAMPS

We have so many great kids' camps scheduled at the Circle C Community Center for this summer. You can see which camps are going to be here and their schedule by visiting our website, www.circlecranch.info. Click on Circle C Community Center under Amenities, and then click on Resident Activities. This will bring up our calendar of different events scheduled at the Community Center that are open to residents. When you see an activity that you are interested in, click on it for more information, such as the company's contact information.

SNAKES AND OTHER WILDLIFE




We wanted to remind everyone that it's that time of year when the weather is getting warmer, so snakes and other wildlife are starting to show up in the community. Be careful when you are walking the trails or in the greenbelts.

COA WATERING SCHEDULE

Please remember that we are still in Stage 2 watering restrictions.

- Your assigned watering day is determined by property type, type of irrigation used, and whether the street address ends in an even or odd number.
- Hose-end irrigation may take place between midnight and 10 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your assigned watering day.
- Automatic irrigation systems may operate between midnight and 5 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your watering day.
 - Please reduce system run times to fit within this schedule.
 - Please ensure that your system has a working rain sensor, or operate the system manually when rain is forecasted.
- Watering with a hand-held hose or a refillable watering vessel, such as a bucket or a Treegator®, is allowed at any time on any day of the week.
- Drip irrigation is exempt from the schedule, due to increased efficiency.
- To water trees, soaker hoses may be used under the drip-line of the tree canopy or you may use automatic tree bubblers. Irrigating trees in this manner is exempt from the watering schedule
- Watering a vegetable garden with a soaker hose is exempt from the watering schedule.
- Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial carwash facility.
- Charity car washes are prohibited
- Fountains with either a fall or spray of water greater than four inches are prohibited unless necessary to preserve aquatic life.
- Restaurants may not serve water unless requested by a customer
- Commercial properties (including restaurants and bars) may only operate patio misters between 4 p.m. and midnight.

For more information please visit the City of Austin's website, <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/stage-2-watering-restrictions>.

					
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STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS
WATERING ONE DAY PER WEEK

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CCHOA News

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CITY OF AUSTIN CODE ON LITTER

A little known City of Austin Code (10-5-43) addresses litter removal. Litter is defined as garbage, trash, rubbish, ashes, manure, waste, cloth or rags, paper or cardboard, leaves, grass cuttings, or refuse. This code requires property owners to remove litter from one-half of the street adjacent to the owner or occupant's property. For our neighborhood, this means that yard debris must be disposed of properly; it is a violation of City of Austin Code to leave it in the street. Please be sure to keep the street and curb line in front of your home swept clean. Do your part to keep Circle C beautiful.

Further, City of Austin Watershed Protection addresses this same issue if leaves and clippings are left in the street, swept or blown into the street or sewer system. This debris eventually ends up in the sewer system and pollutes our waterways. Do not sweep or blow your leaves and lawn clippings into the street or sewer system.

SCOOP THE POOP

We have received recent reports of residents that are not picking up after their dogs. We also receive reports of residents bagging pet's poop then tossing the bag into the common area shrubbery. Please do your part as a responsible pet owner and also as a Circle C resident by picking up after your dog AND disposing of the waste back at home in your

personal trash container. It is not only the responsible thing to do but also the sanitary thing to do.

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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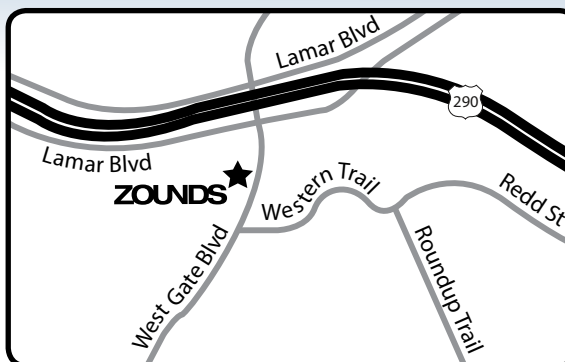
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CIRCLE C LANDSCAPE

WATERWISE LANDSCAPE

Submitted by Susan Hoover

What is it? WaterWise Landscape refers to landscaping and gardening that reduces the need for supplemental water from irrigation. Because major water savings can be made by converting healthy turf grass to native plant beds and permeable hardscape, WaterWise landscape is becoming increasingly popular in the Austin area.

Good news! As a Circle C Homeowner, you are able to change your front yard landscaping to a WaterWise landscape by following the procedure and guidelines set forth by the Architectural Control Committee. Before any work can begin you are required to submit your project for approval. The full list of guidelines and submission materials can be found under the ACC section of the Circle C website. Please note that there is a \$30 review fee associated with WaterWise landscaping projects.

We would also like to note that the majority of homes in the neighborhood that have made this conversion to WaterWise landscaping have used professional landscape design companies and, while not a requirement, we do highly encourage it. A list of professionals that have completed a series of training classes emphasizing earth-wise landscaping principles is available online.

More good news! There is a rebate program in place for individuals wishing to install WaterWise landscaping. From the City of Austin website: "Residential properties may receive \$25 for every 100 sq.ft. converted from healthy turf grass to native plant beds with a maximum rebate amount of \$1,250." Please refer to the website (link below) for more information including the application form and all program and eligibility requirements.

Useful Links:

Circle C Ranch ACC info: <http://www.circlecranch.info/Page/14837~528184/Guidelines->

Grow Green Program: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/grow-green>

WaterWise Landscape Rebate: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/waterwise-landscape-rebate>

Search Landscape Professionals: http://ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/landscape_professionals.cfm

BASTARD CABBAGE, AN INVASIVE PLANT AND A THREAT TO OUR WILDFLOWERS

Submitted by Susan Hoover

If you've taken a drive along any of our Central Texas Highways recently, then surely you've noticed that we are in the middle of a beautiful wildflower season. Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, Firewheels and Verbena to name a few, are flourishing along our roadsides and signal that Spring is in full bloom around here.

However, there is one plant to look out for that is common along roadways, disturbed lands and natural areas- Bastard Cabbage. Unfortunately yes, that is its name, and it's an invasive plant and is killing Central Texas native wildflowers. Bastard Cabbage is an aggressive weed that quickly colonizes sunny, disturbed soils along roads, fields, and waterways. In Texas, Bastard Cabbage is classified as a "terrestrial noxious weed" because of its ability to outcompete the native wildflowers during their winter growth season. Masses of bastard cabbage can be several feet tall and typically flower



from early spring into summer, bearing clusters of small, showy yellow flowers at the tips of its branches. According to the Lady

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Landscape (Continued from Page 8)

Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, "the great weather has allowed these unwanted species to flower profusely and to produce lots of seed to potentially be a much larger problem next year. Because they compete for space and for resources with native plants, they could reduce next season's wildflower displays." We do have a lot of Bastard Cabbage up and down South Loop 1 and SH 45 where recent construction has left bare soils where this weed likes to congregate and spread.

Invasives such as Bastard Cabbage are best dealt with by eradicating them in the fall or winter when the plants have just started to grow and then re-sowing the area with seeds from native species. Chemical control of Bastard Cabbage may be difficult because of its ability to attain resistance to several selective herbicides- which can also kill off wanted native species. For fully formed plants, mowing will remove some flowers, but not all seed. Physically pulling them- root and all- before the flowers go to seed is a more effective strategy, as is the case with any weed.

Bastard Cabbage is also known as turnip-weed, common giant mustard, ball mustard, wild turnip, wild rape and tall mustard-weed. So, if you see any Bastard Cabbage around you, pull it up! You will be doing the wildflowers a favor.

Resources:

<http://foragefax.tamu.edu/2013/02/12/bastard-cabbage-a-widespread-noxious-cool-season-annual-weed/>

<http://www.wildflower.org/howto/show.php?id=48>

http://texasinvasives.org/plant_database/detail.php?symbol=RARU

CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER

Submitted by Sarah Humphrey

CURRENTLY HIRING LIFEGUARDS

Circle C Aquatics is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2014 season! No experience is necessary, we will be offering several lifeguard certification classes for a small fee. More info can be found on our website under the classes/clinics tab, we have plenty of openings so come check us out!

NEW POOL CARDS FOR 2014

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 office during business hours, which can be found on our website or left in the drop-box outside the facility.

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Hey parents, the summer is slowly creeping up and will be here sooner than you think. Make sure your kids are ready to hit the pool and stay safe this summer. A lot of kids haven't been in the water since last August and their swimming skills and stamina are going to be rusty. To make sure they are safe and comfortable in the water sign them up for some lessons, the sooner the better! We've already have had a couple of saves made by the awesome lifeguards, let's make sure all our kiddos know how to swim and be safe in the water before the summer hits!

GROUP SWIM LESSONS HAVE OFFICIALLY STARTED

We are offering classes for all kinds of swimmers; swimmers who are afraid of putting their face in the water, swimmers who are already swimming across the pool and even new swimmers who have never taken lessons before. Please come in for an evaluation before signing your swimmer up for group lessons so we can place them in the appropriate class! Evaluations are held every Sunday from 4-6pm or the Wednesday before the start of each session, 5:30-6:30pm. More info can be found on our website under the group lesson tab.

SPRING HOURS! (MARCH 17-JULY 8)

Monday-Friday

6-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only

3:30-8 p.m.

Saturday

7-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only (Check lane chart for lane changes times/dates)

10 a.m.-6p.m.

Sunday

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CIRCLE C AQUATICS RESIDENT INFORMATION FORM

One form for each household address. Please type or print information legibly.

I am a: ☐ Home Owner ☐ Renter (must fill out Renters only section below)

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

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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)

I, the owner or leasing agency of the property listed above, do hereby relinquish both my rights, and those of my household members(s), to the amenities of the Circle C HOA. I(We) award these rights to the tenants listed on this form during the following lease terms.

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Owner Printed Name: _____ Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

The Modern Game: The Top Spin Forehand

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are starting to play tennis or who want to get back into the game.

From this newsletter on, I will be offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Spin Forehand. This shot is used when a player is now hitting the ball long and out. The ball will be aimed high over the net and hit with power. The ball will have a “top spin” so that when the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise.

In the illustrations, Danny Rodriguez, Director of the Pre-Advanced Tennis Program at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the service line as an “approach shot” to the net.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Danny prepares to hit

a forehand top spin, he will change his grip toward the “semi-western” or “full western grip” (The palm of the hand is flat on the handle). His knees are slightly flexed and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Danny is now ready to perform the shot. The head of the racket is now above his head, his shoulders are turned, the left hand is in front to help him keep the center of gravity in front, and he has loaded his weight to the back foot. His grip is relaxed and his wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle. Danny started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Notice Danny’s finish above his left ear and his elbow pointing toward his target. He has now shifted his weight on his right foot and is ready to shuffle back to his home base.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Top Spin”

GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB STAFF RECEIVES HONORS



Fernando Velasco, is owner and director of tennis at the Grey Rock Tennis Club in Austin. Velasco doesn't spend all his time managing the club. He plays such a mean game that the Professional Tennis Registry named him the PTR Male Player of the Year at its recent International Tennis Symposium. He is shown here with Jorge Andrew, President of the PTR.

Velasco is currently ranked first in Men's 70 Singles and sixth in Doubles by the USTA Texas, and is nationally ranked ninth and 16th in Men's 70 Singles and Doubles, respectively. Velasco won the Hard Court National Championships Singles Consolation, and took home trophies at the T Bar M Super Senior, Westwood Category II event, the Arlington Super Seniors and Courtyard

Super Seniors. He was a member of the Texas Super Senior 8.0 team that won first place in the state, too.

Last year, Velasco captured the Men's 70s Singles title at the PTR Championships, and was a finalist in Doubles. This year he won the Men's Singles and Doubles PTR Championships at Hilton Head Island.

Dennis Ralston, Pro-Emeritus at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, was named "Honorary PTR Member" during the 2014 PTR International Symposium held at Hilton Head Island. The event was attended by over 600 players. The PTR has over 14,600 members representing over 121 countries. Shown here with Jorge Andrew, President of the PTR and Dan Santorum, CEO/Executive Director of the PTR.



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Side view of Park West resident Lesa Lamb's flagstone paver walkway leading to her backyard with a lovely scenic view of Circle C Metropolitan Park's greenbelt.

IN THE YARD

Submitted by Jackie Rollins



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NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD

Submitted by Fran Greve

Spring is here! Evidence of new growth, new plantings and lots and lots of oak leaves are everywhere to be seen.

WEST ENTRANCE GATE

As most of you know, the entrance gate at the west entrance to the community was damaged by a late night/early morning collision several weeks ago. The first attempt to repair it was unsuccessful. The mobile unit from the gate company that was dispatched to Park West determined there was more damage than could be repaired by the mobile unit. Next, the damaged gate panel was removed and taken to their repair shop where the gate company successfully repaired the gate panel and then reinstalled it. Unfortunately the operational unit also sustained damage and is now being repaired. For safety reasons, both gates at the west entrance have been programmed to the open position to minimize confusion and possible accidents that might result from two way traffic on the one (exit) gate. It has been a slow process and we appreciate everyone's cooperation. At this time, no one has been identified as having caused the damage,

therefore after filing an accident report with the police, a claim was filed with our insurance carrier for the cost of the repairs.

SPRINKLER CHECK

Now is the time to sign up for your annual sprinkler check and have your sprinkler system in tip-top shape for the warm weather ahead. The cost of the sprinkler check is factored into our landscape contract, so you pay only for any needed repairs and replacement parts. You are under no obligation to have Pearson Landscaping make the repairs. Additional information is located on the Mail Center Bulletin Boards. Call today!

CURRENT BOARD ACTION

In coming weeks, the PWHOA Board will be meeting with our landscape design company to develop Xeriscape landscape plans and also conducting interviews with the management companies who responded to the RFP's sent out earlier in the year. Information on both of these projects will be published as soon as we have decisions to present to the community.

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Park West HOA News

News (Continued from Page 13)

LOT 103

We have not received a decision from the Watershed Protection Department of the City of Austin regarding the filtration pond located on Lot 103. In late 2006, this department decided that this was PWHOA's responsibility and we must assume the maintenance/remediation of this pond. After much research and collaboration with Susan Hoover and Karen Hibpshman of Circle C HOA, we presented our case to the Watershed Protection Department stating that they should actually be responsible for the Lot 103 pond. It has moved along and they are doing their own research now. Maintenance costs are significant, so a decision in our favor would be most welcome.

ESCARPMENT DISREPAIR

Escarpment Blvd., in particular from Slaughter Lane to LaCrosse, is in disrepair. As you know from driving your vehicle on that section of Escarpment Blvd., the road is uneven and bumpy, the pavement is worn and missing in some areas, and cracks and potholes have developed. Complaints from citizens requesting street repair may result in Escarpment Blvd. being

considered for repair sooner rather than later. If you would be willing to help move this process along, please call 311 and politely complain about the condition of this section of Escarpment. Thank you.

UPDATE - COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION ASSESSMENT:

PWHOA passed the recent inspection by the City of Austin of our irrigation system. (Water audits are new requirements by the city).

WHO YA GONNA CALL??

Not sure who to contact on a building project, exterior paint color, front yard. etc.? Remember that substantial changes to your yard or home require submission of a request to the Circle C HOA Architectural Committee. Except for the front yard, they have the last word. PWHOA requires additional approval on front lawn changes. If you are only repainting with the same color, replanting dead plants from the approved list, re-sodding with an approved grass type etc. you may proceed without contacting CCHOA or PWHOA. If you still are not sure, contact our property manager, Marilyn Childress at 512-750-2883.

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COMING SOON! John's listing 6620 Nusser Lane—Gorgeous Streetman 1-story backing to permanent greenbelt! Hardwood floors, designer tile, plantation shutters, Ipe' hardwood deck with party arbor. Just an awesome property in the heart of Circle C West near Clayton!

Below is a map of John Squires' sales in Circle C Ranch, Villages at Western Oaks, Legend Oaks, Western Oaks and other surrounding bedroom communities. Each red pin represents another successful sale totaling over 530 homes closed just in the Southwest area!

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Kiker Beautification Committee

Submitted by Jennifer Leeper

The Kiker Beautification Committee would like to personally thank Susan Hoover and her crew with Circle C Landscape and the 40 plus volunteers who came out to help with our Spring Event on Saturday, April 12. In addition to all the Kiker students, parents and teachers, there were also quite a few Bowie, Gorzycki and Ann Richards students and parents. What a great experience to have the community pull together to help make Kiker, and Circle C a more beautiful place for our kids. There were also several local businesses who generously supported this event. HEB (5800 W Slaughter Ln), Waterloo Ice House (9600 Escarpment Blvd), The Donut Hole (6863 Hwy 290 W) and Starbucks (9600 Escarpment Blvd) who supplied volunteers with breakfast, drinks and coffee. We would also like to thank Daniel Stone



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and Landscaping Supplies (12015 W Hwy 290) for offering a discount on the flagstone.

For more details and pictures check out the Kiker Beautification Committee Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kiker-Elementary-Campus-Beautification/165952826820301?ref=ts>

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Submitted by Pamela Maxwell

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ABD sponsored ballroom dances are held the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month at Go Dance Studio, 2525 West Anderson Lane, where you can practice what you have learned!

Fellow Circle C homeowner, June Kelly, serves on the ABD board as membership coordinator.

For more information, visit the website at www.austinballroomdancers.org or call the hotline at 512-989-3939.

SWING Networking Group

Submitted by Peter Berardino

Promote your business with local independent business owners. SWING (South west Austin Inclusive Networking Group) has been meeting every Thursday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM at the Waterloo Ice House on Escarpment for 8 years.

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SOUTHWEST AUSTIN Math Pentathlon Club

Submitted by Linda Alvarez

Mathematics Pentathlon is a program of interactive problem-solving games, for students in grades K-7. This motivational program strengthens basic math skills, aligns with National and State Math Standards, and stimulates creative thinking. A focus on conceptual understanding and the integration of spatial, computational and logical reasoning are key attributes of Mathematics Pentathlon. These games make learning fun for ALL students of varying abilities and learning styles. The kids are motivated to enjoy math, which is critical in improving their performance in this subject.

This exciting, engaging, and effective program for children from K-7, is open to everyone. The Southwest Austin Math Pentathlon Club (aka SWAMP club), is a group of

experienced and dedicated adults that have joined together to form this independent math club. This club is a cooperative volunteer organization and families wishing to participate will need to support the weekly team practices and help at the Math Pentathlon tournament held in Austin in the spring. Participating in a Math Pentathlon team is a fun way to learn higher math skills, build self esteem about math, work within a team, learn to stand up for oneself, communicate logically, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

For more information visit the national website at www.mathpentath.org or contact Linda Alvarez at linda@lindaalvarez.com, or Lenora Stevens, at swampcoordinator@gmail.com.

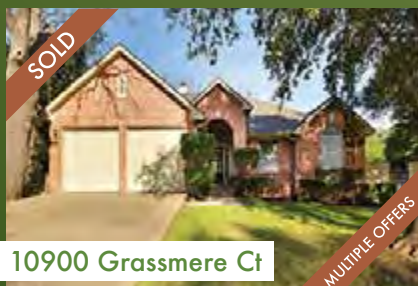
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ROVER ANTS

Submitted by Wizzie Brown

Rover ants are tiny (~1/16" long) and brownish-black. They have 9 antennal segments which differentiates them from many other ants, but you'll need a good hand lens or microscope to count antennal segments. The abdomen of rover ants is pudgy and the ants have a "humpbacked" appearance.

For great photos you can go to the following site:

<http://myrmecos.wordpress.com/2008/05/27/rover-ants-brachymyrmex-patagonicus-an-emerging-pest-species/>

Colonies, or nests, are small and have a single queen. They can occur inside structures in places such as wall voids usually in areas of moisture- kitchen, bathrooms and near plumbing leaks. Outdoors, people often find the ants nesting under and/or inside flower pots,

under stones and landscape timbers or running quickly up and down patio furniture or other vertical surfaces.

Worker ants will often be seen foraging on plants, and are often mistakenly identified as damaging the plant. The workers are tending honeydew excreted by insects such as aphids, mealybugs, whiteflies and scale insects. Controlling the honeydew-producing insects in the landscape can help cut down on ant problems.

The ants can be somewhat difficult to manage since they don't respond well to most solid baits. They do appear to take liquid baits fairly well. Sprays should not be used to treat for rover ants since this can split the colony up and make the ants more difficult to manage.

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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Submitted by Dorian de Wind

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Submitted by Lisa Williams

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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (10/2013-03/2014)						Current Market	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	40	2,825	\$ 132	\$ 373	1993	29	5	10
North	15	2,032	\$ 155	\$ 314	1996	22	0	4
On The Park	4	3,226	\$ 140	\$ 451	1997	7	2	0
Wildflower	9	2,253	\$ 146	\$ 328	2002	5	1	0
Park West	8	2,180	\$ 159	\$ 347	2001	37	0	3
Vintage Place	2	2,906	\$ 135	\$ 392	2004	21	0	0
Hielscher	9	3,216	\$ 137	\$ 440	2003	44	0	5
West	6	3,327	\$ 138	\$ 458	2004	20	2	1
Park Place	6	2,244	\$ 153	\$ 343	2004	7	0	0
Muirfield	3	3,650	\$ 126	\$ 461	2006	101	1	0
Enclave 1&2	2	2,588	\$ 152	\$ 393	2007	6	0	0
Lacrosse	4	2,669	\$ 149	\$ 398	2007	26	0	2
Alta Mira	8	3,155	\$ 131	\$ 413	2008	45	0	2
Fairway Estates	5	3,983	\$ 159	\$ 633	2012	57	3	0
Enclave Estates	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Avana	4	2,401	\$ 162	\$ 390	2013	58	10	7
Barstow Village	n/a	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	2	2,532	\$ 155	\$ 392	2014	15	0	1
Total	128	2,747	\$ 142	\$ 391	2000	30	24	36
% Change Mo / Mo	-10%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	-4%	33%	38%
% Change Yr / Yr	0%	-4%	10%	6%	0%	-23%	41%	-5%

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