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### Around Circle C

### MEETYOURNEIGHBORS

#### Cherie Mathews

Cherie Mathews is one of Austin's accomplished female entrepreneurs. She is the founder of her own company, healincomfort. com, and is a director on the board of advisors for The First Tee Greater Austin, a youth development nonprofit. However, the beauty of the Cherie's story lies not just in the fact that she is an accomplished entrepreneur. Cherie's story transcends her



business accomplishments (some of which include

features in several publications and TV appearances). The inspirational nature of her personal and business mission has warmed the hearts and spirits of both women and men all over the nation. Healincomfort provides for patients who undergo mastectomies the patented heal in comfort recovery shirt that women need to recover with comfort and retained dignity. She developed the idea after battling breast cancer and experiencing first-hand the painful recovery process. Her personal experiences left her determined to make a difference for others faced with invasive surgery. Since its launch in 2010, healincomfort has sold over 3,000 recovery shirts, and leads nationwide marketing campaigns with slogans that empower patients to "Be Brave" and "Fight like a Girl."

Cherie also created the nonprofit healincomfort4achange.org where people can donate money to the cause and see where your money goes for a change. Healincomfort shirts are distributed with no cost to Austin patients first as well as hardship cases across the USA. The nonprofit is independently run by a group of amazing, caring women. When donations are received, the nonprofit distributes your support to organizations such as the Breast Cancer Resource Center, Komen-Austin, and Seton. Last year she was featured on the cover of The Austin Phoenix, a publication about entrepreneurs in Austin, wearing big pink boxing gloves as a symbol of her personal fight and commitment to improve the lives of others. Through healincomfort, Cherie offers support and encouragement to people affected by invasive surgeries. As a local entrepreneur who bootstrapped her way to success, she is testament to the vast impact that one person can make for thousands of people. Finally, to add icing to her already deliciously inspirational story, the fact that Cherie emerged from the paralyzing backlash of post-operative recovery as a empowered female entrepreneur in pink boxing gloves, riding a Harley, with a self-proclaimed duty to improve the lives of others, shows how Cherie successfully transformed herself from a victim of cancer into a real-life hero.

She is a CEO, a wife, a friend to many, and a social advocate. Her kick-butt attitude and insatiable desire to produce positive change are reflected in her professional drive. Cherie's stamina, strength, and spunky personality make her a uniquely inspiring figure for other female entrepreneurs to look up to. Replace the blue collar, red bandana and a "we can do it!" motto with pink gloves, a bejeweled belt buckle, and a "Be Brave, Fight!" attitude.

http://theaustinphoenix.com/heal-in-comfort/

#### CIRCLE C BREAKFAST CLUB By Liz Jensen

The Circle C Breakfast Club has been in existence since the early years of Circle C. Although today it may be hard to believe, for many years there were few places to meet for coffee and breakfast near Circle C. So the group formed to meet for coffee once a week and twice a month the members would take turns hosting the group in their homes. Since most of the members were new to the area, the Breakfast Club provided a way to meet neighbors and make friends.

Twenty plus years later the Breakfast Club endures and appeals to a "mature" group of women who enjoy meeting for lively conversation every Friday morning around 9:30 a.m. Now that there are many places for coffee and breakfast the group prefers to eat out and just relax as oppose to having to clean and cook. If you are interested in joining us for coffee please contact Liz Jensen at 512-301-6966.



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# Texas Citizen Bee Competition

Submitted by Elizabeth Ball



Left to Right: Janie Worst: Betsy Gonzalez: Carlen Floyd: Hannah Ball: Mel Haile. Hannah Ball was recognized for representing Central Texas in the Texas Citizens Bee Competition held at the Texas State Capital. This was last month in April.

### THE BEAUTIFUL PARK West Century Plant

Submitted by Jackie Rollins





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### Around Circle C

# My Friend Jack

Park West/Circle C resident, prominent Texas personality and good friend and neighbor Jack W. Robinson died Sunday, April 27. He was 82.

Although I have known Jack -- Jack W. Robinson -- for more than 10 years, I have known him real well only for the last four years or so. The fact that I grew so fond of him in such a short period of time speaks volumes of Jack.

For a good part of those years, Jack has been struggling with the kind of serious medical problems that would have brought most people down a long time ago.

But Jack was a fighter. We lovingly referred to him as the cat with more than nine lives.

Just in the last two months we almost lost him twice or thrice. But Jack said he wasn't quite ready yet.

He wasn't quite ready yet, in part -- I believe -- because the Texas bluebonnet and other wildflower seeds -- Indian paintbrushes, black-

eyed Susans, Texas buttercups, prairie winecups, primroses, etc. -- I had scattered last fall in a beautiful open area behind Jack's home, following Jack's exact instructions, had not come out yet.

You see, Jack loved the Texas outdoors and especially the wonderful assortment and beauty of Texas wildflowers. And what a better position to both enjoy and promote the preservation, growth and spread of native wildflowers, plants and landscapes in his beloved Austin than as Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

And what a better partner to do this with than Lady Bird Johnson, with whom Jack worked to found the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and on the beautification of the Austin Town Lake Hike (now the Lady Bird Lake) and Bike Trail, both of which Jack considered to be the highlights of his professional career.

As Jack's condition worsened and as the temperatures finally warmed up in Texas and the sun shone brighter after a dismal winter, some of Jack's bluebonnets popped their heads in his backyard. But, perhaps sensing the fragile condition of the man who had overseen their planting -- Jack was in-between two very close calls -- they were not as full and bright as Jack had hoped for.

No problem. The bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes and other wildflowers were in full, glorious bloom along our highways and byways in the Austin area. So we carefully placed Jack in my car and off we went to see the wildflowers.

They were dazzling, a true Texas spring miracle of color and



#### Jack, on one of his good days, looking at his wildflowers (Photo courtesy Robinson family)

fleeting smile on his face.

It may have all been my imagination, but I do know that Jack will always remember those beautiful fields of Texas wildflowers his forgetful but well-meaning friend took him to see that gorgeous Sunday afternoon, not too long ago. I know I will always remember.

Just a couple of days before Jack left us, I went to look at his bluebonnets one more time. They were looking even more fragile and their blue color was even less intense than before. But next spring they will be back again, even more beautiful, strong and resilient, just like my good friend always was and always will be.

Jack loved his wildflowers and the Texas outdoors, but, of course, he treasured his family and was one of the most generous and charitable persons I have known.

My good friend Jack is gone now and so are most of those beautiful Texas wildflowers. But they will be back next spring and Jack will have a magnificent bird's-eye view of them -- without the risk of getting stranded, out of gas.

Jack is is survived by his loving and caring wife, Jan Hatley Robinson, his brother, B.J. Robinson and his three sons -- Michael, Greg and Jeff -- and their families and by so many, many friends who will miss him dearly.

(To learn more about Jack and his fascinating background, please click here and go to pages 18 and 22.) http://5f8c274712c4ea693cc1-fdbcf 82d3dfc08785157cf0d6fc8ed50.r16.cf1.rackcdn.com/1206CC.pdf

renewal. I believe that, for at least a short time, Jack was able to forget the constant pain, endless surgeries and medical procedures and treatments he had been experiencing and undergoing for so long. He told me that he was enjoying the outing. That is, until I noticed I was almost out of gas and literally rolled into a gas station.

Once at the gas station, with Jack sitting next to me and seriously needing to get home to get the rest and medicine he sorely needed, I looked for my credit card and discovered I had left my wallet home.

Eventually help arrived, we got gas and we did get Jack home not too much worse for wear.

They were anxious and, for me, embarrassing moments. But I believe that Jack has forgiven me and that he may even be looking down at me and chuckling a little bit. I believe so

because when I held his hand a few days earlier and recalled our "adventure," I swear I felt him squeeze my hand and I swear I saw the hint of a



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### HOA Announcements

# HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Karen Hibpshman, CCHOA Manager

#### A LETTER FROMTHE PRESIDENT

Hi friends and neighbors,

I feel very honored to be your President of the Circle C Ranch HOA for another year. What a wonderful neighborhood we have! There are so many great people here, and we are so lucky to have a true feeling of community. I love and value this neighborhood so much, am I am very proud to call Circle C Ranch my home.

You are the HOA! Often people see the HOA as a separate entity, but it isn't. You, me, the family next door, and everyone else who owns a home in this neighborhood is a part of the HOA. The board is a group of neighbors that the community has elected, for a 3yr term, to conduct the business of the HOA. The board members are all unpaid volunteers who take time out of their busy schedule and time away from their families to work for this community. I've been on the Board for four years and before that I attended a few meetings as a resident. Over the years I have seen the Board do their best to work with individual homeowners to resolve issues in the homeowner's favor whenever possible, while making sure it's fair and equitable to the rest of the HOA membership as well. We spend hours upon hours trying to figure out the most equitable and legal thing to do for each case. If you don't like something, I beg you to please ask questions, get involved, and share your ideas and concerns. Many times a simple call or email to the HOA office, can be very helpful to address your concerns. Very few people run for the board or show up to board meetings, and I would love for more people to get involved.

We need volunteers! Want to give back to this great neighborhood of ours? Volunteer! We have so many great events each year and we could really use some volunteers. What about grabbing some neighbors or the whole family and do it together? We have the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July parade, Pumpkin Races, Holiday Kid Party and the Adult Casino Night Party. After the success of the Food Trailer Nights in 2013, we have continued them into 2014, starting in March and they will continue through November. If you have not been to one yet, I strongly encourage you to come and join the fun! If you would like to volunteer go to – www.circlecranch.info and click on the link for Volunteer Spot. For the 4th of July Parade, we've already organized and booked everything so we'll just need "workers" for the day of and the sign up program will have it broken down into "Set-Up, Clean-Up and Volunteer Judge". If you are a student who needs to fulfill volunteer hour requirements – we can sign off on your form if you volunteer for us.

Not receiving the emails the HOA sends out during the week? Sign up for the HOA email list at www.circlecranch.info. The HOA staff sends out regular emails about varying issues that affect our neighborhood. There are so many important things covered in these emails, I hate for anyone to miss out on this great resource. Sign-Up is easy, just go to www.circlecranch.info.

In closing, I wanted to say to each and every one of you, that I am so

grateful for what you have done to make Circle C Ranch an amazing place to call home!

All the best,

#### Chris Poynor, Circle C Ranch HOA President FOOD TRAILER NIGHT IS FRIDAY, JUNE 13

The next Food Trailer Night is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 5:30-8:30pm, at the Circle C Community Center. Stay posted through email announcements and the website for more details as we get closer to the event.

#### PLEASE HELP KEEP CIRCLE C A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE

Circle C residents are great recyclers! Many items that used to go into the garbage cans are now finding their way into the recycling bins.

We understand that two carts have been a struggle to keep hidden from view but most all homeowners in Circle C have now managed to comply. Thank you! Please keep in mind that Circle C requires that all carts be stored where not visible from the street. So if you or your neighbor can see your containers from the street, they need to be hidden from view. Storing them in the driveway is not permitted and on the side of your house without screening is not enough.

Spring is here and now is the time to plant those full bushes to screen your cans, repair that fence so that the carts can stored behind the fence, or clean out the garage for more convenient access. Another note on trash and recycling, the City of Austin requires that carts be placed at the curb by 6:30am the morning of your pick up date (Monday for all of Circle C) and put away no later than 10pm that same day. This means carts may realistically be at the curb from Sunday night (no earlier than 8pm) to Monday night. Please be sure to only have your carts at the curb during the 24 hour window.

Thank you for keeping Circle C a beautiful place to live!

#### NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN CITY LIMITS

It is illegal to use fireworks in the City of Austin and the Circle C Homeowners Association does not allow fireworks within Circle C Ranch at any time. In addition to being a danger to homes, the noise disturbs families and is frightening to children and pets. Please be considerate of your neighbors. You may report any use of fireworks to the police department by calling 911.

#### WE NEEDYOUR HELP FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

Calling all volunteers! The HOA needs your help this year with the 4th of July parade to be held on Friday, July 4th at the Swim Center Plaza from 8:30am to 11am. We need volunteers to help coordinate and judge the 'Best Decorated Wheels' contest, volunteers to help setup and clean up, and volunteers to help manage the lines for face painting and balloon twisters. If you can donate an hour or two, please visit the website at www.circlecranch.info and click on Volunteer.

# **HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Submitted by Karen Hibpshman, CCHOA Manager

#### **RESIDENTIAL BRUSH COLLECTION**

Austin Resource Recovery customers receive twice-per-year curbside collection of large brush and tree limbs that are too large for yard trimmings collection. Large brush is composted and made into Dillo Dirt<sup>™</sup>. You will receive a postcard in the mail informing you of your scheduled collection week. Circle C's next brush collection is scheduled for the week of July 21. You may also see Austin Resource Recovery's brush route here: http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Trash\_and\_Recycling/Brush\_April-Oct\_11x17\_2013.pdf.

- Brush should be between 5 and 15 feet in length.
- Tree trunks more than 8 inches in diameter should be 3-feet-long or less.
- Do not include vines or thorny vegetation.
- Place large brush at the curb in front of your house by 6:30 a.m. on the first day of your scheduled collection week.
- Cut ends should face the street.
- Stack loosely along the curb in one row, not more than 15 feet across and no higher than 4 feet.
- Do not block the sidewalk.
- Do not extend into the street.
- To prevent damage to your property, keep items 5 feet away from your trash cart, mailbox, fences or walls, water meter, telephone connection box and parked cars. Do not place any items under low hanging tree limbs or power lines.

Austin Resource Recovery only collects large brush from its residential trash and recycling customers and from homes in some recently annexed areas. Items will not be collected if they are in an alley in any area including Hyde Park, or if they are in front of a business or a vacant lot.

#### YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION

Austin Resource Recovery provides weekly, curbside yard trimmings collection to single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes in Austin. Yard trimmings are grass clippings, leaves and small branches or limbs that are no longer than 5 feet and no thicker than 3 inches in diameter.

Yard trimmings are also composted and made into Dillo Dirt™.

#### Collection Guidelines

- Place your yard trimmings at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place trash, recyclables and yard trimmings 5 feet apart to allow our automated trucks to collect materials safely and efficiently.
- Put yard trimmings in lawn-and-leaf kraft paper bags or a reusable container that is no larger than 34-gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Small branches should be tied with string or twine into manageable bundles no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Yard trimmings placed at the curb in plastic bags will be collected as trash and will be subject to extra trash fees.

Did we miss your cart? Call Austin Resource Recovery at 3-1-1 or send us an e-mail. We will come by to pick up the missed material as soon as possible. Brush and tree limbs too large to be collected during regular yard trimmings collection can be collected during periodic large brush collection.

#### Rates and Fees

Austin Resource Recovery provides bundled services to manage your trash, recycling and yard trimmings. Costs are based on your trash cart size. They offer four trash cart sizes; choose the size that best fits your household's needs. Save money on your utility bill by recycling as much as possible, setting aside yard trimmings for composting collection, and choosing a smaller trash cart. Learn more about pricing and trash cart size options here: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/residential-rates-fees.

#### ANIMAL/PET CONTROL

Please respect our common areas, your neighbors' yards and their personal space...remember that pets (dogs and cats) must be confined to an owner's property and leashed at all times if off property. It is the owner's responsibility per City of Austin code to pick up and properly dispose of pet debris. Additionally, pet noise should not be a nuisance or bother to other property owners. Please do your part to ensure that your pets are welcome members of our community.

#### CITY OF AUSTIN MANDATORY STAGE 2 WATERING

Hose End Sprinklers: Before 10am or after 7pm Even addresses on Sunday Odd addresses on Saturday Automatic Irrigation System: Before 5am or after 7pm Even addresses on Thursday Odd addresses on Wednesday

Watering with a hand-held hose or a refillable vessel, such as bucket, is allowed at any time.

Violations may be reported by calling 311.

#### DEED RESTRICTION REMINDER

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.

### HOA Announcements

# NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD

The Park West Board recently held a community meeting to showcase the xeriscape plans that were developed by Yarrow Landscape to assist those homeowners who wished to make substantial changes to their front yards. Xeriscaping can be defined as selection of plants for water conservation. The Texas legislature enacted recent legislation requiring HOA's to remove any restrictions from their CCR's that prohibited xeriscape landscaping. Luckily for Park West, our appearance standards and approved plant list already include many water wise plants that are excellent for xeriscaping. The plans feature landscaping in which care was taken to avoid losing water to

evaporation and runoff and to take full advantage of rainfall retention. The plans also include several landscaping elements to compliment the water wise plants. These elements are interchangeable and elements from each plan can be integrated into one plan. Since we have challenges in Park West with lots of shade and sloping lots and because Park West's yard requirements are specific to the neighborhood since the yards are maintained by the HOA, PWHOA commissioned the plans as a guide to homeowners and not a requirement for implementation. As an incentive for adapting a xeriscape plan, each homeowner will receive a free estimate for their personalized landscape projects from Yarrow upon request. Although homeowners may use any landscape designer they choose, it is highly recommended by both the Circle C Architectural Committee and PWHOA that any xeriscape conversion be done by a professional landscape company. As always, substantial changes must be approved by CCHOA and PWHOA before work commences.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of long time resident and former Board of Directors member Jack Robinson who died in April. Jack and his wife Jan are some of the earliest residents of Phase 2 of Park West. Jack was a member of the board when Park West undertook the FireWise project with the City of Austin and spent countless hours overseeing the coordination and work of the project. We will miss his smile and friendly greetings.

A heartfelt thank you to Tom Jedrzejewicz, who recently resigned from the PWHOA Board of Directors, for his service to the PWHOA not only as a board member but also for many years on various committees serving this community. His input will be missed! The PWHOA Board will be appointing a successor to fill out the remainder of Tom's term per Park West HOA rules.

Both gates are now operational as you have noticed. Thank you for your cooperation and patience while the west entrance gate was being repaired. We are still without the name of the person responsible for the collision so our insurance carrier has paid for the repairs minus our deductible of \$500. If anyone has information about the collision, please call Marilyn Childress, the PWHOA property manager at 512-750-2883.

With the emphasis on water wise landscaping, now is a good time to take advantage of the free front yard sprinkler checks by our landscape maintenance company. When the HOA had a mandatory water audit done by the city, it was discovered that the irrigation system at the east mail center was malfunctioning. After the repair, which included the installation of a drip irrigation system by our landscaper, Pearson Landscape, as a gift to the community, it is a pleasure to report that our water consumption dropped dramatically and we are enjoying quite a savings in our monthly bill! That's great news!! Checking your system may result in some savings on your water bill also. Please remember that the checks are for the part of your yard maintained by the HOA. Any repairs made to your system by the landscaper are your responsibility and not assumed by the HOA. Information on sprinkler checks is located on the bulletin boards at the mail centers.

Wonderful winter we have had this spring...HA! Despite numerous weather fronts with cooler than usual weather, I think we can now say that spring is here. The walking "traffic" has picked up and it's lovely to see neighbors out and about again. Lots of canine walkers with them. Please remember our City Ordinance and "Scoop the Poop." This attention to picking up after your dog helps to make our community cleaner and safer as well as streams and creeks and ultimately the aquifer. Thank you!!

A word about the news in this column: The deadline for submission of the copy for the column is on the 10th of the month preceding publication. Sometimes it will seem like old news because you have already heard the outcome or action that was taken. With such a long lead time, that will often be the case. However, important issues are included and not all homeowners have heard resolutions to these issues. Also, reminders are included for homeowner action. Please bear with us.

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### HOA Announcements

# The Art of the Enchanted Fairy Garden!

Fairies and other magical wee folk have long been fixtures in fables, myths and ancient folklore. Long since medieval times, mystical fairies have flitted across gardens worldwide. Fairies are magical miniature creatures of good will that bring luck, prosperity, and good health to the chosen few whose garden they inhabit.

Haven't you always wanted an enchanted garden? Or perhaps there is a little one in your life that would love to have one? Well it turns out that your yard (yes, yours!) is the

perfect place for a fairy garden to exist! Location is everything in real estate you know, so be sure to find just the spot to create your garden that will be protected from curious non-fairy feet- human or otherwise! Flower pots, tins, garden carts and even bird baths provide excellent places for fairies to live.

Our summers are hot and even fairies feel like they melt in the heat. They also need a place to hide from curious humans. A home! They need

Submitted by Susan Hoover



a little fairy home where they can feel safe and protected. Fairies love lush landscapes. When they aren't busy playing good-natured pranks, they like to lounge about in their little spaces. Ground cover, miniature shade trees, plants and flowers, a little pond perhaps! And at night when everyone else sleeps, fairies have been known to dance about mischievously and cause a bit of disarray so you may need to help them tidy up their gardens quite often. They aren't the best cleaners you know- they are too busy having fun and spreading magic

and glitter for that!

Fairies aren't too particular; they love anything and everything that you give to their gardens whether it is cute furniture accents or enchanted stones. But remember, the most important element is magic. You must believe in the magic of fairies. With that, you can create the most magical fairy garden of all.

Happy gardening!

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# Rainwater Harvesting

Water, water conservation, water restrictions, drought. Water is a hot (pun intended!) topic of conversation around here, especially as we begin heading into the summer months. It's just May and here we are already at Stage 2 water restrictions and possibly facing Stage 3 before too long. So, what can we do?

Preserve as much of the "free" water that we can! By installing and using a rain barrel you can really take advantage of the precious few rainy days we see. Placed under one of your downspouts, rain barrels conveniently collect rainwater that you can use to water gardens and lawns, wash cars (or dogs!), rinse out beach or camping equipment, the uses are endless. Really anything you would turn to your hose for, a rain barrel can accomplish! Consider this- a 1000 square foot roof yields about 600 gallons per inch of rainfall, so that's a lot of water (and money) to be saved.

Still skeptical? Well, according to Save our Texas, if every household in the state of Texas began collecting rainwater for their outdoor watering needs, 10 billion gallons of water would be released to recharge our aquifers, lakes, and rivers! A simple internet search yields lots of DIY barrels that are cheap and relatively easy to install, however, be advised that plastic barrels really do not hold up well in our Texas weather. For just a little more money up front, you can purchase a well-made, fully assembled rain barrel from numerous places around town. And more good news! The City of Austin has a rebate program in place that you may qualify for so long as your barrel is not of the homemade variety. Visit the website below for more information and FAQ's.

Now what are you waiting for? Head to a local garden center, pick up a rain barrel and start harvesting that rain water today! Or you know, the next time it rains.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- COA Rebate program: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/ rainwater-harvesting-rebates/
- http://www.greenlivinghillcountry.com/resources/smart-watersolutions/rain-barrels/
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### Sports News



### The Modern Game: The Top Spin Backhand

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing. I am now 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 Backhand. This shot is used when a player is presently 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, Tyler Duncum, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Tyler is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant. This shot can also be executed from the service line as an "approach shot" to the net.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Tyler is pulled wide to her backhand, she makes a quick turn of her upper body and takes her racket back. The head of the racket is now at waist height, her shoulders are turned, the left hand holding the racket, and her right hand changing to the "continental grip". She has loaded her left hip to help her drive her weight forward. Her left grip is relaxed and her wrist is "laid back" to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 2: 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 and accelerating the racket head around the outside of the ball. Tyler started the swing high and "looped" it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. She will be brushing around the outside of the ball as she makes contact with it. Her right shoulder is almost opening and her weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum control and power, Tyler is keeping her left arm almost straight as she extends through the shot. She has "snapped" her left wrist and her right hand helps with the stability and power. She has now allows her left side to transfer forward towards the net.

Step 4: The Finish: Tyler's upper body acceleration is creating a high finish over her right shoulder. Her legs are already in position to recover back towards the middle of the court.

Step 5: The Ready Position: Once Tyler returns the ball to her opponent, she goes back home (towards the center of the court), to be ready for the next shot. Her knees are slightly flexed, she is in a good athletic stance and her eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Look in the next Newsletter for: "The Modern Game: The Forehand Approach Forehand Volley"

### **GREY ROCK TENNIS JUNIORS RECEIVE HONOR**

The Capital Area Tennis Association held their Annual Tennis Banquet honoring junior tennis players in Austin on April 27, 2014. Andy Roddick was the guest speaker but due to a commitment with ESPN in Los Angeles, he was unable to be present at the banquet. Still due to modern technology, he was able to communicate with the attendees via phone and had a chance to answer several questions from the players.

Grey Rock Tennis Club, was well represented. Players receiving awards were:

- Tyler Duncum, GRTC MVP Female Player
- Travis David, GRTC MVP Male Player
- Lauren Mainello, Girls' 16 Grand Prix State Champion
- Lauren Blevins, Girls' 16 Grand Prix State Champion (not in picture)
- Colby Lewis, Boys' 10 Orange Ball Junior Tour Winner (not in picture)
- Megan Zeng, Girls' 10 Green Ball Junior Tour Winner (not in picture)

Congratulations to all!



Left to right: Fernando Velasco, General Manager; Tyler Duncum, Lauren Mainello, Travis David and Mandon Maloney, Head Tennis Pro Grey Rock Tennis Academy.



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### News You Can Use

#### **OSTEOPOROSIS UPDATE** WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Dr. Sandy Heald Sublett, Pt, Dpt, Ocs Clt While Many Consider Osteoporosis A Problem Of The Geriatric Population, It Is One That Can Affect Young Women As Well.

#### Thursday, June 19, 2014, 7:30 To 9Pm. Free Drinks, Snacks, Door Prizes Will Be Available HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESENTATION INCLUDE

- Disease process, it's causes
- Who is affected by osteoporosis
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This Program is sponsored by and will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3701 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, 78749. For more information, BLCMS.org or 512-292-8778.

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#### **CIRCLE C** CONVERSATIONS This month's conversation-Adoption Options

#### **CONVERSATION LEADERS:**

Jane Hall, retired executive director of Adoption Advocates. Jane has facilitated the adoption of hundreds of children. As an attorney, Jane can also address the legal issues surrounding adoption.

Sybil McDade- Travis County Child Protective Services- will address foster to adoption procedures in Travis County.

When: Thursday evening June 16, 2014. 6:00PM to 8:00 at the Circle C Community Center.

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### Why Adopt a Child from the Texas Foster Care System?

By Julie Moody | Region 7 Media Specialist with the Department of Family and Protective Services

The question isn't why adopt a child from foster care but rather why not? Currently in Central Texas there are almost 700 children waiting for adoption, In Travis County alone, almost 200 children. Children in the foster care system are there due to no fault of their own. They are victims of unspeakable violence and neglect. But if you are reading this now, there is something you can do. Whether you are thinking about fostering or adopting a child or know someone who is, make sure you keep the conversation going. Parents, who live to love, guide and teach by example what it means to be a family. Stop and think for just one moment all that your parents did for you. Maybe you grew up in a single parent home, did that parent make sacrifices for you; make a commitment to your well-being? When you had a problem, did you have someone you could trust to talk to and give you solid advice? When you found yourself in trouble, was there a parent who bailed you out? When a foster child ages out of the system often times they have no one to rely on. We shouldn't allow children to grow up not knowing what it is like to have family they can call on in good times and in bad times. Thousands of caseworkers, CASA volunteers, and

others who work closely with foster children across the state of Texas work diligently each and every day to find permanent homes for the children waiting for adoption.

Stefanie White is the program director with Child Protective Services who oversees all of the adoption units in Central Texas. She said, "When children are adopted it is closing one chapter in their lives, they are no longer foster kids, they don't have to worry about the security of their future. They now have a future with endless possibilities." There are meetings you must go to, trainings, home studies, background checks, and possibly placements with children that don't work for you or for the child. It is sometimes a heart breaking experience. But any of us who have had the experience of parenting a child can say that oftentimes it is a challenge. But if you are willing to open your heart and your home to a child in need, you will be giving a child a gift that will last a lifetime. That is the gift of being part of a family and having a home they can call their own.

For more information about fostering and adopting through the Texas Foster Care System visit www.adoptchildren.org.



# News You Can Use GREY ROCK GOLF CLUB

Dear Neighbor,

Greetings from Grey Rock Golf Club! It's our pleasure to introduce you to the neighborhood's best kept secret.

Grey Rock Golf Club is a unique hybrid golf facility that caters to the passionate golfer. As a golf-centric facility we provide members and guests with a first rate, full service golf experience in an unmatched setting. We are just completing over one million dollars in club and course improvements including our Caylor white sand bunkers.

Exceptional golf is only the beginning of the Grey Rock experience. Golfers are certain to enjoy the challenges of our Jay Morrish designed course in championship condition as well as expert guidance from our PGA Professionals at the Grey Rock Golf Academy. We have more to offer including a true Texas-style full service clubhouse, Grill, covered Biergarten and Live Oak Patio for entertaining.

Why not learn the game by participating in one of our many clinics, leagues or teaching programs at the renowned Grey Rock Golf Academy? Or just come and enjoy the environment: we offer dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner with fresh house-smoked meats straight off our state-of-the-art Southern Pride smoker. We host "Grey Rocks" Live Music Series and special member events throughout year. You'll always find friendly people ready to make your Grey Rock experience an unforgettable one.

Our goal is for you, your family, and your business to make Grey Rock your home for golf and so much more. We are open for public daily play but also offer a variety of membership programs designed to fit your needs, including our Individual Masters Membership, Family Membership, Senior, Young Executive, Grow the Game Range Membership, Junior and Men's Golf Association.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Parson, Membership Director Stephanie@greyrockgolfclub.com, (512) 288-4297 ext: 304



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### Medicare and the Affordable Health Care Act

#### Submitted by Elizabeth Ball: Certified Senior Advisor – resident of Circle C

I have received questions lately as to if and how the new health care act affects seniors and their Medicare health insurance.

As I am also frequently asked "What exactly is Medicare?" - to start with here is a brief educational moment. Medicare is the federal medical insurance program for persons 65 and older. Medicare Part A is hospital insurance, and Part B covers physician services and other costs not covered by part A. Part C is an optional coverage of Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D is drug coverage, which is not covered by the insurance.

Medicare however, does not provide 100% coverage for parts A and B and so it is very advisable to obtain supplemental insurance as these costs can quickly mount if someone becomes ill. And of course it is important to obtain Part D prescription drug coverage.

So, does the Affordable Health Care Act affect Medicare - the simple answer is: it does not. Medicare is not part of the new act so there is no need to do anything with coverage. This applies whether it be an original or Medicare Advantage Plan.

Along with that there is some good news for seniors and health insurance. Some preventative services such as mammograms, colonoscopies and annual wellness checks are now covered without charges to supplemental insurance or deductibles.

And even better news is that the infamous "donut hole" for Part D prescription drug coverage will be closed by 2020. If you can't wait that long there is relief for those who cannot tolerate generic drugs, and need to take a brand name variety. There is a 50% discount on Part D brand name drugs which will help when we find ourselves in the donut hole.

New plans are also in place to give Drs. additional resources to co-ordinate care for seniors which will help ensure consistency of treatment. This will assist seniors to avoid the confusing maize of doctors and treatment plans that can happen at present.

While there have been concerns about the cost and subsequent lifespan of the Medicare Trust to provide insurance long term, the trust has been extended another 12 years. Medicare is committed to reducing waste and fraudulent activity in the system, which will help protect this valuable benefit.

The good news is that seniors will not have to deal with the healthcare.gov website and its "alt - delete" issues! We are hopefully assured that Medicare will remain as is for some years to come.



### Swim Center News New Pool Cards For 2014

Submitted by: Circle C Aquatics Staff During our winter closure we installed a new and improved membership system. We will be issuing all residents new pool ID cards once we have received a Resident ID Form for the household. Everyone will get a card this year, kids 5 and up will receive a photo ID card. All residents of Circle C are required to fill out our new form in order to access the pools this year. Once the pool office has received your form it will get processed and you will be notified that your information is ready and you can stop by to get your cards made during business hours. With the new membership system in place residents can log onto their aquatics accounts and register upcoming programs or change contact information. This will help us improve communication between aquatics staff and our residents. As the summer picks up more and more forms will be turned in so get yours to us as soon as possible to avoid the hassle!

Thank for all your cooperation!

#### Lifeguards Wanted! Submitted by Beth Ann Matlock

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

### **Group Swim Lessons**

#### Submitted by: Amanda Hartman

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.

# **Stay Safe This Summer**

Submitted By: Amanda Hartman

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!



#### SPRING HOURS (MARCH 17 - JUNE 8)

Swim Center Pool 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: 10 a.m.-6p.m.

Community Center Pool (May 3rd – June 8th) Weekends Only: 12-6 p.m.

#### SUMMER HOURS (JUNE 9 - AUGUST 24)

#### Swim Center Pool (Closed Mondays) Tuesday-Friday: 6-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only 10 a.m.-8pm

Saturday: 7-10 a.m. Lap Swim Only (Check lane chart for lane changes times/dates) 10 a.m.-8p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-8p.m.

Community Center Pool (Closed Tuesdays) Wednesday-Monday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### LABOR DAY WEEKEND HOURS (AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER I) Swim Center Pool

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> *Community Center Pool* Saturday-Monday: 12-6 p.m.



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Submitted by Mikala McFerren

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Feeling adventurous? Explore alternate methods of gardening during the final class in our Dealing with Drought Conditions series this spring. If you have time, space, or physical limitations yet still have a desire to nurture your green thumb, Master Gardener Pat Mokry will teach you how to raise carefree veggies, herbs and flowers using self-sufficient Grow Boxes. Then, for some more 'new' ideas, Master Gardener Marian Stasney will describe the ancient practices of both keyhole gardening and hugelkultur, to expand your repertoire of gardening techniques.

Part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Water Conservation Series Register at https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/TravisCounty or by phone 979-845-2604. \$10 fee online or \$15 on site. When you register, youll automatically be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to The Great Outdoors on South Congress. Class is limited to 40 people.

#### Composting for the Home Garden

Saturday, June 21, 2014, 10am - noon Zilker Botanical Garden 2220 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, TX, 78746

Pat Mokry, Master Gardener and compost specialist, will teach the methods of constructing different composting systems to turn kitchen 'trash' into garden treasure. You'll be both informed and entertained by Pat's presentation on how to use this valuable soil amendment to increase your garden's fertility and productivity.

This seminar is free; Zilker park entrance fee is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child or senior. The seminar is presented by the Travis County Master Gardeners, a volunteer arm of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County. www.tcmastergardeners.org. For information, call (512)477-8672.



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22 11am-8:00pm	23 CLOSED	MahiMahi 24 Fish Tacos, Jicama Slaw, Rice	Pomegranate 25 Roasted Chicken Sage Polenta Julienne Vegetables	Coconut Shrimp 26 Pineapple Rice Vegetables	BBQ Brisket 27 Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread	28 11am-8:00pm			

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Hover flies are great fliers and are capable of hovering or even flying backward. Adults and larvae are considered beneficial; adults because they help to pollinate plants and larvae for feeding on aphids and other insects. Hoverflies cannot sting.

Hover flies have complete metamorphosis with 4 life stagesegg, larva, pupa and adult. Females lay whitish-grey oblong eggs singly near aphids. Larvae are legless and carrot shaped. The larvae may vary in color but most have a stripe running the length of the back. Pupae are pear shaped and typically found on the plant or soil surface. There can be up to 7 generations per year.

Adult flies feed on pollen and nectar and may also be attracted to honeydew which is caused by sucking insects such as aphids, mealybugs and scale insects. Adults are typically found around flowers. Larvae feed on aphids and other small, soft-bodied insects. Larvae move along the plant surface looking for prey. When they find something, they grasp it, suck it dry and discard the skin. Pupae are non-feeding.

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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### Attention: SW Austin Business Owners, Marketing & Sales Professionals WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD... PROFESSIONALS!

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

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