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This month's cover photo was submitted by Sarah Jordan of Miles of Smiles Photography.

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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Elli Overton paces from swim lane to swim lane in the Austin sun. She shouts instructions to swimmers in the water with an accent bigger than Texas, yet hers is Australian. Her strides are long due to her 5'11 frame. Her broad shoulders, red hair and freckled complexion are striking, allowing her to stand out among those around the Circle C Swim Center pool.

It is only once you learn she is a two-time Olympian, former NCAA Division I collegiate athlete, mother of two, an author and head coach of the 250 member Circle C Seals summer league swim team that you realize Elli Overton is not like any other Circle C resident. Her swimming career started when she was six years old. A silver medal finish at her first swim meet in the 50m Freestyle cemented her love for the sport. Elli's accomplished career impressively warrants her very own Wikipedia page. Her professional resume includes three Summer Olympics games, finishing in fifth place in Barcelona (1992) and Atlanta (1996), and in 11th place in Sydney (2000), a World Short Course, Pan Pacific, Commonwealth Games, and Australian Champion and a bronze medal winner at the 1994 World Aquatics Championships.

However, overall happiness was as elusive as the Olympic medals she sought. In the two years prior to the Games, she moved away from her family, put her academic career on hold and dedicated her life to swimming. In 1996, Elli contemplated quitting the sport after her self-perceived Olympic failure. It was during an "a-ha" moment she learned that an American

Collegiate swimming experience, which she had at the University of California at Berkeley, could help her find the balance she needed to receive an amazing education while continuing to swim for Australia at a high level.

Spending that much time in the water competing on the International stage requires dedication, discipline, a commitment to excellence and excellent time management skills. Swimmers find pride in trying and learning self-improvement. It is the ability for an athlete (or entrepreneur, a business professional or anyone, really) to concentrate and pay attention to the little things their body and environment are doing that separates great athletes from the rest.

In 2013, Elli wrote Jay's Swimming Journey, a book that explores the concept of self-awareness. In her experience coaching, she could see that kids were more interested in winning First Place and not focused on doing the proper stroke, an offense that earns a disqualification. Perhaps the most important lesson in all of her swimming experience is that winning isn't everything. She is always teaching her swimmers to appreciate "successes" for what they are and for when they happen, and not constantly wishing they had done more or better. Elli finds this part of the "journey" the most rewarding and fun. Her goal is for her swimmers to enjoy the sport, learn to better love and work with the water and feel good about themselves along the way. More information about Elli Overton and private training for adults, kids and triathletes can be found online at [elliovertontrainingsystems.com](http://elliovertontrainingsystems.com).

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**Alamo Draft House Kids Camp:** Every Monday – Thursday at 10:30 am, there will be a free movie for kids. Since tickets are free, they are not available online. Tickets for these confirmed movies are available now at the Alamo box office.

July 7 – July 10: KUNG FU PANDA (available soon)

July 21 – July 24: RIO (available soon)

July 28 – 31: DESPICABLE ME 2

August titles are pending, as is the film for July 14 - July 17. Please note that titles are subject to change, and more titles will be announced

as they are confirmed

**The Splash Pad at Butler Park.** Many of us have been to Butler Park and enjoy seeing our kids playing in the fountains at the Splash Pad. But Kristy suggested trying it at night to appreciate the light show that goes along with all the water fun!

**Build a bug house for free with The Home Depot.** Sure you can go to the Home Depot to learn how to install tile, but did you know they offer free workshops for kids too during the summer?

**Play old school pinball,** and other more modern games in the 13,000ft<sup>2</sup> arcade at Pinballz Arcade. If you fall in love with a game while you are there, you can probably buy it!

**Learn the History of Texas at the Bullock Museum** - It's free the 1st Sunday of each month

**Play with Bubbles,** do chalk art and enjoy some music at the Long Center's Bubblepalooza! In addition to Bubblepalooza, the Long Center has tons of fun planned for Austinites this summer.

**Bowling at "The Underground!"** Kristy describes the Union Underground at UT as "one of those hidden gems that doesn't always pop into mind when thinking of places to bowl." While it does cater to UT students, it is open to the public.

**Glow Bowl, with Black Lights, Lasers, and Music** takes place

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## Quality Time With Dad (Continued from Page 6)



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**Summer means Ice Cream**, so why not make it a learning Experience. Tour the Amy's Ice Cream Production Facility and your kids will learn how ice cream is made.

This is just a sampling of ideas to get us all thinking about creating lifetime memories with our families this summer. I'm sure many of you have had some terrific Quality Time Experiences with your kids in Austin. Please feel free to visit the Dads of Circle C on Facebook and share your insights on great dad/kid activities

Just search "DOCC" or Dads of Circle C on Facebook to find us. Have a terrific summer!

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## AMBASSADOR KRISTYNE BLACKBURN'S CHARITY SWIM

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Kristyne is a HOPE4JD Ambassador seeking pledges for her 9 mile swim from Emma Long Park to Hula Hut on August 9, 2014. Her goal is \$1,900.00.

Kristyne is a Circle C resident who wants to help bring awareness to the needs of families whose lives have been forever changed by water related tragedies. She is an avid swimmer and a supporter of HOPE4JD. As you will notice, the number 9 is the # of miles she will swim, in the date of the swim, as well as in the goal she set. 9 is JD's favorite number.

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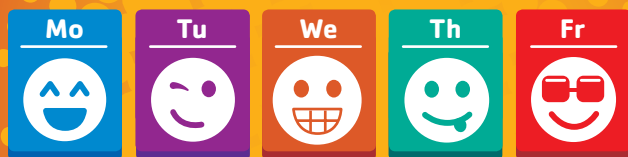
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*Submitted by Jackie Rollins*



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Park West and Circle C residents were very saddened to hear of the passing on April 27 of good friend and neighbor Jack Robinson.

But the loss of Jack was felt by many other Austinites and Texans, as Jack Robinson was a prominent city and state figure in the parks system, here in Austin and in Dallas, serving for many years as director of Parks and Recreation in both cities.

In those capacities and in several other positions of leadership, Jack contributed immeasurably to the number, quality and beauty of Austin parks and recreation areas and facilities.

Jack worked closely with Lady Bird Johnson to found the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and on the beautification of the Austin Town Lake (now the Lady Bird Lake) Hike and Bike Trail, both of which Jack considered to be the highlights of his professional career.

As such, as a fifth-generation Texan, and especially as part of a family that started taking care of Barton Springs Pool in 1935 and lived in the now-historic Zilker Park cottage-- Jack himself became manager of Zilker Park in 1964 -- Jack is certainly part of Austin's proud history.

Those who worked with or for Jack have nothing but praise for what Jack was able to do for the city of Austin. They cherish his memory very much.

Park architectural historian Kim McKnight says of Jack, "He was the inspiration for the discovery of untold stories of park history that we are still uncovering and trying to share with the public. He was a remarkable man and lived in a remarkable time."

Present and former Parks and Recreation personnel and so many others appreciate and value Jack's contributions so much that they would like to have the Austin Parks and Recreation Department's building at 200 South Lamar named after Jack W. Robinson.

They are filing a petition to that effect with the Austin Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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## HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submitted by Karen Hibpsman, CCHOA Manager*

### **HOA DUES TO BE MAILED IN JULY**

The second half of your annual dues assessment will be mailed the first week of July; they will be due August 1st! Please follow the following procedures when sending in your dues: Mail to the PO BOX 163541, Austin, TX 78716 (Do NOT drop off at the HOA office). Financial Manager's office is not part of the Circle C office, and the CCHOA office is not bonded to accept payments. Please do NOT postdate your check. Please do NOT staple your invoice to your check. Include it in the envelope. Please make your payment by CHECK ONLY, we do not accept credit cards. Please call our Financial Office at 512-451-9901 if you have any questions or if you do not receive a statement by mid-July. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **WHERE TO PARK**

**Parking at Home:** The HOA receives quite a few calls and emails from residents who are frustrated with street parking throughout the community. The BEST place for residents to park is in their garage, not only does this look better, but is safer in terms of deterring vehicle burglaries and vandalism. If you are unable to park in your garage, perhaps it's time to consider clearing out this space and looking for better storage solutions. If you absolutely cannot park in your garage, then the next best place is your driveway. This ensures that the streets are kept clear, which not only looks better, but is also safer in terms of emergency vehicles having the best access. If you have guests over and they must park in the street, ask them to park directly in front of your home. If you are in a cul-de-sac, this is especially true, as it is illegal for cars to park nose in; cars must park parallel to the curb.

**Parking at the Pool:** Both pools have a very limited amount of parking spots as many of you may know. We greatly encourage our already very active neighborhood to take advantage of the sunny days and walk or bike to the pool to avoid the everlasting wait for a parking spot. The spaces in front of the Child Development Center building are designated for the CDC during hours of operation. Outside of CDC operating hours residents are welcome to park in front of the building.

**Parking at the Mail Center:** There are spaces in front of the Mailboxes at the Swim Center designated for Mail Pick Up only. Please refrain from parking in the Mail Center for any use other than mail pick-up. This center is the largest of the mail centers and services over 900 residents so please keep your neighbors in mind.

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our website, [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info), go to the amenities tab and then click on the Circle C Community Center. You can then click on resident activities on the left hand side to see a schedule to see all the events that are open to Circle C residents. Click on an activity that you are interested in to see more details. If you have any questions or you would like to register for a class please contact the company providing the activity.

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- Odd addresses on Wednesday

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### **DEED RESTRICTIONS**

As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drives at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers\_ parked in the driveway. Currently, we are particularly looking for clutter and debris in driveway, yards, and along the sides of homes. The HOA is required by state law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

### **CHECK YOUR FENCE**

We are seeing many fences in need of repair or full replacement. Check your fence for missing pickets, broken pickets, and pickets tattered at ground level, unattached sections at the posts, unstable leaning sections. If your fence has been stained, replacement pickets must be stained to match. If you are replacing your fence with the same fence, no changes, you may do so without submitting for a review. Any other changes must be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. You can find a submission form at under the ACC tab of the [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) page.

### **SNAKE SIGHTINGS**

Many residents have reported various sightings of snakes. Please keep in mind these snakes feel just as threatened by us as we do of them so it is important that you keep your distance in their presence and let them continue on their path. Do not attempt to interfere with them. Keep your eyes open in tall grasses and wooded areas. Keep your dogs safe by keeping them leashed and away from these areas as well.



# WILDFIRE SEASON

## A FOCUS ON THE FIREWISE PROGRAM AND SUMMER LANDSCAPING TIPS

*Submitted by Susan Hoover*

If you're like me, you may hear the term "wildfire" and think of brush fires, grass fires, or forest fires; the kinds of fires that destroy land but not necessarily homes- and in particular, your home. But Texas is one of the fastest growing states in the nation and is seeing many of its citizens moving to what is referred to the Wildland Urban Interface – a place where subdivisions and businesses meet the surrounding forests and fields. This means new fire risks for urban homeowners.

Wildfire behavior is influenced by three main factors: topography (lie of the land), weather (temperature, humidity, drought, wind) and fuel (vegetation and man-made structures). Of these, fuel is the only factor that we can influence and so fuel reduction becomes highly important when you are caring for your home.

The National Fire and Protection Association has created a program called the Firewise Communities Program and according to their website, "the program teaches residents about the hazards of wildfire, and how they can put simple, smart practices into play around their homes, and encourage neighbors to work together to help prepare for and reduce the risk of home destruction due to wildfires."

The Home Ignition Zone. "According to fire science research and case studies, it's not where a home is located that necessarily determines ignition risk, but the landscape around it, often referred to as the 'home ignition zone.' The home ignition zone is defined as the home and its immediate surroundings up to 200 feet." By paying attention to, and taking care of, your home's immediate surroundings you can lower your risk of fire and reduce its sources of fuel. Sweep decks, clean out gutters, prune low hanging branches, remove wood

piles, consider non-flammable outdoor furniture, etc.. By creating "defensible space" you will greatly reduce your home's risk to wildfire.

For more information and tips on protecting your home, we encourage you to visit the Firewise website at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). In their toolkit you will also find a Guide to Firewise Principles and a Firewise Tips Checklist for Homeowners.

And how about a few strategies for maintaining your yards and landscaping as we enter the hottest months of the year?

During a drought supplemental irrigation is essential. Water your lawn and garden thoroughly but not too frequently (which, with our water restrictions, this is what we are already doing, right!?) Soaking to a depth of 8 inches is a good rule of thumb. And avoid late afternoon watering.

Mulch! The folks at Texas A&M Agrilife Extension explain that "a good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success." Dry soil equals dead plants, folks. There are a variety of mulch types available so you may need to do a little research to determine your best course of action but no matter what- mulch, mulch, mulch!

Check for insects or signs of disease and destroy any badly infested plants or use an organic control.

Apply a light layer of organic fertilizer every 4-6 weeks. This along with removing faded flowers should help plants keep growing and producing flowers. Fall blooming perennials should also be pruned and kept compact during the summer months before buds begin forming.

The City of Austin Grow Green website has plenty of tips for caring for your trees during a drought and many standard operating principles that can help your landscape over the summer.

### SOURCES:

Firewise: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) | Texas Forest Service: [www.txforests-service.tamu.edu](http://www.txforests-service.tamu.edu)  
Texas A&M presentation on Firewise Landscaping: [http://txforests-service.tamu.edu/uploadedFiles/FRP/UWI/Firewise\\_Landscaping.pdf](http://txforests-service.tamu.edu/uploadedFiles/FRP/UWI/Firewise_Landscaping.pdf)

## NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD

### **XERISCAPE LANDSCAPE PLANS**

We have completed the project of having xeriscape landscape plans developed to aid our homeowners who wish to make substantial changes to their front yards. By the time you read this, they will have been uploaded to the Park West website (<http://www.goodwintx.com/>, select Park West at Circle C) and available for your inspection.

If you have a question about the plans, please send an email to Marilyn Childress ([Marilyn.Childress@goodwintx.com](mailto:Marilyn.Childress@goodwintx.com)). In addition, guidelines for the implementation of substantial xeriscape changes specific to Park West are included. If you desire to replace some of the plants in your yard with plants which are more water wise, you may do so without prior board approval as long as they are from the approved Park West plant list, are to be planted within the existing flowerbed areas, maintain the look and feel of the neighborhood and do not create a maintenance issue for the landscaper. If you wish to include a plant not on the list, please send a written request to the property manager, Marilyn Childress.

### **NEW FLAGS FOR MAIL CENTERS**

Thank you to homeowners Dave Maril and Dorian DeWind for replacing the American flags at the east and west mail centers. Both Dave and Dorian are veterans. The existing flags were replaced with new ones a few days before Memorial Day, a time when our nation pauses to remember our brave service men and women who have died defending freedom for all.

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

The Property Crime Prevention Group of Circle C recently met to discuss criminal activity in Circle C and actions residents can take to prevent criminal activity in our neighborhoods. One simple preventative measure is to turn on your outside lights at dusk. Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Easily installed programmable timers are available that can be used to set the on/off times for your lights so this task can be automatic. Another suggestion is to take away the opportunity for crime by keeping valuables in your car out of sight and locking your car. It is wise to keep garage door openers out of sight or lock your garage door so it cannot be opened by the opener if your

car is broken into. Park West has some street lights, but there are areas which are quite dark. School is out for the summer and acts of vandalism increase. Park West has already had vandalism reported to a home on Tasajillo Cove. Let's turn on the lights!!

### **DRIP IRRIGATION**

Pearson Landscape will be installing drip irrigation at the west mail center as a gift to our community. They have already installed drip irrigation at the east mail center resulting in a substantial savings in our water cost. Many thanks to Pearson Landscape and Scott for these two gifts!

### **FILTRATION POND**

We are still awaiting a decision from the City of Austin concerning the maintenance of the Lot 103 water shed filtration pond. As soon as we have that decision, we will notify Park West homeowners. The board recently authorized the mowing of the defensible area on Lot 103 (30 ft. back from the homes) as defined by the Fire Wise program.

### **JUST A REMINDER -**

A reminder that the garbage and recycle containers as well as bagged leaves and lawn trimmings should not be put out on the street before 5 PM on Sunday. The gates to our community are open on Sunday afternoon to allow for open houses and drive through traffic looking at our neighborhood homes for possible purchase. The streets are very narrow and congestion from garbage cans placed on the streets makes it unsafe for children in the neighborhood as additional cars negotiate the street dodging garbage cans. In addition, visitors have no place to park with cans on the street.

Open Houses scheduled for homes that are For Sale are held in Park West on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 PM. Our gates are preprogrammed to remain open to accommodate this activity. Under no circumstances are gate codes to be posted on the consoles outside our gates for unauthorized Open Houses on other days. If you see this has been done or have any questions about the policy, please call Marilyn Childress. If you plan to list your home for sale, please inform your realtor of our policy. Thank you for your cooperation.





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# TENNIS TIPS

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



CAPTION 1



CAPTION 2



CAPTION 3



CAPTION 4



CAPTION 5

## The Modern Game: The Forehand Approach Shot

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 in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court. In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Forehand Approach Shot. This shot is used when an opponent hits a soft shot that has bounced high over the net. The player will take advantage and will charge to the net, thus hitting with top spin high over the net and hit with power. 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. This shot can be used as a “winner” or as an “approach shot.”

In the illustrations, Christian Smith, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Christian is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant.

**Step 1: The Back Swing:** When Christian sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, the left hand in front of his body for balance. He has

loaded his right hip to help him drive his weight forward. His grip is relaxed and his 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. Christian started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing around the outside of the ball as he makes contact with it. His right shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

**Step 3: The Follow Through:** In order to get maximum control and power, Christian is keeping his left arm in front as he extends through the shot. He has “snapped” his left wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. His weight is in the process of shifting forward.

**Step 4: The Finish:** Christian’s upper body acceleration forced his head of the racket to “wrap around” his left hip, thus creating the most power and topspin on the ball. His legs are already in position to move forward the net for a volley.

**Step 5: The Ready Position:** Once Christian hits the ball, he must get ready to volley if the ball was not a “winner”. By the smile on his face, his forehand approach shot was successful and is waiting for an easy return to “kill” the next shot. His knees are slightly flexed, he is in a good athletic stance and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Approach Shot”*





# Aquatics News

## NEW POOL CARDS FOR 2014

*Submitted by Trevor VanOsselaer*

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.

## LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

*Submitted by Trevor VanOsselaer*

Circle C Aquatics is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2014 season! Applications can be found online at [ccswim.net](http://ccswim.net) under the Employment tab, we have plenty of openings. Check with the Swim Center for lifeguard classes to obtain Red Cross certification.

## GROUP SWIM LESSONS

*Submitted by Amanda Hartman*

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 from 5:30-6:30pm. The last day to register for each session is the Friday before it starts. More info and dates can be found on our website under the group lesson tab.



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10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Monday: CLOSED

### *Community Center Pool (La Crosse & Spruce Canyon)*

Monday: 9am-7pm

Wednesday-Sunday: 11am-7pm

Tuesdays: CLOSED

## HOLIDAY/SPECIAL EVENT HOURS

### *Swim Center*

#### *Labor Day Weekend*

*(August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>)*

Saturday 8/30: 7:00 am – 10:00 am (LAP SWIM ONLY)

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday 8/31: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday 9/1: 6:00 am – 10:00 am (LAP SWIM ONLY)

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

### *Community Center*

#### *Food Trailer Nights*

July 11<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

August 8<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Labor Day Weekend (August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>)

Saturday-Monday: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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## SWIMMING SAFE!

*Submitted by Amanda Hartman*

Hey parents, the summer heat is growing more and more intense. Make sure your kids are ready to hit the pool and stay safe this summer. To be 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 and be sure to apply sunblock often!



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# HOA Events

## 4th Of July Parade

Friday July 4th we will hold our annual parade and celebration at the Swim Center Plaza on La Crosse and Escarpment from 8:30am-11am. We will have plenty of activities for everyone, hope to see you there!

## Food Trailer Nights

*Submitted by Sarah Humphrey*

July 11th

Aug. 8th

Sept. 12th

Oct. 10th

Nov. 14th

Trailers will park at the Community Center Pool at the La Crosse and Spruce Canyon intersection. We will be bringing on new trailers so stop by and enjoy some of Austin's most unique cuisine!

## Dive In Movie Dates

*Submitted by Sarah Humphrey*

July 12th - Finding Nemo

August 23rd - Toy Story

Movies will be shown at the Swim Center on La Crosse and Escarpment. Pool will remain open at 8pm and movie will start at dusk. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase at the Circle C Café. Hope to see you all there!



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Wildflower	6	2,410	\$ 142	\$ 341	2001	14	0	2
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Hielscher	17	3,168	\$ 144	\$ 457	2003	20	3	3
West	6	3,378	\$ 142	\$ 478	2005	8	3	6
Park Place	4	2,002	\$ 159	\$ 318	2005	7	3	2
Muirfield	3	3,766	\$ 128	\$ 482	2006	120	3	0
Enclave 1&2	4	2,629	\$ 151	\$ 398	2008	7	1	0
Lacrosse	7	2,783	\$ 151	\$ 420	2007	18	0	3
Alta Mira	11	3,112	\$ 137	\$ 427	2008	25	2	0
Fairway Estates	4	3,922	\$ 158	\$ 621	2012	55	1	1
Enclave Estates	1	3,629	\$ 163	\$ 593	2010	8	1	2
Avana	10	2,597	\$ 160	\$ 415	2013	86	15	7
Barstow Village	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Barstow Court	1	1,869	\$ 182	\$ 340	2014	7	0	0
Greyrock Ridge	2	3,250	\$ 141	\$ 457	2014	14	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>\$ 146</b>	<b>\$ 409</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
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<b>% Change Yr / Yr</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>-23%</b>

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