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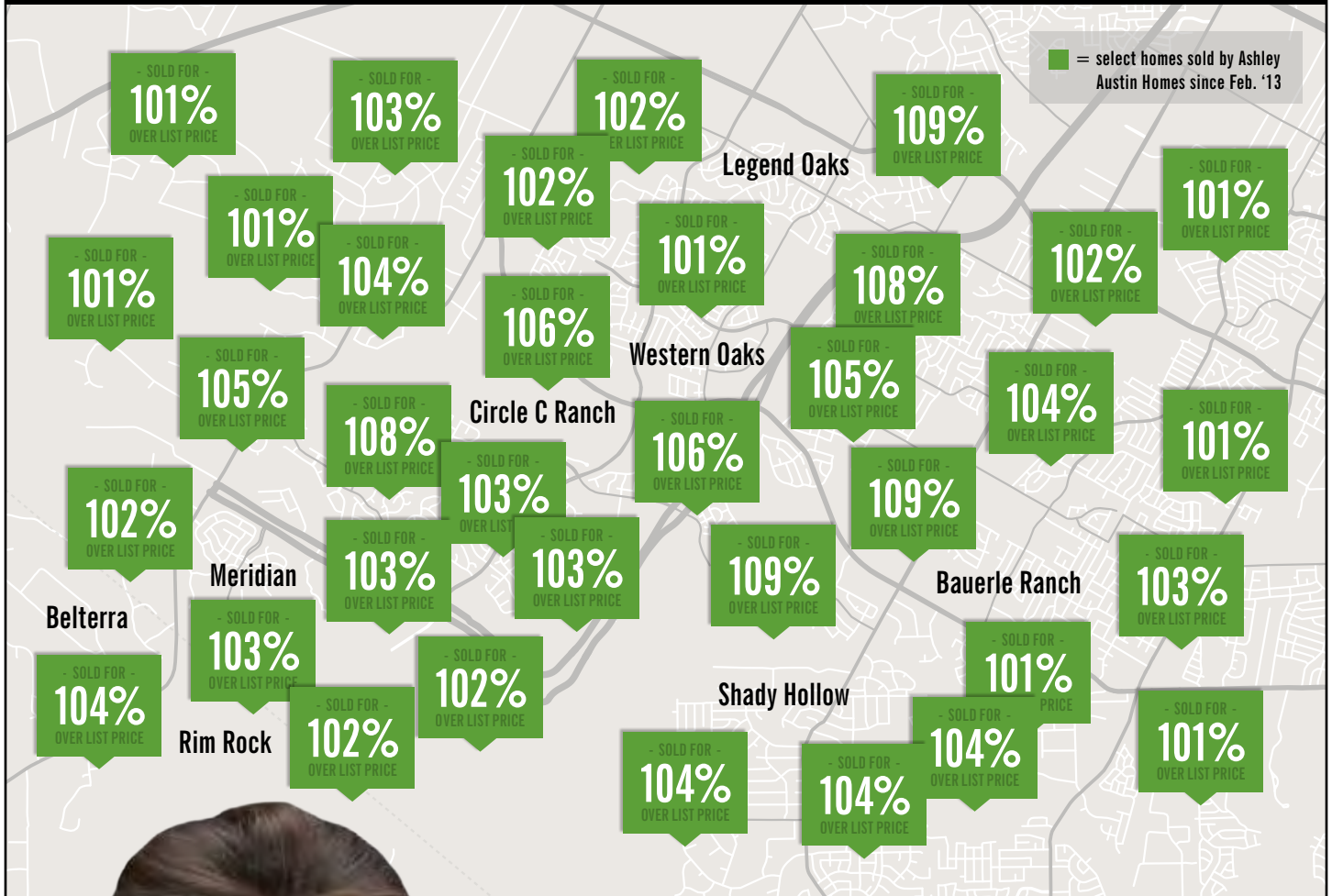
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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to sarah@circlecranch.info by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter or other Peel, Inc. publications. Call 512-263-9181 to find out how to have your business featured on the cover of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter.

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CCHOA 4th Of July Parade A Success!

The CCHOA hosted the annual 4th of July Parade last month and we had a fantastic turn out! We hope those friends and neighbors who were out of town or taking advantage of the holiday in other ways had as good a day as we did. We would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers for helping us make the event possible; we couldn't have done it without you!

Big congratulations to the winners of the "Decorated Wheels" Contest! The judges had their work cut out for them this year with so many sets of patriotic wheels! Our winners were Marley & Leyna Jensen, Dylan & Colton Zahn, Madelyn Evers, Croix Reich, Quintyn & Carmyn Zoghby, Richard & Claire Rodriguez, Maddox & Stella Lawrence, Katie Stout, Mya & Caden Bryant. Winners should stop by the CCHOA office to claim their gift card!

HOA Assessment Fees were due August 1st

Please follow these procedures when sending in your dues:

- Mail to the PO BOX 163541, Austin, TX 78716 (Do NOT drop off at the HOA office)
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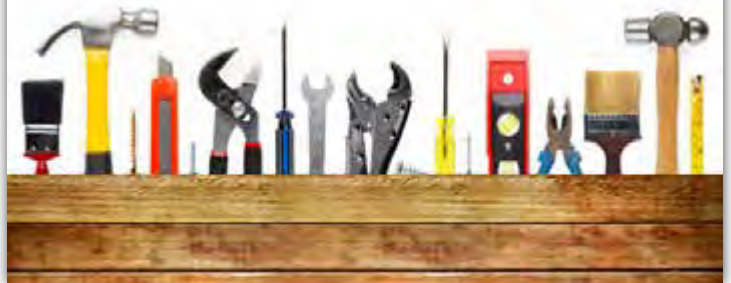
Back To School Safety

The time has come! The first day back to school is approaching and with that in mind we would like the community to remember to be wary of children walking or biking to and from school. We are a community inspired by activity, we want our youth to pursue these habits and we want to keep them as safe as possible while they do so. Please remember to obey all school zones, speed limits, and crossing guards. Take note of school zone time frames to avoid drop-off/pick-up traffic. Give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and keep an eye on those school zones!



PLANNING HOME IMPROVEMENTS?

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Circle C Homeowners Association state that all improvements to all single family homes and lots must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to construction. The Architectural Control Committee is appointed by the CCHOA Board of Directors. This committee has 30 days to review submitted projects so please keep this in mind when you are planning your home improvements. You can find guidelines for commonly proposed projects at our website, circlecranch.info and click on the ACC tab. From here you can also view the ACC FAQs and submit a project for review.



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Bradford Pear Trees

Submitted by Susan Hoover

We all know our neighborhood was hit pretty hard by the wind storm back in early June. We could call it Gone with the Wind 2014. Thankfully the tornado warnings proved to be a little overzealous- though how many of us grabbed our people, pets and photos and ran for cover anyway?! Many of our commons area trees did suffer quite a bit of damage needing repair (and in a few cases- removal!) and there's no doubt many of our homeowners woke up to tree damage the next morning as well. From what we were able to see, many of the damaged trees were Bradford pear trees so I wanted to take the opportunity to discuss that a little bit here.

Mature Bradford pear trees are a common item in our Austin and central Texas landscape today as they were a popular tree in the 1990s. On the positive side, these trees have remarkable ability to withstand drought and abuse, are highly resistant to disease, and really don't struggle with any major insect problems. Also because of their fast growth, bright blooms, fall color, and classic form, the popularity of Bradford pears bloomed (yes, pun intended!) and were heavily planted in all new developments up until about 2005.

Unfortunately, the average life expectancy of a Bradford pear is about 20 years as this is typically around the time that the tree will begin succumbing to its own structural issues. The tree's numerous branches originate at one central point from which all upward and outward growth stems from. Over time, the weight of the tree causes too much stress on the lower joints which in turn leads to the splitting apart of the tree. Regular pruning to promote more upright growth and installing cables and braces to support weak joints can add to the life of the tree. In some cases, with regular maintenance and inspections, a Bradford pear may last a little bit longer, but at the end of the day, it is a short-lived tree.

If you are looking to remove or replace a Bradford pear tree on your property, I would suggest starting your search locally. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center contains a wealth of information on landscaping, large or small scale, including recommendations for trees for all locations. For more please visit <http://www.wildflower.org/>.

We do not allow builders/developers to install Bradford Pear trees anymore, and we have removed over 100 of them from the commons areas as they neared the end of their life and branches would fly everywhere during a wind storm, or sometimes just in the normal southwesterly winds we experience in late Spring. If you have a Bradford Pear tree in your yard, please take a good look at it and find out if it has declined to the point that it needs removal. You certainly don't want a large one falling over on your or your neighbor's property. If it is one of the two shade trees required for your front yard, you will need to replant an appropriate shade tree in its place. Some of the highly recommended shade trees for our area are Monterey Oaks (white oaks), Cedar Elms, multi-trunked tree yaupons if your yard is small, Burr Oaks, Chinquapin Oaks, and Live Oaks.



Dive In Movie Night!

The Circle C Swim Center presents... Toy Story! Come join us Saturday August 23rd to catch an all-time classic movie! The water will open for free swim at 8pm and the movie will start at dusk. Entry is free for all Circle C Residents. Guests are welcome, standard guest fees and policies do apply. Remember the Swim Center cannot allow animals inside the facilities so please plan accordingly. The café will have popcorn and refreshments for sale so come on by!



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Items must be at the curb by 6:30am on the first day of your scheduled collection week (items set out after this time may be subject to collection fees). Bulk materials cannot be collected from businesses, alleys or vacant lots. Please sort your pickup items ahead of time. Do not put items next to garbage carts, mailboxes, water meters, fences or other possible obstacles. Bulk items should not be placed under low hanging power lines or tree limbs.



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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. Once you've entered your form, come by the Swim Center main office during Business Hours to get your picture taken and your new pool keycard assigned to you. Each person in your family will receive their own keycard.

SELECT SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Submitted by Hayley McGregory

Our Circle C Select Swim Team is accepting registrations for the Short Course season starting in August. There is a one-time \$75 registration fee per season; Short Course runs Aug-Feb and Long Course runs Mar-Jul. Tuition is due monthly and the fee amount varies depending on the swimmer's level.

Visit our promotional site at select.ccs swim.net for more information on pricing. Email coordinator@ccswim.net to schedule a tryout for the team!

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(AUGUST 25TH – OCTOBER 5TH)

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LABOR DAY HOURS

(AUGUST 30TH – SEPTEMBER 1ST)

Community Center Pool (LaCrosse & Spruce Canyon)

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Head of Household

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Primary Phone: _____ ☐ Check here if this is a Cell Phone
Alt Phone: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Email Address: _____

Additional Household Members (Only persons residing at address. Persons age 23+ require proof of residency)

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Full Name: _____ 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.

Lease Start Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Lease End Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Owner Phone: _____

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

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HOA Events



Dive In Movie Night
August 23rd – Toy Story
Movie will start at dusk. Get there around 8pm or earlier to grab a spot!

Food Trailer Nights
Submitted by Sarah Humphrey
Aug. 8th
Sept. 12th
Oct. 10th
Nov. 14th
Close 2 My Home has graciously helped us organize a community food trailer night one Friday night out of every month. Food trailers will be parked in the Community Center parking lot from 5:30pm-8:30pm. We will have music and fun activities for the kids. Many local businesses use this event as an opportunity to promote their services as well. Bring the whole family or just stop by for a quick bite, either way you are sure to be satisfied!



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Call John at (512) 970-1970 to list your house or see any property.

"JUST LISTED!!!" John's listing at 11809 Via Grande. 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home on quiet culdesac. Granite, stainless kitchen. Huge game room and granite master bath! Private lot loaded with fruit trees close to school and pool. **\$429,000.**



"JUST LISTED!!!" John's listing at 9505 Lynnhaven. Stunning 4 bed, 4 bath + office, hardwood floors, granite, stainless, BIG bedrooms, private back yard. Vintage Place! **\$469,000.**



"JUST LISTED!!!" John's listing at 11317 LaRue Belle. Over \$100K in hardwood floors, level 7 granite, covered patio, outdoor kitchen, upgrades, updates. Gorgeous salt water pool with jetted hot tub. HUGE lot at over .25 acre! **\$485,000.**



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"JUST LISTED!" John's listing at 11129 Bastogne Loop. Jaw-dropper 1-story, model-home plan backing to permanent 600 acre greenbelt. Hand-scraped hardwood floors take you through most of the home. 3 LARGE bedrooms, PLUS a big office! Granite and stainless, pot-filler kitchen looks over family room with gas fireplace. \$454,500.



"JUST LISTED!" John's listing at 11809 Via Grande. Beautiful 2-story home, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath on cul-de-sac with private back yard loaded with fruit trees. Granite and stainless kitchen, covered patio, HUGE game room. Great plan! \$429,000.



"JUST LISTED!" John's listing at 10500 Walpole—Gorgeous David Weekley in original C.C., close to pool and school. 5 beds, 3.5 baths, Italian brick kitchen with Silestone! HUGE game room upstairs and all bedrooms are over-sized. Private yard. \$379,000.!



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"JUST LISTED!" John's listing at 7304 Tanaqua Lane. Stunning 1-story, 2900 sq. ft. on greenbelt! White stone, hi ceils., \$469,000.



"COMING SOON!" John's listing at 5913 Back Bay Lane. Stunning Newmark with RARE, vaulted floor plan! Price soon!



"COMING SOON!" John's listing at 11413 Georgian Oaks. Unbelievable 1.5 story with resort-style pool! Price soon!



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

The average person has about 10,000 taste buds in their mouth, and 43 muscles in their face. Visit with Jaime Arevalo for 15 minutes, and you will come to appreciate each taste bud and every muscle. It would be easy to stop at taste buds when talking about Jaime. After all, he is the Executive Chef and owner of the Circle C Café & Catering with two locations: Café or more commonly known as “The Grill” at Circle C Swim Center & the “Wildflower Café” at The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. His career in food preparation started in 1983. He served as the Executive Chef at the Barton Creek Country Club – Lakeside in Austin and world-renowned Palmilla in Los Cabos, Mexico. However, life wasn't always easy for Jaime. He grew up in El Salvador, the smallest country in Central America, in lush fields full of animals, fruits and vegetables. He was one of nine children. He started preparing and working with food at the age of eight. He would rise at 4 a.m. daily to milk the family cows by hand. He made his own variety of cheeses. He ate only what the seasons offered. He walked 45 minutes to elementary school. His grandmother taught him to explore his taste buds, and together they came to realize that Jaime had a gift of identifying the sweet, the savory, the sour and the richness in the food and tea she prepared, a gift of the palette. In 1977, Jaime's life would change. A severe drought weakened the crops, livestock and economy of the country. In 1978, the drought lingered. In 1979 everything would change, as a series of violent events between the government and farmer-led guerrilla groups erupted into a 12-year Civil War, which resulted in more than 75,000 deaths and countless civilian atrocities.

Jaime's family and farm got caught in the crossfire. One of the more disturbing events during the Civil War was the recruitment of child soldiers. After the third attempt by the “Communists” to recruit Jaime

and his sister, his father made the decision to leave his land, his animals, his crops—everything the family had ever worked for—behind. Jaime's family would make some heroic sacrifices, (a secret mission in the early morning hours to “steal” 4 of their own cows from their land) to pay for Jaime's passport to Mexico City, and then eventually to Texas. He arrived in Houston during the winter. Growing up in Salvador, he didn't know what a jacket was. After spending some time in Louisiana, he found himself back in Texas in Dallas, and in the kitchen of the Hyatt DFW as a dishwasher. From there, he would work his way around and up in the kitchen to be named Executive Chef at the Bristol Suites Hotel.

At the Bristol Suites, he would meet his wife and business partner, Julie. Together, they have three beautiful girls, Caidyn (4), Canella, (10) attends Clayton, and Chloe (16), a Junior at Bowie High School; and they feel so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community. Now, for the 43 facial muscles. It seems as if Jaime has a master command of each one of his facial muscles and uses all of them to display his one-of-a-kind smile. Because no matter how hard life was or is, he's smiling. Even with the long hours in the kitchen, Jaime is always smiling. That's the reason he feels he hasn't worked a day in his life.

Stop by the Café and say ‘Hello’ and get a smile from him, and you'll understand. If you don't believe it, ask former resident of Circle C and employee of Jaime's at the Circle C Café, Corey Callahan. Jaime employed Corey at the Café for three summers while she attended high school. “His heart is so huge, and he's just the sweetest guy,” said Corey. “I'm so thankful for everything he did for me.” Jaime's personal journey is amazing. He rose from almost nothing to world-class chef, and he's your neighbor.

IN THE YARD

Submitted by Jackie Rollins



Peaches, a 3-year-old English Cocker Spaniel, surveys her dream domain – the lush and lovely backyard of her owner, Park West resident Pam Savage. Go play, Peaches!



August 2014

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Café open 3	Closed 4	Stir Fry 5 Shrimp & Rice, Vegetables Orange Ginger Sauce	Paprika Herb 6 Chicken Breast, Papaya lime chutney, Cilantro Rice, Cesar Salad	Blackened 7 Mahi Mahi, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Black berry sauce, Cous Cous	Chicken Fried 8 Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Creamy Gravy, Roasted Corn	Café open 9
Café open 10	Closed 11	Tarragon Salmon 12 Serano Mango Salsa, Tri color orzo Pasta, Cesar salad	Chicken Le 13 Cordon Bleu, Corn Medley, Mashed Potatoes	Sliced BBQ 14 Brisket, Chicken, Sausage, Ranchero Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread	Chicken 15 Marsala Fettuccine Cesar Salad	Café open 16
Café open 17	Closed 18	Pistachio 19 Pork Tenderloin Wild Mushroom Sauce, Saffron Rissotto, Cesar Salad	Grilled 20 Ribeye, Baked Potato, Shallot Sauce, Green Beans	Almond Crusted 21 Tilapia, Potatoes, Au gratin, Spinach Basil Crème Sauce	Coriander 22 Crusted Chicken Breast, Ranchero Sauce, Cilantro Rice, Cesar Salad	Café open 23
Café open 24	Closed 25	Braised Pork 26 Chops, Roasted Garlic Cabernet Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Cesar Salad	Chicken Breast 27 Stuffed w/ Spinach, Onions, Boursin Cheese, Pesto Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta	Sesame Ginger 28 Salmon, Rice Noodles, Snow Peas, Carrots	Chicken 29 Teriyaki Basmati Rice Vegetables	Café open 30

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Around Circle C

Celebrating a Decade in Park West at Circle C

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

From this humble slab in July 2004...



Ta da! To this...all grown up, July 2014.



I love my home!



Join Girl Scouts!

Join us for a Recruitment Rally for new Girls Scouts and Leaders! Learn what Girl Scouts has to offer, get registered, and even form a new troop. Girls will enjoy fun activities with older Girl Scouts and Leaders, while parents meet with Girl Scout adult volunteers. Kinder through 12th grade girls and their parents welcome!

Saturday September 6, 2014

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For homes that feed into Oak Hill, Patton, or Mills

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2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Questions? oakhillgirlscouts@gmail.com

School Supply Drive

The Circle C Moms group is coordinating a back-to-school supply drive benefiting SafePlace (a 501c3 nonprofit assisting victims of domestic or sexual abuse). Certain times of the year can add extra strain on families struggling to lead violence-free lives. One such time is when kids go back-to-school.

Compounded by the violence they have suffered, issues of homelessness and lack of resources, it can be exceedingly difficult for a parent to provide all the necessary school supplies for his or her children. We need donations from Circle C residents to ensure that children in grades K-12 get the fresh start that they need to succeed in their education. Can you pick-up a couple of extra items from the list on your next shopping trip? There will be a drop-off box located inside the Circle C Community Center now through Wednesday, August 6th. Questions? Email: lynn.waldman@gmail.com

Alamo Drafthouse Presents...

The Alamo Drafthouse is excited to announce a new mural project at its Slaughter Lane location. Local artist Mike Johnston will transform the exterior wall facing MoPac into a tribute to those heroes in a half shell, TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES. The project was met with excited approval by the neighborhood association at a recent meeting. A family-friendly event celebrating the mural's completion along with an advance screening of Paramount's Pictures TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES will be held in early August. Stay tuned for details. If you're not already, become an Alamo Victory member and get the inside scoop on this event and all Alamo goings-on before everyone else. TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES opens at the Alamo Slaughter Lane on August 8th!

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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.

PLEASE MAKE A PLEDGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR HER AND HOPE4JD!



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NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

Fourth of July Social Event: Many thanks to the Social Committee, comprised of Catherine Myers, Brenda Hahne, Tom Stewart and Kathy Stewart, along with HOA board president Linda Bal for hosting the Fourth of July coffee and doughnuts get together. These social events give us a chance to meet and greet our neighbors and enjoy the lovely ambiance of our neighborhood.

Flags: Our neighborhood looked spectacular with the American Flags placed in the yards by Dave Maril and Dorian deWind in honor of our 239th anniversary as a nation. We are indeed fortunate to have the freedom that generations of brave Americans fought to establish and preserve. They were assisted in this endeavor by Joan Maril, Carol deWind and Linda Bal. Thank you for placing the flags to remind us of the true meaning of this holiday.

LOT 103 UPDATE

We received welcome news late in June that the City of Austin will once again be maintaining, and remediating as necessary, the filtration pond located at the west end of Lot 103. They also have the responsibility for the two outflow areas located in the 6300 block of Tasajillo Trail. Although there is not a published schedule, homeowners can expect to see Watershed Protection employees of the City of Austin in our neighborhood for these services a few times a year. The employees will have on uniforms and will carry identification. Although PWHOA has title to Lot 103, the City of Austin has designated this as a Watershed Protection area and as such we are to bound by the guidelines that department has set up for environmentally sensitive properties. This includes no building and no activities by the HOA or homeowners. As a safety precaution, the HOA is allowed to have Lot 103 mowed to lessen the chance of wildfire.

XERISCAPE PLANS

The xeriscape plans that the PWHOA board had developed as guides for the homeowners are now available for you

to view on the Goodwin Park West HOA website. If you do not have the ability to view on line, please contact our property manager, Marilyn Childress, to make arrangements to receive those in another form. The plans are also available on HOATown website.

CITY OF AUSTIN RESEALING OF LACROSSE

The Park West Board of Directors recently submitted a comment to the City of Austin regarding their proposed resealing of LaCrosse from Mopac to Spruce Canyon. While the Board supports the resealing, the Board expressed concern that the City was proposing to eliminate all parking on much of LaCrosse and designating the outside lane as strictly bike lanes. It was noted that the traffic in the mornings and early evenings is very heavy at LaCrosse and Escarpment requiring multiple traffic lights before getting through that intersection. Limiting the available lanes will compound that congestion. Concern was also expressed that when the schools, daycare centers or pools host events, LaCrosse is the only available area to park. Prohibiting parking would impact our communities activities. If you also have concerns about this proposal, please contact Circle C Ranch for the next community meeting time to hear more. Letters by concerned homeowners in this area may have an impact on the final decision.

LANDSCAPE REPORT

This report from Scott of Pearson Landscape.:

"June was a very wet month. We received 8-9 inches with a major storm that had wind gusts in excess of 60 mph. The storm left Park West quite a mess. Fortunately, there were no major injuries. We sent out an emergency crew the following day, cleaned up some fallen cactus in the cul de sac and we came a day early and cleaned up the entire neighborhood on Monday. We then mulched the whole neighborhood the following three days. The board allowed us to skip mowing that week so we traded the storm clean up for mowing so there was no extra expense; good team work."

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

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

The statistics are that 55% of Americans do not have a will. This may seem like a surprising number as we live in a pretty well informed and sophisticated society where it would seem a basic “taking care of business” to draw up a will. The large number of those who have not addressed the issue may be due to the fact that some do not like to think about such things, think it too expensive or perhaps have not quite got around to it.

For those who have not gotten around to it, there are some things to consider. If you have not yet drawn up a will, in fact you have. A judge will order how your estate is to be divided by the Texas’ intestacy laws. This is essentially a formula dictating how the estate is to be distributed, which will not necessarily take into account any wishes you might have.

Although Texas does pride itself in moving through the probate process quite quickly, an intestate probate proceeding is almost always more costly and time consuming than a probate proceeding with a valid will. This can be stressful and cause friction between loved ones left behind.

Even if the assets a person leaves are minimal, it is still a good idea to



have a will and get things in place to save the burden on the family.

The average cost of a will varies depending on the complexity. When using the services of a lawyer in Texas the published average of a basic will is \$375.00, and there are attorneys who will come to your home to draw up documents which is a valuable service for seniors who are unwell.

It is also an idea to think about who should have those valued items and heirlooms left behind. They may not be valuable in monetary terms, but can have emotional meaning.

Let’s not forget the story about the family fall out about “grandma’s pie plate” which apparently went on for generations. It is a good thing to think about those precious items and make a list of who will inherit them. Although it is not usually drawn up as part of a will, and is not essentially a legal document, the decedent’s wishes are usually respected.

If only “grandma” had thought to write her list it might have laid the groundwork of peace for generations to come!



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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
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The Modern Game: The Backhand 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 Backhand 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, Kaylen Combs, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Kaylen is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant, who is showing her the proper point of contact on step 2. Kaylen plays with her left hand.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Kaylen sees the opportunity, she makes a quick turn of her upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, her shoulders are turned, the right hand gripping the racket and her left

hand relaxed. Her weight is on the front foot as her momentum carries her forward to attack the ball. Her right 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. Kaylen 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 left shoulder is almost opening and her weight has is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum control and power, Kaylen is keeping her right arm extended through the shot. She has “snapped” her right wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. Her weight is going forward.

Step 4: The Finish: Kaylen’s upper body acceleration forced the head of the racket to “wrap around” her left ear, thus creating the most power and topspin on the ball. Her legs are already in position to move forward the net for a volley. Her right foot should naturally move forward due to her momentum and racket speed. From her looks, she apparently hit a very wide cross court approach shot for a defensive return.

Step 5: The Volley Winner: Once Kaylen hit, she moved to the net for a “winner”. By the smile on her face, her backhand approach shot was successful and she won the point with a backhand volley.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Swinging Forehand Approach Shot”



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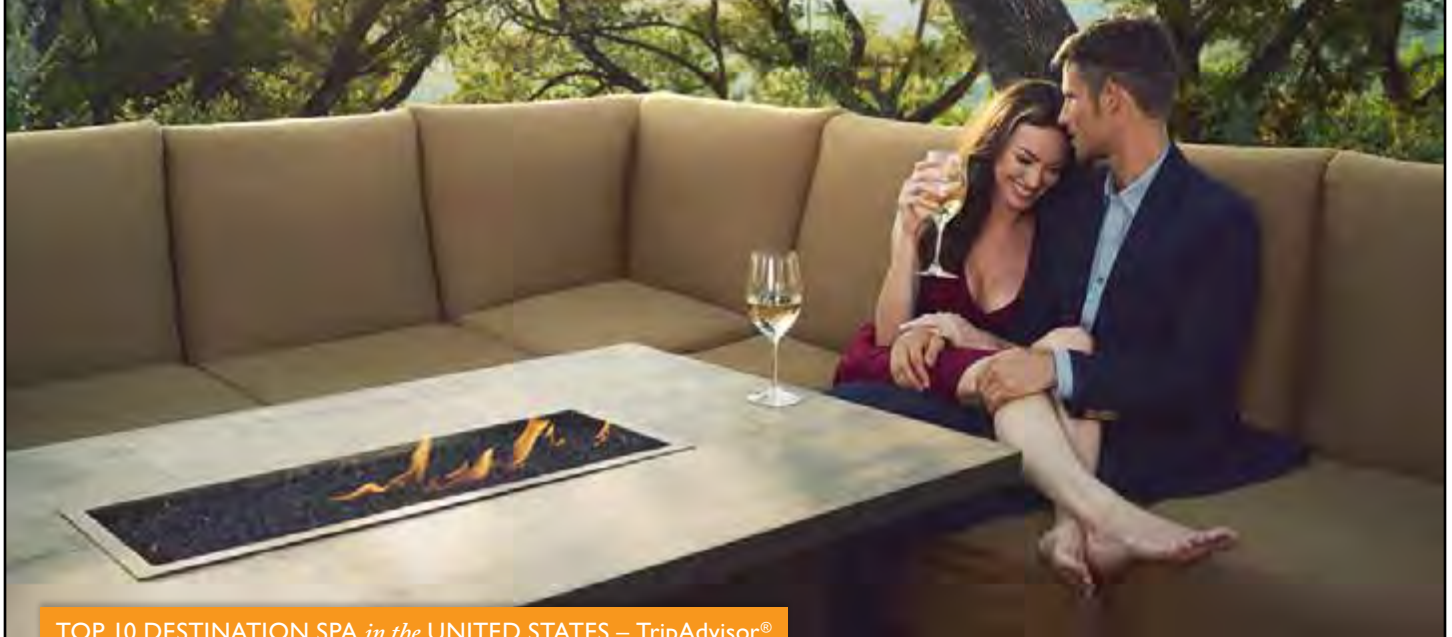
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Circle C Central	34	2,996	\$ 133	\$ 399	1993	17	7	8
North	17	2,076	\$ 162	\$ 335	1996	17	5	2
On The Park	4	3,299	\$ 143	\$ 473	1996	23	1	3
Wildflower	6	2,324	\$ 149	\$ 346	2001	11	1	4
Park West	9	2,192	\$ 168	\$ 369	2001	24	5	1
Vintage Place	4	3,253	\$ 149	\$ 484	2004	4	1	2
Hielscher	16	3,159	\$ 146	\$ 463	2003	12	2	4
West	9	3,406	\$ 144	\$ 492	2005	25	5	4
Park Place	2	1,863	\$ 169	\$ 314	2005	9	1	2
Muirfield	3	3,766	\$ 128	\$ 482	2006	120	2	3
Enclave 1&2	2	2,671	\$ 151	\$ 404	2009	8	3	0
Lacrosse	9	2,713	\$ 155	\$ 421	2007	15	0	1
Alta Mira	9	3,083	\$ 139	\$ 429	2008	25	2	1
Fairway Estates	4	3,922	\$ 158	\$ 621	2012	55	2	1
Enclave Estates	3	3,954	\$ 156	\$ 615	2010	10	1	0
Avana	13	2,537	\$ 165	\$ 419	2013	62	14	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
Total	147	2,855	\$ 149	\$ 425	2002	24	52	43
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