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The Circle C Ranch newsletter is mailed monthly to all Circle C Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to <u>sarah@circlecranch.info</u> 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.

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## **NEW TO THE** NEIGHBORHOOD

First off, welcome! You may be wondering what our neighborhood has to offer and where you might be able to find out. Circle C's official neighborhood website is www.circlecranch. info. Here you can stay connected with the community and sign-up to receive email announcements from the HOA. You can also find helpful information regarding the amenities in the neighborhood including our most popular features, the pools! Visit the website and set yourself up with a username and password today! You can also find us on Facebook! The residents of the community have their own page titled, Circle C Ranch Residents. Submit a request to join the page and your status will be verified by the moderator of the page, and then you will be granted access to the page.



## City Streets

The HOA has received many calls from residents regarding vehicles parked in the public streets. Cars, trailers, boats, and RVs parked illegally or unsafely in the streets can be reported to 311. We as the HOA have no authority to ticket or remove vehicles in the city streets.

#### PICK BULK

The city will be conducting a bulk trash pickup in the neighborhood starting the week of September 8th. The bulky items list from the city includes: Doors, furniture, appliances (doors removed), passenger car tires (removed from the rim, limit 8 tires per household), lawn mowers (gas/oil removed), railroad ties (cut in half), pallets, rolled fencing, nail-free lumber.

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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- Oct. 11, 2014 Jan. 24,2015 May 2, 2015
- Nov. 8, 2014 Mar. 14, 2015 June 6, 2015
- Dec. 6, 2014

Recently we as the HOA have received many calls regarding animals in the neighborhood. These requests have been anything from getting the word out about a missing animal to concerns regarding the handling and care of pets in general. As the HOA we want all of our residents to be happy and comfortable in their homes, as well as keep their pets safe. There are a few steps we as a community can take to ensure the safety of our animals as well as our residents.

#### WHILE OUTDOORS:

Don't forget to leash your pets while outside in the parks or neighborhood and remember to carry bags during long walks should you need to clean up after your furry friend. Be aware of the other animals in our surrounding areas, such as coyotes, and take precautions to keep your animals safe. Free roaming cats can be at risk with such wild animals around and should be brought in at night. Keep excessively vocal animals inside or entertained. Many residents with vocal dogs have taken it upon themselves to purchase a small appliance that can be hung on a fence that emits a high sound frequency. We as humans cannot hear it but it helps keep barking at a minimum for many dogs.

Should your pet ever go missing we have many communication resources that can be used to notify the community. The recommended first step is to post on the Circle C Ranch Residents Facebook page, that way the poster has control to update information right as it happens. Next step would be to email the Community Center Coordinator at sarah@circlecranch.info with the information on the missing pet, including where the pet was last seen and also a photo of the missing pet. It will then appear in the email blasts that go out to the community 2-3 times a week.



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\*Source: Texas DFPS, Watch Kids Around Water

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# Here Comes El Niño?

El Niño. We've been hearing the phrase for the past few months but what is it? El Niño is characterized by unusually warm temperatures (and it's opposite, La Niña, by unusually cool temperatures) in the equatorial Pacific. Forecasters are currently favoring the occurrence of a weak-to-moderate El Niño event. What does that mean for us? Well, it means a wetter than normal fall and winter season (fingers crossed!)

From the NOAA website- "The impacts of El Niño upon climate in temperate latitudes show up most clearly during wintertime. For example, most El Niño winters are mild over western Canada and parts of the northern United States, and wet over the southern United States from Texas to Florida."

And from Climate.gov- "In general, El Niño-related temperature and precipitation impacts across the United States occur during the cold half of the year (October through March). The most reliable

of these signals (the one that has been observed most frequently) is wetter-than-average conditions along the Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida during this 6-month period."

Sea surface temperatures (SST) have been tracking at above average levels since March 2014 which puts us on track for an El Niño later this year! We are currently at about a 65% chance of an El Niño during the fall and early winter according to the latest NOAA Climate Prediction Center's report dated August 11.

While last month's NOAA report was higher at 80% (the SST, while still above average, has trended toward more neutral conditions, hence this month's 65%) chances are still good our region will see a wetter than normal fall and winter. Which means it's about time to start thinking about fall fertilization- before the rains come!

Trivia: Until December 1997, the 1982-1983 El Niño, was the largest El Niño of the twentieth century.

#### **RESOURCES:**

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

http://www.climate.gov





## **FALL FERTILIZING!**

Now that we've been really seeing those high, HOT temperatures our summers are so famous for isn't it hard to believe that fall is just around the corner? But it is! Fall will be here before we know it so it's time to re-visit fall turf fertilization tips. The top things to keep in mind are 1) keep it minimal, 2) use organic, and 3) pick the right time to fertilize and water. A little more

- Determine if you are fertilizing high, medium or low foot traffic areas to ensure proper application rates. Also keep in mind that fall fertilization may not be necessary unless your lawn looks unhealthy.
- Try to use organic fertilizers which are naturally slow release and low in phosphorous.
- Don't over-do it! Measure lawn size vs property size when calculating how much fertilizer to use
- Sweep any fertilizer off of hard surfaces, walkways or roads back onto your lawn
- Avoid use of herbicides to kill weeds, especially when fertilizing. The best method here is to pull by hand!
- Watering- the best times of day to water are before 10am and after 7pm. Avoid watering during the afternoon as the hotter temperatures will evaporate the water faster than in can sink in and can scorch your lawn.
- Keep in mind that we are currently in Stage 2 Water Restrictions!! This means we get one day per week to water based on the last digit of your address.



#### STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS WATERING ONE DAY PER WEEK

Please visit the links below for more information about water restrictions and fertilizing.

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# **PRIVATE LESSONS**

by Amanda Hartman

We had a really great summer for Private and Group swim lessons! We saw a lot of familiar faces in the water and were excited to welcome the new ones. Group lessons are done for 2014, but we still have private lessons available! Coaches Sophia, Kayce, Riley and Amanda can be found around the pool in the afternoons and on the weekends teaching lessons. If your kiddos have been swimming all summer, make sure they don't forget their good technique and lose their comfort in the water. Swimming is a skill that needs to be exercised on a weekly basis just like school, work and other sports. If your child goes through the fall and winter without practicing in the water, you might find they need to start at a lower level of swimming next spring. The best thing to do to keep those swimming skills sharp is to keep your kiddos coming to the pool for practice. Stop by the front desk today to sign up for lessons with a Basic or Premium Instructor to keep them swimming all year long!



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Mon-Fri: 6:00 am – 10:00 am (LAP ONLY) 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Sat: 7:00 am – 10:00 am (LAP ONLY) 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sun: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

#### WINTER HOURS (OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>- DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>)

Community Center Pool (LaCrosse & Spruce Canyon) CLOSED

Swim Center Pool (LaCrosse & Escarpment)

Monday-Friday: 6:00 am – 10:00 am (LAP ONLY) 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm (LAP ONLY) Saturday: 8:00 am – 11:00 am (LAP ONLY) Sunday: CLOSED

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# SELECT SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Submitted by Hayley McGregory

Our Circle C Select Swim Team accepts registrations year-round! There is a one-time \$75 registration fee per season and a tuition that varies dependant on the swimmer's level. Call or visit the Swim Center office (512-288-6057) for more information and registration packets or email coordinator@ccswim.net for more information about tuition and policies.



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## **HOA Events**





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<b>7</b> Wildflower Center - National Grandparent's Day	<b>8</b> Bulk Pick-Up	9	10	Bowie Choir Cabaret	1 <b>2</b> 5:30 Food Trailer Night 7:30 Bowie vs. Lehman @ Burger	13
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## Yes, same guy... CircleCRealtor.c

Below are 6 of John's recent sales in Circle C Ranch. The market has wavered a bit after the 4th of July, but has picked up since then in anticipation of school starting. A whole new buyer clientele is starting to look at homes now to buy by the holidays. Call John for more information or an in-depth conversation on the current market. As always, his consultations are non-obligatory and at no cost to you. Call now!



"JUST SOLD!!" John's listing @ 5305 Blue Star. \$360,000. Sold in 4 days. Backs to veloway in Wildflower Park. Yes, \$360,000, in Wildflower Park...



"JUST SOLD!!" John's listing @ 10500 Walpole, \$389,000. Sold in one week with multiple offers. Original Circle C model home plan.



"JUST SOLD!!" John's listing @ 11317 LaRue Belle, \$465,000. 1-story with inground pool, wood floors, granite on big lot.



"JUST SOLD!!" John's listing @ 9505 Lynnhaven, \$469,000. John sold the home for \$75,000, more than realtors competing for the listing thought it was worth...



"JUST SOLD!" John's listing @ 11129 Bastogne Loop, 3455,000. Custom KB backing to greenbelt. John sold with multiple offers in one week.



"JUST SOLD!!" John's listing @ 11413 Georgian Oaks, \$519,000. Stunning 1.5 story home with sandstone pool/hot tub.



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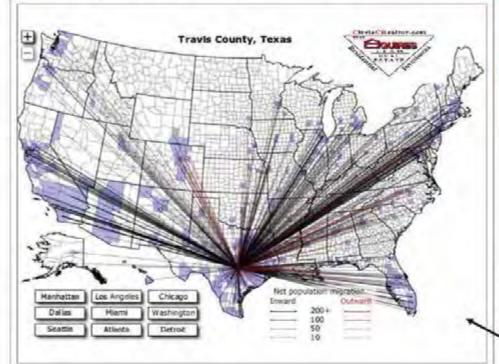
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Clients ask me "Where are the buyers coming from?" Well, the map to the upper left illustrates those destinations. Black lines are ingress, pink are egress.



To the side is a map of many of John Squires' home sales in Circle C Ranch, Villages at Western Oaks, Legend Oaks, Western Oaks and other surrounding bedroom communities. Each red pin represents an-other successful sale representing over 540 sales in Southwest Austin alone, John has move-up and move-down plans to accommodate every situation and FLEXIBLE COMMIS-SION structures for sellers. It would be John's pleasure to find the absolute maximum price of your valuable Southwest Austin property. Please call John for a noobligation listing appointment at your convenience. Thank you!

## Around Circle C

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#### YOUR NEIGHBORS MEET

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

Does a neighborhood designed with kids in mind, help shape the childhood experience? One 17 yearold boy who has lived on Redmond Road since he was four says that Circle C has had a huge impact on his life.

Eric Moe, a rising senior at James Bowie High School said, "I am so fortunate to live in a vibrant and friendly community." Eric said one of his favorite memories is walking

home from the CC Child Development Center with his brother Andy, now age 16, and his mom, Cass Grange.

As a boy, he loved swimming at the Circle C Pool, and is currently a lifeguard. "I guess all of those swimming lessons during the summers paid off," said Moe.

He also took art lessons during the summer at Kiker Elementary. Eric expanded his love of art in high school by winning several art contests including the AISD Billboard Contest in 2013. His design won top place from all of the entrees from students in the



AISD district. His art, displayed on 10 billboards across the city, was a thrilling prize. Hoisted in a cherry picker on a fire truck with then-superintendent of schools, Meria Carstarphen, Moe signed the billboard with a big sharpie pen."It felt very gratifying to sign my art that was so big, taken from a small painting I made over the winter break."

Moe has been active in the neighborhood through Scouting. He was in Pack 12 at Kiker Elementary, and joined Troop 403 as a Boy Scout. He celebrated his Eagle Scout Ceremony at the new community center at Circle C in May of 2013. "It was the perfect place to have the ceremony, as many of my troop are from the neighborhood.

On Saturday, October 25, Moe is organizing a Bowie Art Show as part of the Circle C Fine Arts Show at the new Community Center. Stop by and see Eric's art and the works of other talented students from Bowie High School.



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens and law enforcement to partner up against crime. We invite you to attend the event, meet your neighbors and commit to helping law enforcement reduce crime in your community.

This year, National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014; from 7 to 9 p.m. Neighborhoods must register before Sept. 13.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back
  During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Austin
  and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their
  doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers,
  firefighters and EMS paramedics. Events such as cookouts, block parties
  and neighborhood walks will all occur simultaneously throughout the
  city and nationwide.

#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICK-OFF EVENT**

This year's National Night Out Kick-Off Event will take place lakeside at the Mueller Airport Development on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about National Night Out visit www.nnoaustin.org.

National Night Out Brochure English and Spanish You can join the National Night Out event by:

- Getting all of your neighbors to turn on their porch lights
- Organizing a block party or some type of neighborhood event
- Filling out and returning the National Night Out application to the address below:

How to join the National Night Out event:

Austin Police Department Office of Community Liaison Attn: Rosie Salinas P. O. Box 689001 Austin, Texas 78768-9001. You may also Register Online OR fax your application to (512) 974-6222

Once you complete an application, you will be notified via mail or email about where to pick up your National Night Out bag. The bag will contain crime prevention information, posters, party invitations and items for use at your party.



# IN THE YARD





Marie Bryant calls this lush and lovely backyard with a view of the Park her own piece of paradise in Park West.



### ATTENTION CLAYTON, GORZYCKI AND KIKER MOMS

Moms in Prayer International gathers moms together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and schools. Won't you join in with us in prayer for this next generation? We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00. For more information, contact:

- Amanda Sylvie, amanda\_sylvie@hotmail.com for the Clayton Elementary group;
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# **TURTLE TRAVELS**

## The Tale of One Truly Terrific Turtle

Just last month the community was involved in an effort to find the owners of a turtle that happened to pop up in Ana Somer's yard one afternoon. After some investigating Ana found that this turtle likes to travel between yards and hang out among the landscape. After having seen this same turtle 3 times Ana decided to find where the turtle came from and who its owners might be. After posting about the turtle to the Circle C Ranch Residents Facebook page the owners were miraculously found. What is even more miraculous is that this turtle has been traveling the neighborhood for the past 10 years! Owner Susan Szalwinski gave us a brief background on Yertle the Turtle and we wanted to share the story!

"Yertle is a female box turtle, you can tell by the shape of the underside of her shell. She has some funny marks on her shell, made by one of our dogs about 16 years ago. Yertle was a gift to our son, Peter, from his Kiker kindergarten teacher. We fenced off a corner of the yard for the turtles we kept. Sometimes we would find them marching across the lawn, outside of the enclosure? Our german shepherd was the guilty party that would take it upon herself to carry them out of the turtle yard. But we also learned that a fence was no match for our turtles! Occasionally, we would find one of our three turtles would escape the yard, by digging under the fence. That's how we think Yertle disappeared from our yard. She went out into the front yard and crossed into another neighbor's yard (who didn't know we had turtles!) she was gardening and found her under a bush. A couple of boys were playing nearby and she asked them if they wanted a turtle, to which they responded yes. We have no idea who took care of her for the last ten years or so but she certainly is a resilient creature!"



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## Join Carma & Fight Traffic

Commuting from Circle C? With all the people driving MoPac every day, have you ever wondered if there was someone with your same commute, with whom you could share the ride with?

With over 900,000 empty seats commuting around Austin daily, the solution to our traffic woes are sitting right next to us! As a vibrant, social community, Circle C has an opportunity to make a true impact on traffic congestion in South Austin just by carpooling.

Carma is a new real-time carpooling network that helps you do exactly that. Their mobile app connects people in real-time through a smart phone app to those taking their same route. Carma's goal is to make ridesharing easy and flexible so we can help reduce the number of people driving cars alone on the roads - that helps reduce traffic congestion, CO2 emissions, and saves time for everyone. Plus, thanks to their federally-funded pilot, members who drive the 183A or Manor Expressway can get toll reimbursements just for carpooling!

Sign up for Carma to connect with your neighbors and share your commute. It's free to join, and helps make the sharing of transportation costs easy straight through the app. Visit www. carmacarpool.com or email their Austin team at austin@car.ma to learn more.

# S VV | N G Networking Group

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

We have no dues, no initiation fees, we don't take attendance. Just pay for your own breakfast. The more often you show up the better we get to know you. We are an inclusive group, we will enjoy competition. So, bring your business cards and a good attitude and let's get to know you.

If you want more information, contact Liz Jensen at 512-301-6966 or lizleej@gmail.com or Peter Berardino (The King of SWING) at 512-695-2334 or peterberardino@gmail.com.





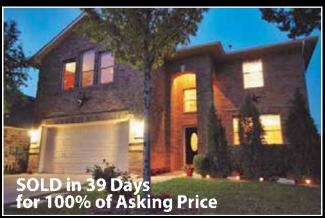
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## Circle C Monthly Market Statistics as of August 8, 2014

31 PENDING SALES Avg. Pending Price: \$479,026 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$158.52 Avg. DOM: 29 **59 ACTIVE LISTINGS** Avg. List Price: \$485,412 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$158.23 Avg. DOM: 50 **36 LISTINGS SOLD Avg. Sold Price:** \$424,143 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$150.36 Avg. DOM: 17

"I have lived and sold homes in Circle C for 15 years. I am passionate about this neighborhood and the friends I have made here. We support the schools, the charities and the people that live here. Call me if you are looking for the best representation possible on the sale of your property."

- Chad Goldwasser, Founder



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## **Universal Design and Aging in Place**

# Techniques to Consider When Renovating Your Space

By Alyssia Chapman, JD | Cogent Concepts Design

If you are thinking about renovating your home, especially if you are planning to stay in your home for a long time or you may have someone living in your home who may have physical challenges or special needs, you might consider incorporating Universal Design techniques in your update.

#### WHAT EXACTLY IS UNIVERSAL DESIGN?

Universal Design involves designing products and spaces so that they can be used by the widest range of people possible. Universal Design evolved from Accessible Design, a design process that addresses the needs of people with disabilities. Universal Design goes further by recognizing that there is a wide spectrum of human abilities. Everyone, even the most able-bodied person, passes through childhood, periods of temporary illness, injury and old age. By designing for this human diversity, we can create things that will be easier for all people to use.

#### WHO DOES UNIVERSAL DESIGN BENEFIT?

Everyone. Universal Design takes into account the full range of human diversity, including physical, perceptual and cognitive abilities, as well as different body sizes and shapes. By designing for this diversity, we can create things that are more functional and more user-friendly for everyone. For instance, curb cuts at sidewalks were initially designed for people who use wheelchairs, but they are now also used by pedestrians with strollers or rolling luggage. Curb cuts have added functionality to sidewalks that we can all benefit from.

#### WHAT CAN BE UNIVERSALLY DESIGNED?

Everything. Universal Design can apply to anything that can be designed, including products like door handles, kitchen utensils and smartphones. Universal Design can be applied to architecture and the built environment, including public and commercial buildings, as well as residential buildings and family homes.

Universal Design can also help older adults concerned with Aging in Place by designing products and spaces that are safer and easier for them to use. Universal Design can also be applied to the community at large through urban planning and public transportation.

Universal Design employs products that don't look they are institutional or merely utilitarian. There are many products and materials that are designated appropriate for special needs that already have safety, access and tactile features incorporated into them. They are aesthetically pleasing while being fully functional!

For examples, ideas and more information on incorporating Universal Design in your home updating project, please attend the free "Circle C Conversation" on Monday, September 15, 2014 at Circle C Community Center, 6:00pm to 7:45pm with hosts Peter Berardino, Capital Strategies of MetLife, Alyssia Chapman, Cogent Concepts Design and Special Guest, Sean Thornton with RedBud HomeCare Services.

Excerpts taken from UniversalDesign.com.

MetLife Auto/Home and Peter Berardino announces

## **CIRCLE C CONVERSATION**

This quarter's conversation- Aging in Place

#### **CONVERSATION LEADERS:**

Aly Chapman, Cogent Concepts Designs. provides comprehensive aging-in-place needs analysis, design and implementation of tools, furniture and Universal Design technology to maximize the use of your home's space, enhancing ease of movement and daily life tasks so you can comfortably stay in your home for as long as you can.

Sean Thornton, Certified Senior Care Manager Sean Thornton is the owner of Red Bud Home Care Services. Red Bud is a licensed Home Care service provider offering services to enable Senior's to remain in their homes as an alternative to an assisted living environment.

When: Monday evening September 15, 2014. 6PM to 7:45 at the Circle C Community Center. For more information, call Peter Berardino at 512-482-9026 or email at pberardino@metlife.com

#### VETERANS AID

Submitted by: Elizabeth Ball, Certified Senior Advisor, Daily Money Manager, resident of Circle C

This relatively unknown benefit offered by the Veterans Administration has in fact been available for over 60 years. It is however estimated that only 5.4% of individuals who could qualify for this benefit are actually receiving it. Funds are available for qualifying veterans over 65 and spouses, or surviving spouses to help pay for nursing home, assisted living costs and for housebound assistance. The benefit is also available to qualifying individuals who are blind. This is a pension benefit and is not dependent on service related injuries. The requirements are that the veteran has to have served at least 90 days in the armed forces, at least one day being during a war period. Service can be at home or anywhere in the world, not necessarily in a war zone. The veteran must also have received an honorable discharge. There is a financial component for eligibility. Local VA government offices will provide information on the application process, but if on initial contact you are unsure of your benefit status, do contact an outside VA benefit specialist who can provide information on possible financial planning. Although applications can only be submitted by an accredited service officer or an appointed family member, outside sources can provide specialized legal and financial advice. The amount of the benefit is a maximum to \$1,130 for a surviving spouse to \$2,085.00 for a veteran and spouse. The funds can be used for assistance with bathing, dressing, eating, medication dosing and other services pertaining to need. The benefit is also available to an independent Veteran who has a spouse who is ill. If the spouse's medical expenses completely deplete the combined monthly income, then the Veteran can file for the benefit as a Veteran with a sick spouse. Application can take several months for approval, but payment is retroactive to the date of application. This benefit is part of the Veterans Administration "Improved Pension", to recognize and hopefully make a difference for those who have make the sacrifice of service for their country.

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Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	Homes Sold	Square Feet		ce / Sq. Faat		d Price SK	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	36	3,028	\$	135	\$	407	1994	23	7	7
North	17	2,077	5	166	5	345	1996	13	5	0
On The Park	7	3,284	5	144	\$	471	1996	23	D	1
Wildflower	7	2,126	\$	160	5	339	2001	10	1	1
Park West	10	2,177	5	172	5	375	2000	23	4	2
Vintage Place	5	3,317	9	344	\$	479	2003	10	0	1
Hielscher	19	3,212	5	146	\$	470	2.003	12	4	4
West	11	3,372	5	144	5	485	2005	22	7	2
Park Place	4	2,321	5	159	\$	370	2005	7	3	1
Muirfield	6	3,557	5	138	5	492	2006	72	0	2
Enclave 1&2	2	2,671	\$	151	\$	404	2009	8	2	2
Lacrosse	11	2,705	5	156	5	422	2007	13	1	0
Alta Mira	7	3,065	5	142	5	436	2007	13	3	0
Fairway Estates	3	3,822	5	163	5	522	2012	65	2	1
Enclave Estates	3	3,954	5	156	5	615	2010	10	2	0
Avana	13	2,562	5	166	5	426	2013	60	23	7.
Barstow Village	n/a	n/a		n/a		r/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Barstow Court	1	1,869	5	182	\$	340	2014	.7	D	0
Greyrock Ridge	2	3,250	S	141	5	457	2014	14	0	0
Total	164	2,871	5	150	5	432	2002	23	66	19
% Change Mo / Mo	12%	1%	1	1%		296	0%	-4%	27%	-56%
% Change Yr / Yr	-23%	1%		10%		11%	0%	24%	69%	-53%

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