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## HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTION**

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations through January 9th, 2015 for the two open board seats. Elections are to be held at the Annual Meeting on March 4th, 2015. The Candidate Questionnaire can be downloaded from the News Section of the Circle C Website at www.circlecranch.info. The Nomination Committee will host a Candidate Forum in February. The date will be posted on the website and in the February Newsletter.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on March 4th, 2015 at the Circle C Community Center. Your ballot and proxy will be printed on the back side of the first 2015 CCHOA dues assessment invoice, which will be mailed February 1st and due March 1st.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

The 2014 Annual Report to the membership from the Board of Directors will be printed in the March newsletter. A copy will also be posted on our website and available in the HOA office during the month of March.

#### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Holiday decorations should comply with the schedule in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions – all lights and décor, must be down by January 15, 2015.

#### **AGING HOMES**

Many homes in the neighborhood are beginning to age and as they do, various features of the home are in need of maintenance, repairs or even replacement. We are often seeing fading and chipping paint on trim work, eaves, chimneys, and siding. We are also seeing mold and mildew. If left unattended these items will deteriorate and rot and result in costly repairs. So the next time you are out and around your house, take the time to inspect these features to see if your home is in need of any maintenance or repairs.

#### **CIRCLE C KID'S HOLIDAY PARTY A SUCCESS!**

The Circle C Kid's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6th was quite a success. Unlike last year when we were forced to cancel the event due to terrible weather, this year we had a near

perfect day for the party! We estimate close to 1,000 residents attended, and we collected a truck-load of toys for Partnerships for Children's Holiday Wishes program! Way to go Circle C! We would like to give a HUGE shout out to everyone who helped make this wonderful event possible. Thank you to the Kiker and Clayton Choirs for providing holiday cheer! The petting zoo and pony rides were a huge hit as always. The train ride, balloon twisters, and face painters were all in great demand. The video game bus is a fun hit with the older crowd. A special shout out to Miles of Smiles and Sarah Jordan for her photo magic with Santa. Be sure to visit her website, http://www.milesofsmilesphotography.com/ to download your Santa photos. Thank you so much to all of the amazing volunteers who so generously donated their time and hard work from the Child Development Center, we couldn't have done it without you!

#### ADULT HOLIDAY & CASINO PARTY... WHAT A GREAT TIME!!

The Adult Holiday & Casino Party on Friday December 12th was a huge hit! From the delicious food to the dancing and karaoke, I think it's safe to say that everyone had a blast! Thank you to all of those that came out and celebrated the holidays with us.

We also wanted to send out a huge thank you to all the local businesses that donated awesome door prizes to help make this event a huge success! Thank you to: Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

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- Steve Armstrong Photography
- Thundercloud Subs
- Twin Liquors
- Waterloo Ice House

## MIUILGIEIING IOI

Submitted by Susan Hoover

Mulching is one of the most important (and beneficial!) things a homeowner can do for the health of their trees and plants. Using a good wood mulch over soil surfaces helps to maintain moisture and improve soil conditions. A few other benefits include insulation and protection of roots from extreme weather conditions, weed control, and damage reduction from landscape tools. Mulch also gives your beds a uniform, eye-pleasing look!

A few things to keep in mind regarding mulching:

Think organic. Think root growth and nutrient uptake. In urban areas the goal is to mimic a more woods-y environment where trees and plants are anchored under a nutrient rich blanket of soil, leaves and other organic materials.

Before adding to any existing mulch, check its depth and use a rake to break up any matted layers or to refresh its appearance.

Use the rule of thumb- 2 to 4 inches deep is all the mulch you need! Any more than that can lead to stress or suffocation of the root system. In areas where drainage is poor, use less mulch.

Measure with your thumb again! Mulch should be not be piled up against the trunk of your tree. Instead, pull it back about a thumb's distance or at least 4-6 inches allowing the base of the tree to show. This helps to avoid trunk rot.

Extend the mulch to the edge (or further) of the plant or tree's crown as the root system extends beyond the drip line.

The City of Austin's Grow Green site offers more information and a great short video on mulching! You can see it by visiting: http://www.

austintexas.gov/department/grow-green. Follow these guidelines and ensure that your trees and plants stay happy and healthy for years to come!

#### Winter Care Reminders

Last January we wrote an article all about yard care during the winter. In case you missed it (or forgot what you read) here are the highlights:

During a freeze- take care of your sensitive and potted plants. Cover less cold-tolerant plants and shrubs with a blanket, burlap or even newspapers. Avoid plastic coverings as they hold too-little heat at night and too-much heat during sunny days. Bring container plants indoors or pull them into your garage if possible. At the very least group them together under some sort of cover- a patio or large tree.

Grass is fragile this time of the year. Try to prevent foot traffic where possible and keep lawns free of debris. Not all grass is dormant so it is important that it still receive water in warmer, drier periods. Ideally this would come from rainfall but if not, watering is allowed once per week per city restrictions.

Our mild winter is a good time to prep for the spring. Stay on top of winter weeds to prevent headaches later on! Perennials can be trimmed back usually around the end of January. Mulch your beds! This is also a good time to do maintenance on mowers and other landscaping tools.

Spring will be here in a hurry, so make sure you are ahead of the game!



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\*The pool will be closed for the winter break December 20th - January 3rd, 2015 with the exception of the Special Hours\*

#### **Special Hours**

December 29th & 30th: 8am-11am January 2nd & 3rd: 8am-11am

#### Swim Center

Monday-Friday: 6am-10am 3:30pm-7pm Saturday: 8am-11am Sunday: CLOSED

Community Center Closed

#### **Guard-A-Thon**

Submitted by Amanda Hartman

These guards swam or ran in the 2014 Guard-A-Thon to raise money for Operation Blue Santa. Noah (left) swam 75, 50 yard laps for a total 2 miles in 2 hours! Eric (right) ran 200, 50 yard laps for a total of 3 miles in 2 hours! A big thank you to the guards, who together raised \$731.00! The weather on the day of the fundraiser was cold and overcast but these troopers got in the water and ran like champs!



### Summer Jobs

Submitted by Amanda Hartman

It's never too early to start thinking about a summer job! The Swim Center starts hiring lifeguards, swim instructors and front desk positions for the summer season as early as February.

Don't let your teenagers wait until the last minute! Visit the employment tab on our website to fill out an application and to check for certification classes.

For inquiries about lifeguard positions, please email Cami at lifeguard@ccswim.net. For inquiries about front desk positions, please email Jessy at frontdesk@ccswim.net



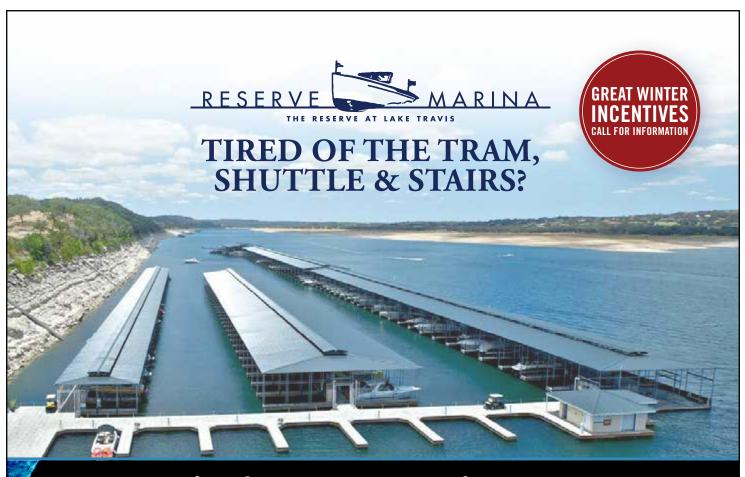
## **MASTERS CLASS**

Submitted by Amanda Hartman

We have had some changes to the Masters Class. Masters now meets Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8-9:00am with Coach Erin. This class is perfect for swimmers who want to get back in shape, triathletes getting ready for a race or for anyone who wants to stay in shape. Swimming is a great exercise that is easy on the joints and muscles. Come try us out, 2 practices free!

We are excited to announce our new Masters Technique Class! Masters Technique meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:15-8:00am with Coach Amanda. This class is perfect for non swimmers, adults looking to start swimming and anyone who needs to work on their stroke technique. Come try us out, 2 practices free!

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## SANTA PHOTOS FROM CC HOLIDAY PARTY

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Downloads Dec. 19th - Jan. 31st at www.milesofsmilesphotography.com Submitted by Sarah Jordan with Miles of Smiles Photography:

I loved working with Santa and all of the adorable Circle C kids! Here are details about where to find and download your image(s) for FREE. The images are available through January 31st. If you need assistance please email me at milesofsmilesphotography@yahoo.com. Enjoy!

To find your images, on or after 12/19/14, visit www. milesofsmilesphotography.com and look under the "Announcements" section on that home page. There will be a link that will take you to the Santa photos. \*\*Once there, please be sure to read helpful tips on finding, viewing, and downloading your images.

#### Happy Holidays!

Sarah S. Jordan Miles of Smiles Photography



## IN THE YARD

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

The backyard of Park West residents Stephanie and Joseph Verdugo is the perfect place for hanging out, enjoying BBQs or simply relaxing with friends and family.







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## Meet APD's Finest, Officer Joshua Visi

Submitted by Sarah Humphrey

Joshua Visi was born in Rutland, Vermont and graduated from Milton High School in 1995. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served as an aviation maintenance administration and data analysis clerk. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1998 and moved to Austin, Texas where he continued to serve in the Marines until 2008 when again he was honorably discharged from the active duty reserves as a Gunnery Sergeant. For his service Officer Visi received the following decorations: Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal (second award), Selected Marine Reserve Medal (second award), Certificate of appreciation (sixth award), Certificate of Commendation (second award), and a Meritorious Mast.

Officer Visi began working for the Austin Police

Department fourteen years ago. He spent his first seven years as a patrol officer before moving to his current assignment as a district representative. The primary role of this assignment is outreach and education and to reduce crime by taking a proactive approach with citizens, businesses, non-profits, and other associations and organizations.

Officer Visi is currently a member of the National Crime Prevention Association, and the Texas Crime Prevention Association. Officer Visi has received over 300 hours of crime prevention training to include a certification in C.P.T.E.D (crime prevention through environmental design). Officer Visi has received and is currently the only active officer in the Austin Police department to have the Certified Crime Prevention Specialist certification. In addition Officer Visi concurrently serves on the SRT (Special Response Team) unit. Officer Visi has served on this unit since September 2001. The duties of this unit include protecting the first amendment rights of all citizens and maintaining civil order during demonstrations and protests. Assignments include Mardi Gras and Halloween celebrations, Texas Relays, Occupy Austin (Wall Street) and several anti-war/counter protest demonstrations.

Officer Visi enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, doing volunteer work in the community with his church. His hobbies include biking, camping, hunting and video games. Officer Visi considers himself a nerd with a badge and does all things geek such as reading comics, playing PC video games, and attending ComicCon, GenCon, Etc.

In the weeks approaching Christmas, Officer Visi dedicates his time to help organize and execute Operation Blue Santa. Around December 15th of each year, his regular duty assignments are working with the folks at the Austin Police Department, Office of Community Liaison for Operation Blue Santa. During this time he and all the Officers from the Region IV



District Representatives start collecting toys from the designated drop off locations, bring those toys back to the warehouse where they are organized by gender and age, then wrapped and packed for families that registered for the program. It's a lot of work but it's a very rewarding experience!

This is a photo of Officer Visi after hiking 30 miles through Big Bend National Park.

When asked how he found his way into law enforcement, Officer Visi had this to say, "When I was young I got into some trouble with police, one officer, Sgt. Van Noordt inspired and challenged me to be a better person. I learned a lot about second chances and how to deal with youth from him. Sgt. Van Noordt is now the Chief of Police in my hometown of Milton, Vermont. From that point on I knew I wanted to be in law enforcement and starting preparing myself for a career in that field. As a sophomore in high school I joined the United States Marine Crops. I felt that the Marines would

teach me discipline, how to live independently, reinforce physical fitness, all while serving my country as my Father and Grandfathers had."

What law do you find to be broken most often?

"Oh this one is really easy... TRAFFIC, talking on cell phones in school zones, speeding, etc. One violation that people often tell me they did not know was against the law is when people cut through a parking lot to avoid an intersection controlled by a traffic light such as traffic west bound on Slaughter that cut through the Randall's parking lot to go north bound on Brodie Lane." Transportation code sec. 545.423

If you could share one piece of advice with your community, what would it be? "If you make a mistake DON'T LIE; if I have learned one thing both professionally and personally it is the cover up is always worse than the crime/mistake. Police Officers are often lied to on a daily basis. When people are honest with me I find it refreshing and was more likely to exercise discretion and issue a warning as opposed to a citation. Also don't forget the "Golden Rule" treat others as you would like to be treated. Things don't happen in a vacuum out there on the streets, the woman you cut off in traffic is someone's mother, sister, daughter, etc. We should all remember that when we go about our lives and take a few minutes to gain calm and extend respect to those we live with."

Have you planned a New Year's resolution for yourself?

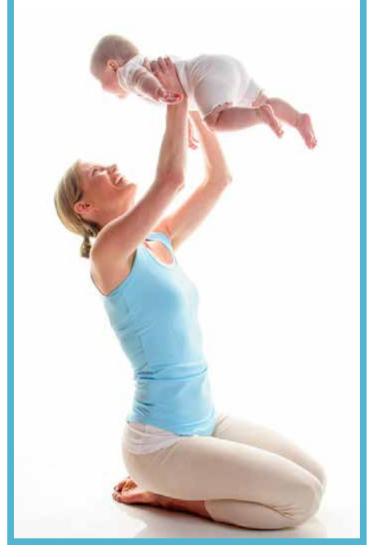
"I don't really do New Year's resolutions but I do have a bucket list and each year I try to cross a few things out. This year I am going to take a professional cooking class with my wife, and to visit Carlsbad Caverns National Park with my family."

Officer Visi attends many of the Circle C community events and we are a better neighborhood for his service! Introduce yourself and your children to him at one of our Food Trailer Night!

## Circle C Moms

Are you a mom? Do you live in Circle C or Meridian? If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, then we want you to join Circle C Moms! Circle C Moms is a group of neighborhood moms that coordinates events for children, moms and families. Children events include weekly playdates, holiday parties and filed trips. Weekly moms' events are hosted at members' homes or nearby restaurants and are an opportunity for moms to get out and enjoy a little 'adult' time and meet other moms.

If you're interested in joining, please email us for more information at delagarzakim@yahoo.com.



#### **COVER PHOTO**

Do you take great photos?

Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Circle C Ranch Newsletter. Our deadine for submittals is always the 9th of the month prior to the issue. All photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution (300 dpi) to sarah@circlecranch.info. Portrait (vertical) photos work best.

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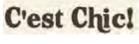
















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Closed 11	Sage Marinated 12 Chicken, Pomegranate Sauce Cranberry Rice, Vegetables	Chicken Fried 13 Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn	Pesto Salmon 14 Basil Crème Sauce, Orzo Pasta, Cesar Salad	Achiote Pork 15 Tenderloin Tomatillo Sauce Rice, Cesar Salad	Black Bean & 16 Corn Enchiladas Spanish Rice, Refried Beans	Closed 17	
Closed	Chicken 19 Parmesan Tomato Basil Sauce, Fettuccine, Caesar Salad	Braised Short 20 Ribs Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables	Pork tenderloin 21 Roasted Pear & Cranberry Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes, Caesar Salad	Jumbo Shrimp 22 Wrapped in Bacon Angel Hair Pasta White Wine Sauce Caesar Salad	Chicken Stuffed 23 Brie cheese, & Bacon Roasted Garlic Sauce, Creamy Polenta Caesar Salad	Closed 24	
Closed 25	Almond crusted 26 Tilapia, garlic spinach sautéed, Cheesy potatoes	Grilled 27 Rib eye, Baked Potato, Shallot Sauce, Green Beans	Chicken Picatta 28 Lemon Caper Sauce Caesar Salad	Lemon Lime 29 Pan Seared Shrimp Cilantro Sauce Comino Rice Vegetables	Rosemary Chipotle 30 Chicken Roasted Apple Chutney, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables	Closed 31	

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I'm often asked by my Circle C clients which months are the "best" months to market their homes to get the most showings, offers and \$money\$ for their properties. Sales are generally strong year-round in Circle C because it is a highly desirable neighborhood with plenty of new and resale homes of all sizes and prices. However, the spring and summer are the strongest months starting in mid-February and continuing through September. This is the time when large families purchase homes to have their kids in school by the fall semester. Young couples with infants or no children usually buy from September through December so there is no competition from the larger families and they can close by the holidays, just in time to have the grandparents come see their new baby. January is "tax time" and February is typically the slowest month in real estate so most real estate companies have their conventions during this month. Then the cycle starts all over again. Homes are sold on a "case by case" basis in Circle C with the buyers comparing them to one another based on the area, street, upgrades, home-site, trees, greenbelts, cul-de-sacs, outside masonry, size, age, builder and floor-plan. As of December 3rd, 2014 there are only 24 total listings in all of Circle C Ranch! This is 1 less home than last year at this same time. With the active sales forecast for this year, it may spur buyers into home shopping earlier in the year. They will try to beat the spring rush and take advantage of reduced interest rates. This may drive the price back up on some resale and new homes because of supply if homes are slow to come on the market. Interest rates remain attractive, hovering around the 3.875%-4.0% level on a 30 year mortgage, non-jumbo financing (not over \$417,000. loan amount). The lack of listings supply and the level of interest rates mean one thing to Circle C sellers. Now is the time to list! If you have been considering moving up to a larger home or perhaps down-sizing to a smaller home, please allow me to provide you with a no- obligation, free, accurate, comprehensive market analysis and explain our move-up and movedown plans that save you money. The Squires Team is so confident in their sales ability and knowledge of the market in Circle C Ranch that we offer a \$cash-back\$ guarantee! If we can't sell your home in 30 days and another agent lists and sells it for more, we will pay you the difference in \$cash!\$ Call John for an easy appointment to provide you with a free, no-obligation, accurate market analysis on your valuable Circle C property. Thanks, John Squires



Call John's "sell" phone at (512) 970-1970 to list your house or see any property.

The Squires Team specializes in Southwest Austin, Westlake and Lakeway areas. John Squires is the #1 selling realtor in the history of Circle C Ranch with well over 400 homes sold in the neighborhood. The Squires Team has achieved the Austin Business Journal's "Top 50" agents in Austin, Texas award 7 times, including #10 in Austin for 2014 and sold over 900 homes to date city-wide! John works with all relocation companies. (Yes, it is your choice to use any agent you choose to sell your home.) John is relo-certified with all relocation firms and he is the #1

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Happy New Year Circle C! Below is the recent activity of John Squires and the Squires Team. Call John directly about any property in Austin or for a free analysis of your home.



'JUST LISTED!" John's listing-8507 Lewis Mountain Drive. 4 bed, 4 baths PLUS office! Want an in-ground pool/hot tub on 1.6 acres backing to a permanent preserve? Acreage close-in! 3900 sq.ft. for \$650,000.



JUST LISTED!" John's listing-5916 Gorham Glen Gorgeous remodel with wood floors, granite, high end stainless, travertine master bath all on permanent greenbelt. 2 beds and 2 baths down! \$439,000.



Call John's "Sell" phone for a quick response at (512) 970-1970!



'JUST SOLD!" John's listing 6506 Way Lane "SOLD!" with multiple offers in 11 days after 1st open house. Gorgeous 2-story w/in-ground pool. \$469,000. list price.



'JUST SOLD!" John's listing 6705 Maelin Cove "SOLD!" in 1 week after previous agent had it listed for 79 days without an offer. Stunning 1story with in-ground pool on a 1/3rd acre lot. \$489,000. list price.



"JUST SOLD!" 6820 Vitruvius Kevin's new built for buver in Avana. \$515,000.



"JUST SOLD!" John's listing 10900 Wareham Ct. 1-story cottage, "SOLD!" for full price in 35 days. \$353,000. list price.



"JUST SOLD!" John's buyer 7725 Haggans Lane Gorgeous 2-story KB on corner lot. \$565,000. list price.



"JUST SOLD!" John's listing 5911 Brown Rock \$274,500. list price.

## Around Circle C

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#### SEND US YOUR

#### Event Pictures!!

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue.

Email the picture to <u>sarah@circlecranch.info</u>. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption.

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#### Around Circle C



When I came with the idea of setting a Turkey Trot run during the holiday season, I was thinking that perhaps some of us runners would gather for a last minute call run before Thanksgiving. The response was overwhelming. I was going to need expert advice and even authorization for this. I met with Jack Murray, Owner of Jack and Adam's Bicycle Shop who is perhaps the most experienced organizer of athletic races as he puts together several triathlons and other events for the Livestrong Foundation. My first task was to get authorization from our Home Owners Association per recommendation of Jason Bram, President of the Board of our HOA. After this, I went to ask permission from the City of Austin, this is a nonprofit event and only for locals, so they accepted. To be honest, I was not expecting what came next. Some neighbors came with many ideas, like live music, food and sponsors, etc. We wanted to keep this strictly a community event and free for all, our idea was to make the Turkey Trot a yes, if you ask me, I would do it again. local gathering during the holidays.

We agreed to accept free donations from Jack and Adam's in the rent of the mile markers, cones, tables and Gatorade coolers. Aurora Jones, Co-owner of Barre3 provided initial warm-up and traffic cross guard. HEB provided bananas for trotters. The day arrived. Our neighbors Victor and Claudia Garate, and Todde Withycombe (by the way, the fastest runner) helped us set up the cones and mile markers for the routes. The National Anthem performed by Regina Bosada, Summer McCallum, Logan Jones and 2 other girls set up the spark....more than 450 turkey trotters covered an entire lane on La Crosse....ves, we were that many. We set up traffic cross guards (Thank you to Aurora Jones, Megan Schultz and Emily Herbruk) It was a great day, weather was phenomenal and spirits were very high.

Next year? Well, all will depend on many things. Feedback from other neighbors, HOA, COA, etc. As for me, It was very rewarding to see this amazing response and willingness to show up for this community event, there was not a single piece of trash on the streets, camaraderie was very high, and

Happy Holidays, Ana Cecilia, Alvear Bosada



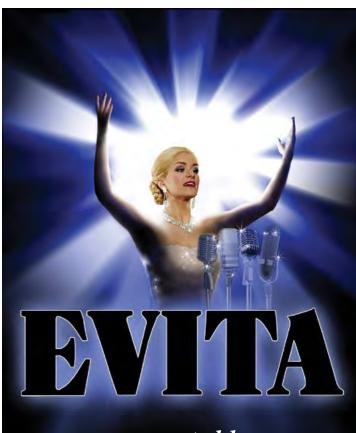
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Productions are Thursday through Saturday, January 22 – 24 and January 29 – 31 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 25 and February 1 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults. Tickets at the door are all \$15. Reservations can be made by calling 512-414-2343.







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## **Avoiding the Money Hangover!**

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

May I wish a Happy New Year to all in our lovely neighborhood of Circle C. Of course I hope you made it through the holidays with your finances intact and little or no debt.

If however, you did not do as well as you had hoped and are suffering from the dreaded money hangover, you just might be in the mood for a savings challenge to help you to be prepared for next Christmas.

This one is called the 52 week savings challenge posted by savingabuck.com and is a great, fun way to save and avoid the pitfalls of debt over the holidays.

Firstly, find yourself a large jar – those left over from the Christmas mixed nuts are perfect!

On week one of the challenge put \$1.00 into your jar. This challenge starts off with small amounts to give yourself time to breathe from all the holiday spending.

Week two, put \$2.00 into the jar, week three \$3.00, week four \$4.00 and so on ... you get the picture. By week 52 you

will have saved \$1,378.00!! - which will go very well towards your holiday spending.

This is a great activity to engage the children in your life. You can make a chart to stick to your jar listing the weeks and amounts, and monitor your progress. You can check off your weeks and have fun watching the savings grow. It's also another great way to teach children how to save. With the majority of high school graduates going out into the world without a basic understanding of personal money management, it's always a good time to learn some savings skills.

Your savings plan might not just be for holiday spending. A friend of mine in Circle C tells me she has been using the 52 week challenge, and is well on the way to saving for her new car.

So whatever you are saving for this is a great way to save some cash – and for some, next year will hopefully be an even Happier New Year without having to deal with the hangover of added debt.

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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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#### FRUIT FLIES

Fruit flies can become a problem at any time of year because they are attracted to ripe or fermenting fruit. Fruit flies can be brought into the home from ripe fruits or vegetables picked from the garden or items purchased at the grocery store.

Adults are small (about 1/8 of an inch) and usually have red eyes. The front portion of the body is tan while the back portion is dark brown or black. If given the opportunity, females can lay up to 500 eggs. Larvae feed near the surface of fermenting foods or other organic matter.

Prevention is the best way to deal with fruit flies. Do not purchase over ripened fruit or vegetables. Fruit and vegetables should be eaten in a timely manner or stored in the refrigerator. If storage in the refrigerator is not an option because you are ripening the item, place it in a paper bag and use a



clothespin or chip clip to close the bag. All recyclables should be rinsed thoroughly before placing them into the recycling bin. The recycling bin and garbage can should be cleaned out on a regular basis to eliminate any spilled material.

To eliminate a fruit fly infestation, all sources must be located and eliminated. Insecticides will not help if sources are not eliminated. While searching and eliminating breeding sources, a trap can be constructed to capture adult flies. Create a paper funnel by rolling notebook paper and

place the funnel into a jar that contains a small amount of apple cider vinegar in the bottom.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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### 10 POWERHOUSE FOODS

#### THAT WILL HELP YOU BURN FAT IN THE NEW YEAR!

Marissa Dosser - CPT, Nutrition Coach -Texas Fit Chicks Boot Camp www.texasfitchicks.com/marissa

#### 1. OATMEAL

Great source of soluble fiber and slow-digesting carbohydratesthat will keep blood sugar and insulin in check so fat burning can stay high.

#### 2. EGGS

A form of well-absorbed protein, healthy fats and Vitamin D (found in the egg yolk). Eggs also contain lecithin, which promotes healthy liver function, thereby helping the body to burn fat.

#### 3. SALMON

High in omega-3 fatty acids, salmon reduces inflammation in the body and lowers LDL and triglyceride levels while raising good HDL levels. Salmon also has a beneficial effect on leptin (hunger hormone) levels in the body, which means it helps to suppress your appetite.

#### 4. NUTS

Another source of fiber and rich in omega-3s, these fats help to regulate blood sugar and protect the heart and the immune system.

#### 5. GRAPEFRUIT & BERRIES

These fruits contain slow-digesting carbs and are rich in fatfighting fiber. Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries all are loaded with soluble fiber and antioxidants that protect blood vessels and promote healthy blood flow.

#### 6. AVOCADO

It's got fat, yes, but the good kind! The monounsaturated fats found in avocado are burned readily for fuel during exercise and actually encourage fat burning. Good source of fiber and antioxidants.

#### 7. LEAFY GREENS

Broccoli, specifically, is a fibrous carb that can make you feel full quickly—one reason why it's a great food for getting lean. Broccoli also contains phytochemicals that can help enhance fat loss.

#### 8. CINNAMON

Helps to reduce blood sugar levels, which in turn prevents the body from storing sugar as fat. Add it to your oatmeal and yogurt to enhance flavor without adding calories.

#### 9. GREEN TEA

Drink this! Not only is green tea packed with antioxidants, it also contains catechins, a phytochemical that helps speed up metabolism and burn more fat.

#### 10. BEANS & LEGUMES

Great sources of protein and they normalize insulin levels and help keep your blood sugar steady throughout the day. Black beans, Garbanzo beans, red beans and lentils are all great to incorporate into your diet.





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#### Wash Your Hands

#### Reducing Spread of Disease While at Home and Work

By: Concentra Urgent Care

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that nearly 90,000 patients die in U.S. hospitals each year due to a preventable disease – many could be avoided if everyone properly washed their hands.

From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

#### WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change a diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

#### HAND WASHING BASICS

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
  - Rinse off soap under a stream of water

#### WHAT ELSE CANYOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, or visit the CDC's creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.

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## Empowering Austin Homeless by Kathleen Highsmith

On Tuesday, August 26th 2014, the Texas State Enactus class started for the Fall semester and I started to see the difference this group makes in central Texas. Enactus students continually work on projects that benefit the community and also help individuals to help themselves.

One of the main goals of Enactus is to empower people through our projects. My favorite project that does just that is Mobile Loaves and Fishes, which is currently building sustainable housing for the homeless in Austin. Along with housing we also provide the homeless with employment by helping them sell crafts and frozen treats during the many festivals in and around Austin. Our ultimate goal with Mobile Loaves and Fishes is to help build a set of skills that the homeless can use to find steady work and help get them off the streets. Enactus is all about helping people help themselves and as an Enactus student I have learned some valuable lessons and grown as an individual while doing just that.

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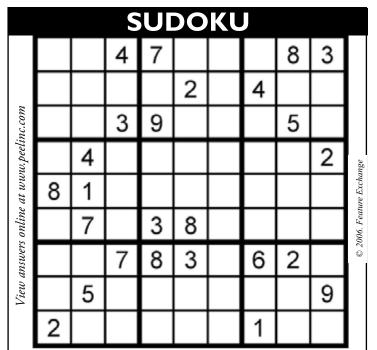
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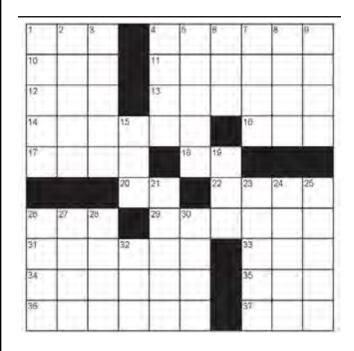
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#### ACROSS

- 1. Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
- 4. Scales
- 10. Hovercraft
- 11. Type of phone
- 12. Regret
- 13. State capital
- 14. Indian weapons
- 16. Part of a min.
- 17. Information
- 18. Hey!
- 20. Fire department (abbr.)
- 22. Captain (abbr.)
- 26. Pouch
- 29. Woman in the Old Testament
- 31. Absence of values
- 33. Time period
- 34. National capital
- 35. Official canine registry (abbr.) 30. Sew together
- 36. Pseudonym
- 37. Change hue

#### DOWN

- 1. Unit of electric capacitance
- 2. Sporty car brand
- 3. Unconcealed
- 4. Animal stomach
- 5. Crummy
- 6. Possessive pronoun
- 7. Welcome rugs
- 8. Cheese
- 9. In (together)
- 15. Clod
- 19. Fall mo.
- 21. Divinity
- 23. Leading
- 24. Jaunty
- 25. Draw over 26. Baby's "ball"
- 27. After awhile
- 28. \_\_ girl
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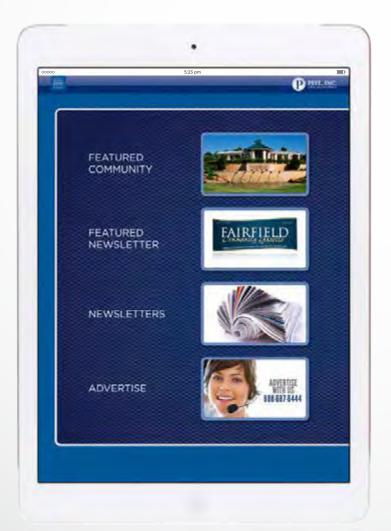


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- #1 Circle C has less than 2 months of available inventory, that's considered a Seller's Market
- #2 The number of Homes recorded as SOLD in MLS for the prior 6 Months = 168, That's 15% less than same time last year
- #3 The number of homes under contract (PENDING) is 37, that's 3% more than same time last year.
- #4 The number of ACTIVE Listings in MLS was 47, that's 104% more than this time last year!
- #5 The number of homes under contract (PENDING) is 37, that's 3% more than same time last year.

## **GOT STATS?** FACTS!

	6 Months Sold History (06/2014-11/2014)								Current Market	
Circle C Ranch by Neighborhood	TOTAL		AVERAGE				TOTAL			
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On The Park	6	3,258	\$	144	5	469	1997	31	0	2
Wildflower	9	2,137	S.	163	\$	349	2001	13	1	1
Park West	9	2,293	5	177	5	406	2001	30	0	1
Vintage Place	7	3,487	5	141	5	493	2002	15	1	1
Hielscher	16	3,193	5	147	5	471	2002	15	1	3
West	21	3,479	\$	145	\$	506	2005	36	4	3
Park Place	5	2,806	5	146	5	409	2005	56	0	1
Mairfield	7	3,492	\$	153	\$	536	2005	20	0	2
Enclave 18-2	6	2,728	\$	153	S	418	2006	36	2	2
La Crosse	6	2,739	\$	158	\$	432	2007	12	0	D
Alta Mira	6	3,162	5	137	\$	433	2007	31	0	1
Fairway Estates	2	4,301	5	150	\$	647	2010	85	a	D
Enclave Estates	2	4,117	5	152	\$	625	2011	11	U	1
Avana	22	2,957	5	171	5	507	2014	83	24	7
Barstow Village	n/a	n/a		n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Barstow Court	n/a	n/a		n/a	4.	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Greyrock Ridge	1	3,147	5	131	5	411	2014	23	1	0
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Circle C Ranch	168	2,998	\$	152	.5	456	2003	34	47	37
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