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HOA Announcements



HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCHOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Circle C Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm at the Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Ave. Please arrive at 6:00pm to allow time for check-in.

In order to call the meeting to order and conduct business, we need a 10% quorum. You will find the ballot and proxy on the back of your February 2014 Assessment. If you cannot attend the meeting, PLEASE either assign your proxy to a neighbor or fill out a Quorum Proxy (available online) so that it counts toward the quorum.

The Association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in your community. Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet Board members and HOA staff.
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- Review the proposed budget, and hear the Association treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the Board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

1ST HOA ASSESSMENT MAILING FEBRUARY 1

The 1st half year assessments will be mailed February 1 and are due March 1. Please be sure to mail checks to: CCHOA

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CANDIDATE FORUM FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The Nominating Committee will host a Candidate Forum on February 11, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Community Center. We have 3 owners who have submitted their Candidate Questionnaire for the two open Board seats. If you would like to review the Candidate Questionnaires, those can be found on the Circle C website at www.circleranch.info.

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 1:

First ½ Annual Assessment Invoiced

FEBRUARY 11:

Candidate Forum

MARCH 1:

First ½ Annual Assessment Due

MARCH 4:

Annual Meeting

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 & DECORATIONS REMINDER

If you haven't already, please take down all of your holiday lighting and decorations per the rules in the governing documents (lights and decorations should be removed by January 15th). Thank you for your cooperation.

CITY OF AUSTIN WASTEWATER AVERAGING

Wastewater Averaging runs from mid-November 2014 through mid-March 2015. The information below has been pulled from the City of Austin website. For helpful links on how to calculate your wastewater average, to find your 2015 schedule and view frequently asked questions, log onto: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/wastewater-averaging>

CITY OF AUSTIN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

In order to ensure safety and mobility in the Public Right Of Way throughout our neighborhood the HOA recommends regularly checking your property for the following items:

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February is a Good Month for Love (and Landscape Care!)

Winter has definitely arrived here in central Texas and how nice these cold temps have been! However, we all know that springtime and its warming trend are just around the corner. February is a really good month to get back to lawn care in order to prepare your yards and beds for spring. Here are some things to begin doing:

-- Prune Live Oaks. Oak wilt is the most destructive disease affecting live oak trees in central Texas. Infection sites begin when a beetle carries fungal spores from an infected tree to an open wound on another tree. It then spreads from tree to tree through the root system. Because spores and the insects that carry them are most prevalent in the spring, it is recommended that pruning for general tree health, thinning, and non-safety related clearance be done during the coldest and/or hottest months of the year. We also recommend that you consult with a certified arborist for pruning of all significant trees, particularly live oaks.

-- Save some \$\$ and more importantly our WATER. Because grass is still dormant it is not necessary to begin a regular watering schedule just yet. With the recent rains every four or five days, the lawns don't really need it. However, remember to water your new trees. We are still in Stage Two watering restrictions, which limits watering to one time per week, the day depends on your address.

-- Prune Perennials. The best time of year to do any major pruning on perennials is when they are dormant- which is right now! For all of the perennials and native grasses that bloom in late spring, remove all the dead leaves, and most of them can be pruned close to the ground. If your evergreen hedges and shrubs are overgrown, you can perform a deep prune on them during the winter, they will reward you by rebounding back in the Spring.

-- Valentine's Day and roses go hand in hand- use this as a reminder that it's a good time to prune your roses! Roses that bloom once per year should be pruned just after they have finished blooming. Repeat bloomers should be cut back in early spring mainly to remove any dead or damaged canes, remove overgrowth, and re-shape the plant.

-- Crape Myrtle pruning. Crape myrtles produce their flowers on new growth from the current season so it's important to prune them in winter while they're dormant, or in early spring just before they push out their new growth. You can find many guides to the proper pruning of crape myrtles-instead of topping them off (commonly

known as Crape Murder), prune selectively and remove the old blooms. This will encourage new thick blooms from late Spring on.

-- Apply pre-emergent weed killer to your beds. Timing here is critical! In order for a pre-emergent herbicide to work it must be applied before any weeds crop up since they work by preventing weed seeds to germinate in the first place. Waiting until weeds emerge before applying herbicide to your beds will not only be ineffective, it can also cause soil and groundwater pollution. Which kind to use? An organic pre-emergent such as corn gluten is effective if you do your research. Using a regular (chemical) pre-emergent is another option. If you choose to take on the task yourself rather than hiring a professional, make sure you wear protective clothing, read the label, and follow instructions closely!

-- Do a mulch touch up if needed. Last month's newsletter contained an article on Mulching 101. Its chock full of tips so be sure to re-read it! With mulching the main things to keep in mind are 1) over-mulching- 2-4 inches is all you need, much more will stress the root system underneath, 2) mulching up to a tree's trunk- don't do this! Build up a little mound of mulch around the trunk with a few inches of breathing room to prevent trunk rot, and 3) areas of poor drainage require less mulch!

-- When to fertilize? Not 'til the grass grows! Think "late" when remembering when to fertilize - Late Spring - Late Summer - Late Fall! Note there is no "Late Winter" in the schedule as it's so important not to fertilize until the grass has begun to grow again! Fertilizer is, simply, food for your lawn. A plant derives the nutrients it needs either from soil or added in the form of fertilizer. As grasses begin to "wake up" in early spring from their winter dormancy they enter a natural growth phase and begin building carbohydrate (or energy) reserves- just like us! Fertilizing too early can stunt this process so it's best to wait until late spring just before temperatures begin to increase into the summer months. We'll expand more on fertilizing in a future article so stay tuned...

-- WaterWise Landscaping. Applications are being accepted now through March 31st to apply for the City of Austin's WaterWise Landscape Rebate. If you are thinking of converting your yard, now's the time to read up on it! For more info visit: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/waterwise-landscape-rebate>.

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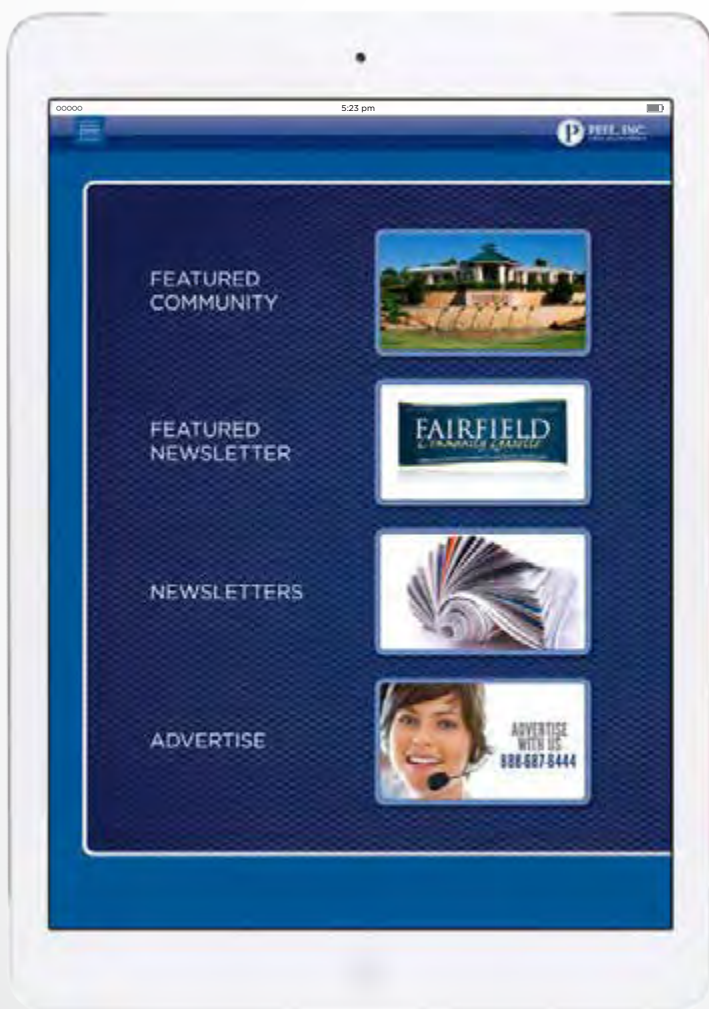
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Saturday: 8:00am-11:00am

Sunday: Closed

Community Center Closed

Summer Aquatic Programs for Teens and Pre-Teens

Do you know a child between the ages of 10 and 14 years old who loves to spend time at the pool? Sign them up for one of our summer programs!

Junior Lifeguarding: For kids between the ages of 11-14. All participants must complete the pre course evaluation: 25 yard front crawl, 25 yard breaststroke, 1 minute of treading water, 30 second back float OR 25 yards backstroke and a 10 foot under water swim. For more information please contact Jessy at frontdesk@ccswim.net

Volunteer Swim Instructor: For kids between the ages of 10-14. Volunteers will assist Swim Instructors in the water teaching swimming classes. Classes range in ability to beginner to pre swim team, ages range from 3-14 years. This is a great way for kids to start building a resume, get work experience and volunteer hours. For more information please contact Sophia at lessons@ccswim.net.

AQUATIC FORMS

Please remember if you are filling out a new Resident Information Form or have guests filling out the Guest Information Form; all forms must be filled out in their entirety. Residents and guests will not be allowed access to the Swim Center Pool or Community Center Pool until the required forms are completed and on file.

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. For inquiries about swim instructor positions, please email Sophia at lessons@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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How: Sign up at www.HOPE4JD.org (limited space)

Cost: Suggested donation of \$5 per person.

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*Feb 11th – Candidate Forum
Feb 20th – Food Trailer Night
March 4th – Annual Meeting*

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DAYS & HOURS:

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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 deadline 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@circlec ranch.info. Portrait (vertical) photos work best.

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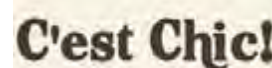
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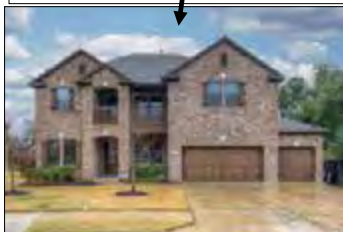
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News You Can Use

Why Does the City of Austin Conduct Prescribed Burns?

The City of Austin is a leader in the nation when it comes to prescribed burns. Leading the way are the Austin Water's Wildland Conservation Division and the Austin Fire Department's Wildfire Division; both programs conduct prescribed burns to meet City properties' land management goals. Prescribed burns safely mimic the natural fire cycle and maintain fire-resilient landscapes for the benefit of people, water, and wildlife.

On Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands the goal is often to reduce shrubs and invigorate native grasslands. On Austin's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, the goal focuses on creating shrubby habitat for the endangered black-capped vireo. The land management goal determines if and when prescribed fire is an appropriate fit.

As the name implies, prescribed burns are those based on a prescription—a carefully written plan that incorporates many factors such as weather conditions, topography, fuel type and desired goals into a calculated process to determine when, how, and if to burn. Prescribed burning is a safe, effective land management tool that can quickly accomplish work over a large area. All prescribed burns have the added benefit of reducing the potential for a more severe, uncontrolled wildfire.

City staff works closely with local fire departments and natural

resource partners to ensure that prescribed burns are conducted safely. In a coordinated burn, ensuring the smoke lifts quickly into the atmosphere and disperses rapidly is the primary goal. Attempts are made to minimize the impacts of smoke by limiting the size of a prescribed burn and waiting for ideal wind directions so that smoke is taken away from populated areas. All prescribed burn areas are patrolled for at least a week after the burn to ensure it is completely extinguished.

During the winter, cool, short days combined with dormant grass allow for prescribed burns to reduce grass thatch and woody vegetation with less intensity. This winter prescribed burns are planned for the Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands and Balcones Canyonlands Preserves. Specific areas include:

- Near Brodie Lane and FM1626
- Four Points Area
- Between Mopac and Shady Hollow

Burns are only conducted when weather conditions are appropriate, so it is difficult to determine specific dates far in advance. However, before the prescribed burns occur, local news outlets will be notified. Updates will also be available via Austin Water's Facebook and Twitter feeds.



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Hays County Prescribed Burns

What: Multiple Prescribed Burns

Prescribed burns are a land-management tool used by Austin Water's Wildland Conservation Division to decrease the density of brush and encourage growth of native grasses which improves the quality and quantity of water recharging the Barton Springs segment of the Edward's Aquifer.

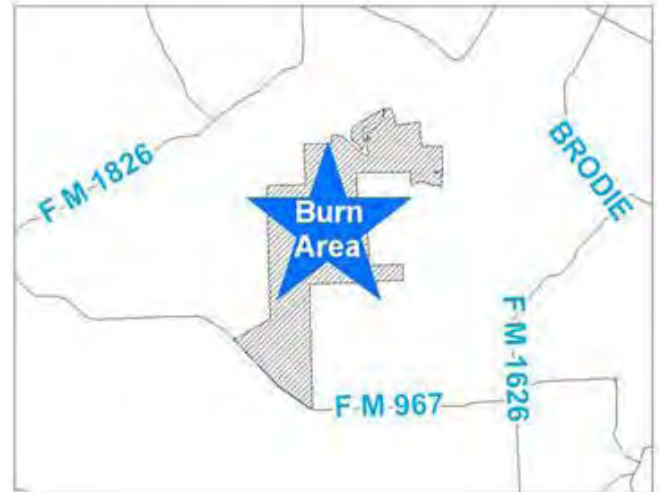
When: 12/15/2014-4/15/2014

Prescribed burns require specific weather conditions making it difficult to set exact dates in advance. Before the prescribed burns occur, local news outlets will be notified. Follow Austin Water's Facebook and Twitter feeds for more information and updates.

Who to contact: Residents in the area of the prescribed burn may encounter some smoke. If you, or members of your family, have health issues that may be affected by smoke, or if you have questions, please contact Lucien Ball, Fire Management Specialist, at 512-972-1683 or Lucien.Ball@austintexas.gov.

How: Austin Water's Wildland Conservation Division, in cooperation with the Austin Fire Department, local Emergency Service Districts, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Nature Conservancy will manage the prescribed burn to ensure it is carried out safely.

Where: Lower Bear Management Unit



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BE AWARE OF TAX SCAMS

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

The IRS is warning consumers to be careful of tax scams which are known to have hit every state in the US. The scammers are particularly targeting the elderly and vulnerable, and can be very skilled at what they do.

The scammer's will call identifying themselves with fake names and IRS badge numbers. They also may spoof the IRS toll free numbers on the phone caller ID, which will give the appearance that the IRS is calling. They may have information which will help their credibility such as a taxpayer's full name, address, date of birth and even the last four digits of a social security number. This activity can be particularly confusing to the elderly who may be hard of hearing, and struggle with the use of a phone.

The caller will claim that the taxpayer owes money which needs to be paid immediately. The callers can often be intimidating if not abusive, threatening foreclosure, police action and even jail time. They will demand immediate payment with a wire transfer or prepaid debt card. Unfortunately, in this confusion and heat of the moment many taxpayers particularly seniors are being robbed

of their money.

To avoid this kind of abuse it's important to know that the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers via telephone, email or any other electronic means. Nor do they ask for pin numbers or other personal information. Communication from the IRS concerning tax issues is primarily via regular mail. The IRS does not demand immediate payment, require payment in a specific method such as a wire transfer and would not use threatening tactics.

If you do get such a suspicious call, do not give the caller any information, but report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for the Tax Administration at 800-366-4484. If you know you owe taxes or have a tax issue, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 where an agent will be able to help you.

The general rule of thumb concerning any kind of call which is not from a known friend or relative is not to provide any personal information or access to money. For seniors particularly, these incidents can be very unnerving so do remember to reach out for support from a trusted friend, relative or an advisor in the community.

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National Eating Disorder Awareness Week

By: Alison Pelz, LD, RD, CDE, LCSW

The goals of Eating Disorder Awareness Week (2/22-2/28) are to impart the seriousness of eating disorders to the public, to improve understanding of eating disorders and increase early detection and intervention in order to increase rates of recovery. According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Related Disorders, only 1 in 10 people with eating disorders receive treatment. Yet eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders.

There are many myths around eating disorders which clinicians believe are a barrier for eating disorder sufferers to seek proper treatment. Here are three common myths about eating disorders:

Myth: Eating disorders only happen to adolescent girls. **Fact:** Eating disorders do not discriminate with regards to gender, age, ethnicity or sexual orientation. According to The Ranch, an eating disorder treatment center, there was a 42% increase of eating disorders among middle-aged women between 2001-2010. Binge eating disorder, the most common type of eating disorder, occurs almost equally between men and women.

Myth: To meet the diagnostic criteria for an eating disorder the sufferer must be underweight. **Fact:** Most people that have an eating disorder are of normal weight. Mortality rates are about the same across Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa and Eating Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified.

Myth: Eating Disorders are about food. **Fact:** Eating disorders are not cured simply by eating and usually don't go away without treatment. An eating disorder is purposeful and functional. That is to say, it helps the sufferer cope with stress, emotions, etc. In order for recovery, the sufferer must learn healthier ways to cope in order to reduce reliance on eating disorder behaviors.

If you or a loved one is suffering from an eating disorder please seek help and know that recovery is possible. Please go to www.neda.com for a free, on-line and confidential eating disorder screening tool. To learn more about eating disorders please visit these groups on-line The National Eating Disorder Association, The Binge Eating Disorder Association and the Austin Eating Disorder Specialists.



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SILVERFISH

I recently noticed silverfish lurking in my house while handling holiday decorations, so I'm sure others may have the same problem. Silverfish can eat and stain books, fabrics, food and wallpaper, but are often considered being more of a nuisance than a pest. These insects have flattened carrot-shaped bodies with three long "tails" that come off the tip of the abdomen. The body is covered with fine scales that give them a silver sheen. Immatures look just like the adults, but are smaller in size.

Usually silverfish are not seen by homeowners because they are most active at night. They can commonly be found in attics, closets or near bookcases. They may also be found behind baseboards or around door



and window casings. Silverfish feed on starchy foods like paper, flour, oats or glue.

Tips for managing silverfish:

- Remove old books, papers & magazines
- Store items in sealed, plastic bags or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids
- Clean closets on a regular basis- vacuum/ sweep floors and wipe down any shelves
- Reduce humidity with fans, air conditioning or dehumidifiers
- Repair any water leaks
- Inspect all items before bringing them into the house
- Target treatments to where silverfish live - wall voids, closets, attics, behind baseboards, etc.

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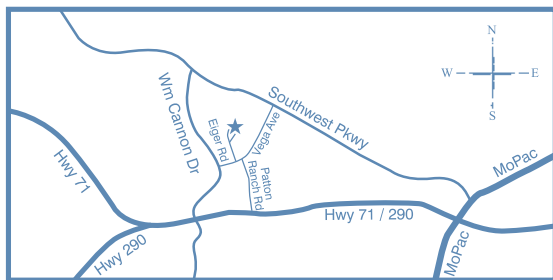
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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



The Modern Game: “The Backhand Return Serve Drop 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 already be 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 Backhand Return Serve Drop Shot.” This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player “surprises” the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men’s 70 Division in Texas,

and #13 in Singles and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

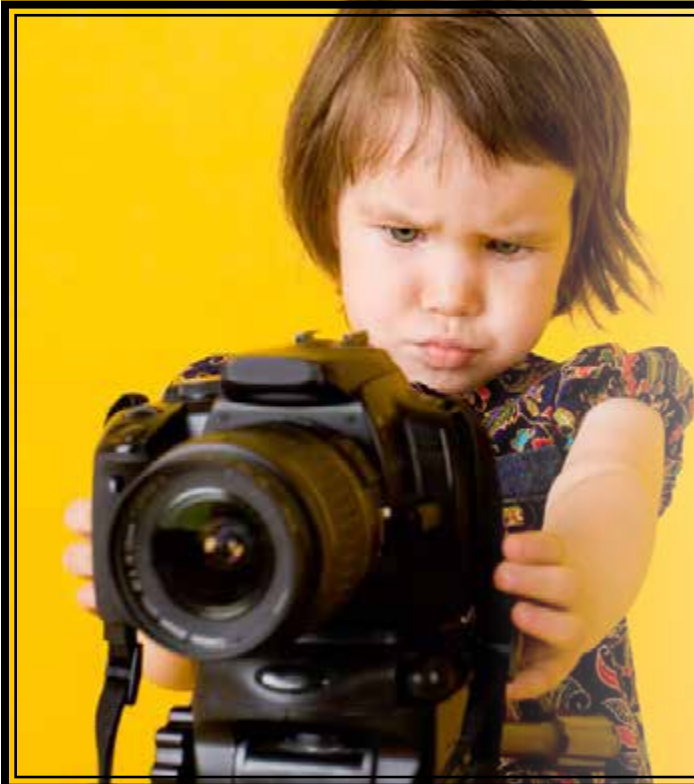
Step 1: The Back Swing: When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of the drop shot is to “cup” under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Overhead from the Baseline”



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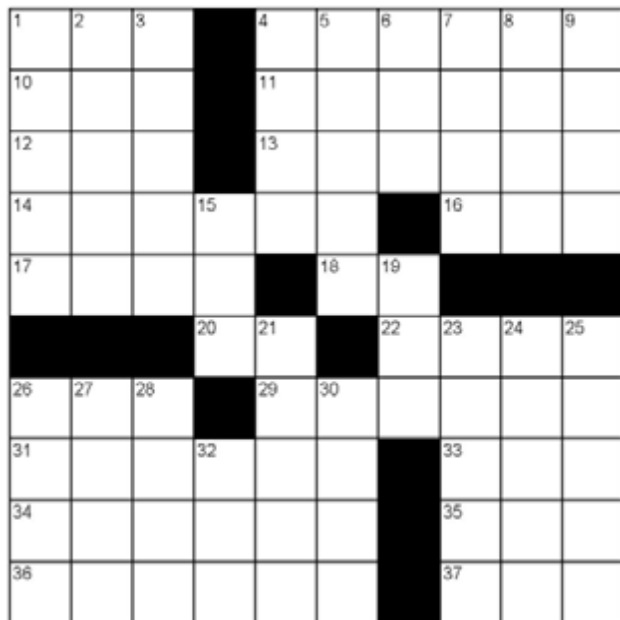


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#1 Good news! We continue to appreciate as a community ahead of national inflation numbers - which means our homes are proving to be a solid investment!

#2 As a community, our average home price jumped 10% over 2013 - from \$137 SF to \$151 SF!

#3 Largest positive one year jump was established in Barstow Court at the entrance of Circle C North.. from \$141 SF to an amazing \$182 SF (29%)

#4 Best 5 Year Annual Appreciation Rate was posted by the homes "On The Park" off La Crosse across from Kiker Elementary and St. Augustine School - an amazing 8% per year.

#5 As a community our 5 Year Annual Appreciation rate was a solid 6.8%!

Austin Real Estate Partners Annual Appreciation Report

Circle C Ranch Neighborhood Name	Average Sold Price Per Square Foot					Yr/Yr Price Change % since 2013	5-Yr Annual Appreciation Rate %
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
Circle C Central	\$ 106	\$ 109	\$ 114	\$ 128	\$ 135	5%	6.1%
North	\$ 125	\$ 128	\$ 137	\$ 148	\$ 161	9%	6.5%
On The Park	\$ 105	\$ 109	\$ 117	\$ 129	\$ 143	12%	8.0%
Wildflower	\$ 125	\$ 127	\$ 127	\$ 140	\$ 155	11%	5.5%
Park West	\$ 126	\$ 135	\$ 141	\$ 159	\$ 171	8%	7.9%
Vintage Place	\$ 112	\$ 102	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 143	23%	6.3%
Hielscher	\$ 117	\$ 119	\$ 125	\$ 138	\$ 148	7%	6.1%
West	\$ 114	\$ 115	\$ 122	\$ 133	\$ 145	9%	6.2%
Park Place	\$ 122	\$ 117	\$ 132	\$ 143	\$ 152	6%	5.7%
Muirfield	\$ 125	\$ 126	\$ 133	\$ 149	\$ 150	0%	4.6%
Enclave 1&2	\$ 126	\$ 121	\$ 127	\$ 139	\$ 153	10%	5.0%
Lacrosse	\$ 116	\$ 115	\$ 111	\$ 135	\$ 156	15%	7.7%
Alta Mira	\$ 119	\$ 122	\$ 129	\$ 138	\$ 139	0%	3.9%
Fairway Estates	\$ 137	n/a	\$ 131	\$ 151	\$ 156	3%	3.2%
Enclave Estates		\$ 113	\$ 125	\$ 145	\$ 148	2%	n/a
Avana		\$ 136	\$ 139	\$ 153	\$ 169	10%	n/a
Barstow Village				\$ 169	n/a	n/a	n/a
Barstow Court				\$ 141	\$ 182	29%	n/a
Greyrock Ridge					\$ 137	n/a	n/a
Circle C Ranch Total	\$ 116	\$ 119	\$ 125	\$ 137	\$ 151	10%	6.8%
Change Year over Year	1%	3%	5%	10%	10%		

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