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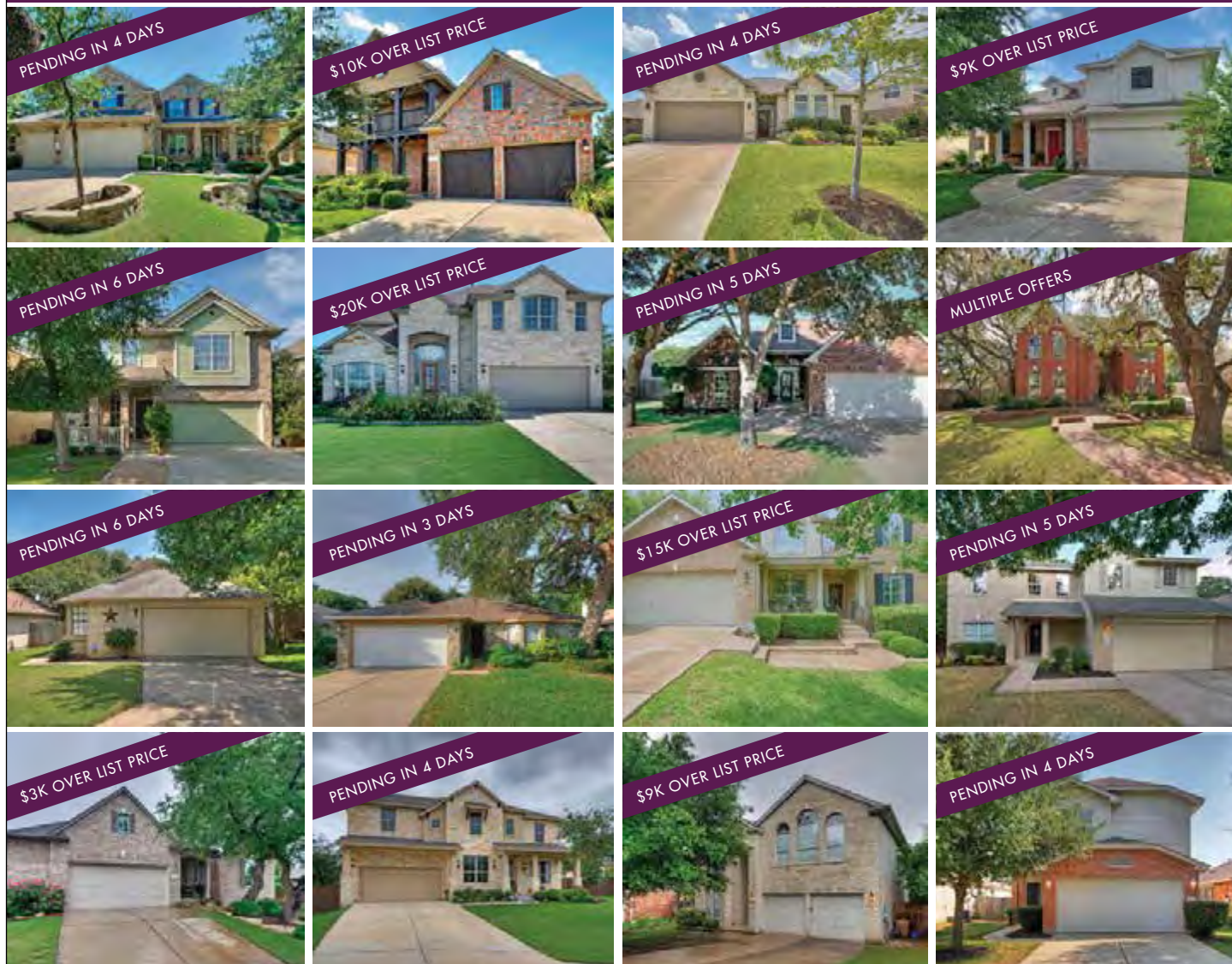
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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Election Day – Tuesday November 3rd
- MoPac South Open House – Tuesday November 10th
- Food Trailer Tailgate Party – Saturday November 14th
- CCHOA Offices Closed – Wednesday November 25th through Friday November 27th
- CCHOA November Board Meeting – Postponed for Tuesday December 1st
- Children's Holiday Party – Saturday December 5th
- Adult Holiday Party – Saturday December 12th

## DOES YOUR FENCE NEED REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT?

This is a reminder that if you are replacing your fence it must be replaced to match the previous style, height and position of the fence before it. Any and all changes to a fence must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to construction. More information about the ACC can be found on our website, [www.circlecranch.info/acc](http://www.circlecranch.info/acc).



## LOW HANGING TREE LIMBS

The HOA has received many calls regarding properties with low hanging tree limbs that extend over the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. These limbs pose a potential hazard to pedestrians beneath them so we would like to remind residents to take a good look at the trees on their properties and trim back all low hanging and dead limbs. If your home is on a corner lot, be sure to check along the side street!



## DUMPING & LITTERING

It has been brought to the HOA's attention that many of our residents are concerned with the leaving of pet waste (bagged or not) in the grass, bushes, sidewalks, streets or even in a fellow neighbor's trash can. Littering is a violation of City Code and a pet owner may not deposit pet waste on public or private property other than his own. The City of Austin Code, 15-6-112, states, "A person commits an offense if the person deposits, causes to be deposited, or permits to accumulate any dry or wet solid waste upon any public or private premises within the city in such a manner as to emit noxious or offensive odors or to become unsanitary or injurious to public health or safety." If you would like to learn more about City of Austin Code please visit their website: [www.austintexas.gov/resident/city-code](http://www.austintexas.gov/resident/city-code).

## NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO SUBMISSIONS & REQUIREMENTS

This year the HOA has received many great newsletter cover photo submissions from some very talented residents. We wanted to give all our photographers out there a better idea of what kind of photo is eligible for the newsletter cover.

To start, potential cover photos should be emailed to [sarah@circlecranch.info](mailto:sarah@circlecranch.info) for review. The chosen cover photo is due to the publisher on the 8th of the month prior to the next issue but due to time sensitivity the HOA typically has a photo in mind well before the deadline so the sooner photos are submitted the better!

Throughout the seasons we have many opportunities to display a "themed" cover photo, but we often receive those kinds of photos after the due date or even the season has passed. If you are interested in submitting a "themed" photo please keep the due date in mind. Possible themes include the four seasons and the holidays.

Peel Inc. Publishing provides Circle C their monthly newsletter and these are their specific requirements for a cover photo that must be adhered to:

- The cover is always a vertical "portrait" oriented page, size 8.5 by 11.
- Peel prints with bleeds and trim downs so the photo needs to be at least 8.75 wide by 11.25 tall.
- The preferred photo quality is 300 dpi, however if the photo is greater than the size noted, but lower in dpi the photo can be tested but a positive fit is not guaranteed.
- The publisher also has to work around the masthead banner of the newsletter which is always located near the top of the cover page. If the main focus of the photo is too high, the banner could potentially cut it off.

## ARTICLE INFO

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 [sarah@circlecranch.info](mailto:sarah@circlecranch.info) by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

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## PLANTING TREES & CCL UPDATE

*written by Susan Hoover*

There is an old saying: When is the best time to plant a tree?  
Answer: Ten years ago.

If you are wishing you'd known that say, 10 years ago, and since time-travel isn't currently an option, the next best time to plant is... now! November and the fall season are the best times for planting new trees. Fortunately for us here in Circle C, there are several excellent tree options that do really well, adding value both to our individual homes and our neighborhood as a whole.

### Selection

There are two main types of trees that you see in the commons areas of Circle C- decorative trees and shade trees. When selecting the type of tree you want to plant, several factors should be considered- location & function, shade availability, access to water, soil type, etc. It's also important to think ahead- will there be adequate space for a shade tree to grow both in height and width or would a smaller, decorative tree be a better option? For decorative trees, we recommend:

- Anacacho Orchid Tree
- Buckeye: Mexican or Red
- Texas Mountain Laurel
- Crape Myrtle
- Desert Willow
- Holly: Possumhaw or Yaupon
- Wax Myrtle

When choosing a shade tree, we recommend 30 or 45 gallon sizes- at 5 years old they will all be the same size! Shade trees that do well in our area include:

- Texas Ash
- Cedar Elm
- Oak Trees\*, specifically: Bur, Chinquapin, Lacey, Live & Mexican White.

The Texas A&M Forest Service has put together a great tool to help you narrow your search, offering the best options for you based on where you live and the size of tree you are looking for: <http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/index.html>. Check it out!

\*A note on Oaks & Oak Wilt- except for the Live Oak, all of the oak trees recommended above are considered "White Oaks."

White Oaks are the type most resistant to Oak Wilt so they are all good choices. The Live Oak is considered intermediate in susceptibility due in part to their interconnected root systems, which allow the fungus to more easily spread. Red Oaks are the highest in susceptibility and should be avoided. These include the Texas/Spanish,

Shumard, blackjack & water oak.

### Planting

Once you've made your selection there are several steps to take to ensure proper care while planting. Trees that are purchased from nurseries usually come in a pot or container, which makes for easier transport home! The Arbor Day Foundation is a great resource out there and is available to everyone. You can find a wealth of helpful information including this great (printable!) guide to tree planting: <http://www.arborday.org/trees/planting/containerized.cfm>. There are also planting guides available for bare root trees or trees that come wrapped in burlap.

### Watering

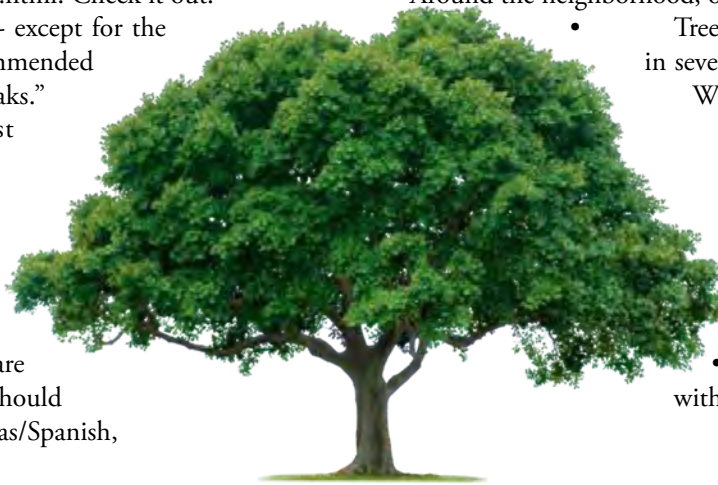
After a new tree is planted the next critical component is, of course, water. Concentrating water near the planting area out to the dripline (where droplets from rainfall naturally land) will encourage healthy root growth. Newly planted trees take time to develop a strong root system & this can take up to two years depending on the size of the tree when planted. Smaller, decorative trees adapt more quickly and need less water during installation than do the larger shade trees. You'll want to give your new tree plenty of deep watering- about two times per week if it is hot and dry for the first year. In the winter if there is no rain, watering every 7-10 days is likely sufficient. However, if you keep the tree standing in water it will also die, so the right amount of water really is critical. The City of Austin's Grow Green program offers a good reference article on tree care and watering: <https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/TreeCare.pdf>

As you can see, growing a healthy tree takes commitment and patience but choosing the best type for your space along with correct planting and knowing how to nurture it through its development stage, a tree is an investment that can yield high quality benefits for years to come. And like another old saying goes, "good things come to those who wait!"

### An Update on Circle C Landscape Current Special Projects!

Around the neighborhood, our current work includes:

- Tree planting! We are installing new trees in several areas including Circle C North, Wildflower Park and on Escarpment.
- A new plant and grass installation at the entrance to Muirfield.
- Installing new grass and drip irrigation along Spruce Canyon, beginning at Georgian Oaks.
- Getting ready for the holidays with our holiday lighting!





# MOPAC SOUTH OPEN HOUSE

Get the latest on proposed mobility improvements for MoPac South between Cesar Chavez Street and Slaughter Lane on Tuesday November 10, 2015.

Join the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation at the fourth Open House for the MoPac South Environmental Study to learn how community input is helping shape potential mobility improvements along MoPac from Cesar Chavez Street to Slaughter Lane.

The study team has responded to the community's request for additional analysis of the proposed Express Lanes concept and will share information about several potential operational configuration options. A No Build – or Do Nothing – Alternative continues to be considered.

Event details:

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015

3 – 7 p.m.

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No formal presentation will be given, so please come and go at your convenience. Complimentary parking is available in the Palmer Parking Garage (entrances from Barton Springs Road and Riverside Drive). Visit [www.MoPacSouth.com](http://www.MoPacSouth.com) for a map of the location and additional event information.

You can review exhibits, watch informational videos, and submit comments and questions through the Virtual Open House between Wednesday, October 21 and Friday, Nov. 20, 2015 at [www.MoPacSouth.com](http://www.MoPacSouth.com).



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**Date:** Saturday December 5th, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am – 1:00pm

**Where:** Circle C Community Center

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Date: Saturday December 12th, 2015

Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Where: Circle C Community Center

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## Monday-Friday

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## Saturday

8:00am-11:00am

## Sunday

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## COVER PHOTO

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Closed 8	Pecan Crusted Trout 9 Jalppena Strawberry Sauce, Orzo Pasta, Caesar Salad	Sage Marinated 10 Chicken Served with a Pomegrana te Sauce Sweet Potatoes Vegetables	Shrimp 11 And Sausage Paella Cesar Salad	Tarragon Walnut 12 Crusted Chicken Orange Ginger Sauce, Cranberry Rice, Vegetables	New York 13 Strip, Wild Mushroom Sauce Oven Roasted Potatoes	Closed 14
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Closed 22	Chicken Cordon 23 Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Caesar Salad	Shrimp Wrapped 24 in Bacon Angel Hair Pasta White Wine Sauce Vegetables	Closed 25	Closed 26 Happy Thanksgiving!!!	Closed 27	Closed 28
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# November 2015



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# THE TURKEY TROT IS BACK!

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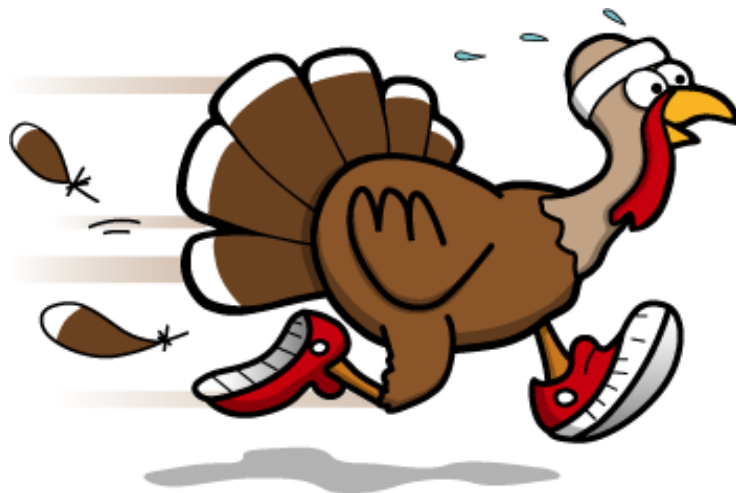
Meet us November 26th 2015, Thanksgiving morning, at 8:30 am at the Circle C Community Center for a 3 mile run/walk or a 10k!

Don't need to sign up, just show up!

Please park at the Community Center or Clayton Elementary, AVOID parking on Spruce Canyon or La Crosse Ave.

We were able to get approval from the City of Austin as this is a local event for neighbors and we are doing this as a way to strengthen our community and not for profit. Bring your family, strollers, bikes; this is a local event but you are welcome to bring friends as well. Let's make this a tradition!

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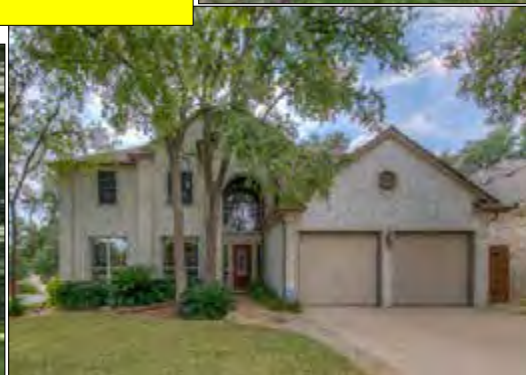
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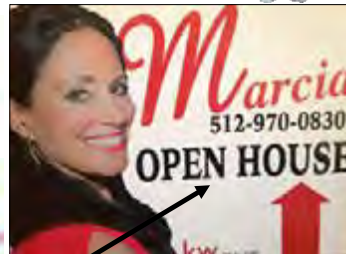
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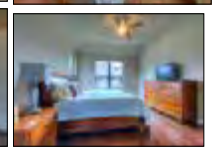


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Wow Circle C, what a difference a year makes. There are many more homes on the market this year as opposed to last September-October timeframe. We had a super-busy winter and Spring season this year, but it tapered off after July 4th and hasn't really developed a head of steam again—yet. We have still sold 5-6 homes per month as sales have been steady, but the season of having 10 offers on your listings is over for now, unless the agent is underpricing your home. The **"Second Spring"** is about to start as a completely different segment of buyers are about to start looking for their dream homes in Circle C with hopes of closing by the holidays. October, November and December are fantastic months to have your home on the market, as Circle C sells year-round anyway. Homes always show fantastic during the holidays as they always smell good with all the fresh baking and are decorated to the hilt. There is an exodus of buyers relocating to Southwest Austin from Northwest and Westlake areas. The word is out that Circle C is only 10 miles to downtown, is very affordable for many families and is a great place to retire. Many people have adult children and grandchildren in Circle C and are moving here to be closer to the kids. With the new home subdivisions being a factor and the interest rates staying low, we will keep the market very active all year in this area. Having lower rates makes it easier for the people moving here to sell their homes too from wherever they are moving from. Call John for an update on the whole area, where the new homes are being built and for how much. As usual, with the holidays the home builders slow down. This also increases the demand for resale homes for those buyers not wanting to wait for a new home. Right now, Avana is backed up and they can't even start building a home for a new buyer for probably 3 months after contract. Halloween is here, Thanksgiving is a speed-bump and Christmas is upon us! If you would like a no-obligation market analysis on your property, please call any time at (512) 970-1970. Thank you, John Squires.

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# Mealybugs

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Mealybugs are pests of landscape plants and houseplants. They are often active during times of warm, dry weather, but can also become a

problem indoors at any time of year. Infestations usually start at the base of stems and then spread from there as populations increase.

Mealybugs are a type of unarmored scale insect. They are sexually dimorphic (males & females look different). Males have wings while females remain wingless and nymph-like throughout their life. Females are oval, soft-bodied and covered with a white waxy powder.

These insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to penetrate plant tissue and suck out juices. This can lead to chlorosis (yellowing of the plant), wilting and distortion. With larger infestations, the insects may cause stunted growth, premature leaf drop or death of the plant. Mealybugs are also known for secreting honeydew, a sweet, sticky substance on which a fungus called \*sooty mold may grow.

\*Sooty mold is a fungus that grows on honeydew excretions. Sooty mold can indirectly harm the plant by covering plant surfaces and reducing the amount of sunlight that reaches plant tissues, resulting in reduction of photosynthesis.

Since all but male mealybugs are wingless, adult females have to be placed near a host plant for them to infest it. They can crawl short distances to plants. Immatures can be blown to new locations by the wind, move by water or be transported by animals.

Tips for mealybug management:

- Conserve beneficial insects; there are many insects that will feed on mealybugs or parasitize them
- \*\*Use high pressure water sprays to dislodge the insects from the plant
- \*\*Insecticidal soap
- \*\*Horticultural oils
- \*\*Insecticides labeled for mealybug control
- For severely infested plants, it may be best to throw the plant away and buy a new one

\*\*If treating houseplants, move plants outside during treatment then move back inside once treatment has dried.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## Smart Technology: the wave of the future for seniors

With more seniors wanting to stay in their own homes as they get older, there is an amazing array of technologies that will allow them to do just that, while keeping them safe and connected.

These technologies revolve around the “smart home” concept.

We are now mostly familiar with the smart phone which is being designed to provide the “magic wand” control center for the smart home while also providing important information, reminders and alerts to the resident.

There is the “smart bathroom” complete with toilet flush detectors, toilet paper sensors, and showers regulating water temperatures.

There are “smart front doors” using keyless entry, providing automatic door opening, along with microphones, cameras, and speakers for the occupant to identify the visitor, and remotely allow access.

The “smart laundry” will provide alerts when to do laundry and even help with sorting, along with the “smart closet” which will make suggestions on what to wear depending on the event and weather conditions.

The “smart bed” will monitor sleep patterns, and also receive alerts from the “smart stove” if a burner is left on by mistake.

“Smart mirrors” will display messages and important appointment and medication reminders. “Smart floors”, combined with ultrasound tracking will monitor activity and location, and be able to report falls to emergency services.

Adding to all of this “smartness” will be a cognitive assistant which will guide residents through various daily tasks, be able to answer all kinds of questions and provide reminders and alerts.

A personal favorite is the social-dining nook with immersive video, where occupants will be able to share meals with distant friends and relatives to catch up in real time.

While most of these technologies seemed only available to the likes of Bill Gates, whose smart home by the way plays a choice of music as residents move from room to room, they are becoming more available and affordable to everyone, particularly seniors who will find life changing benefits from these innovations.

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

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\_ Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

\_ The two things I hate most: loud dogs and noisy neighbors.

\_ I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

\_ I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

\_ I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're not home and for the flat screen TVs and gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

\_ Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page or other social media. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

\_ To you, leaving the window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

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# BREAST CANCER

## Importance of Early Detection

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths. Screening is vital because early stages of the disease are easier to treat. The American Cancer Society recommends women:

- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
- Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
- An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

*For more information about breast cancer and early detection, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, visit the American Cancer Society Web Site at: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site at: <http://nbcam.org/>*



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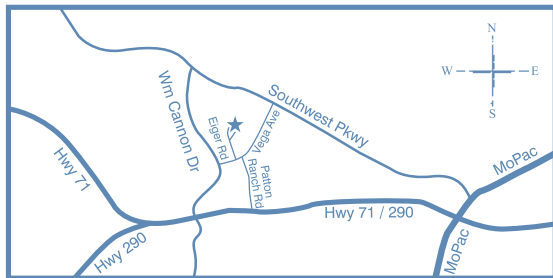
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Not only do mistakes cost the SELLER \$\$\$, they also add **additional stress**...the homes above stayed on the market, on average, an additional **34 days**. Let the numbers do the talking...compare **Webb Real Estate** with all other Realtors just in Circle C.

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# Twelve Top Travel Tips When Traveling with Your Pet

Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding – especially when you're prepared. In addition to the pet travel "basics" (safely restraining your pet, allowing adequate time for potty breaks, bringing comforting items from home, and so on), several additional simple practices can help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

1. Schedule a veterinarian visit to insure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and vaccination records, especially if you're traveling out of state.

2. Make sure your pet's identification tags are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current.

3. Include your destination address and/or phone number on your pet's tags and cage/crate (if applicable).

4. Remember to pack water to prevent dehydration. To help insure convenient feedings bring along a collapsible food bowl.

5. Pack all medications and supplements to avoid missed doses.

6. Pack a first aid kit to insure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.

7. Exercise your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a lead or harness to allow exercise during pit stops.

8. Feed your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount that normal at least two hours before you leave.

9. Use a travel remedy, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel, try a soothing non-prescription calming product.

10. Trim toenails to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.

11. Cover your car seats to keep them clean and free of hair shed

on your trip.

12. Know your travel rules and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.



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# Hosting an International Exchange Student

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study

(YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students' hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

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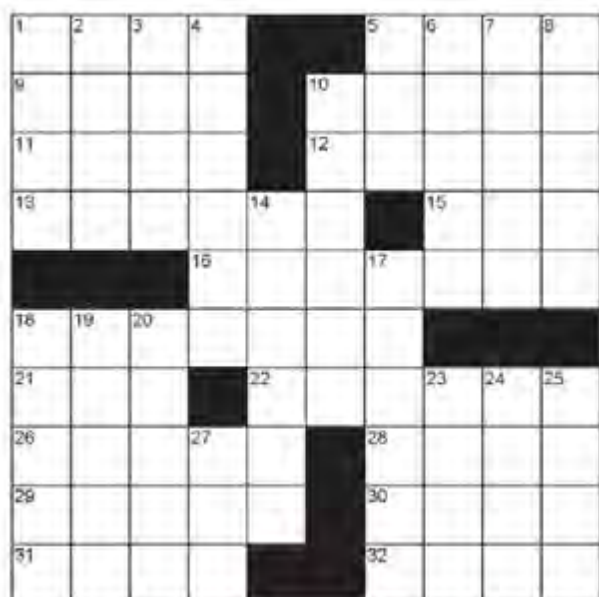
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12. Book of facts
13. One who dies for a cause
15. Stretch to make do
16. Headphones
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22. Snuck a look
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29. Gave a lavish party
30. Element
31. Question closely
32. DNA component

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# TENNIS TIPS

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**Step 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**

## HOW TO HIT A ONE-HANDED BACKHAND

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a Forehand and a Two-Handed Backhand. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a one-handed backhand for a right hander. This stroke is still used by many league and tournament players since it gives players a wider range of reach and flexibility to hit slices and drop shots. In this illustration, Jake Stine from the Grey Rock Tennis Club in Austin, TX shows the proper form and technique to hit the one-handed backhand stroke.

**Step 1: Ready position:** The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is on the throat of the racket. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are shoulder width apart and the body is in good balance.

**Step 2: Back swing:** When the opponent's ball is headed to the backhand side, the left hand takes the racket back and the right hand changes the grip with one quarter turn placing the index knuckle

at the upper ridge of the handle. The body should start taking the racket back before the ball bounces. Notice the turn of the upper body and the right foot leading the left foot. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

**Step 3: Point of Contact:** The eyes now shift toward the point of contact which should be about 12-18 inches in front of the right foot. The right hand is holding the racket tight. The racket has made contact with the ball and weight of the player has shifted toward the point of contact. It is important to keep the right shoulder closed and not open the left hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility and power on the ball.

**Step 4: Follow Through:** Once the racket has made contact with the ball, both of the arms need to be extended for better balance. The right arm should be straight and the follow through upwards above the head.

Look for next Issue: The Forehand Volley.





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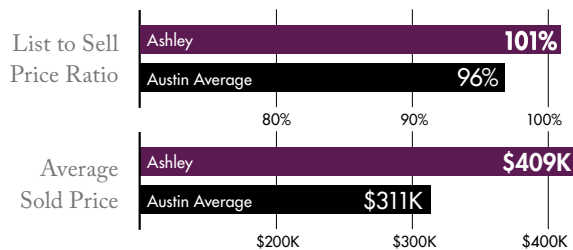
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	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	36	2,894	\$ 146	\$ 422	1994	19	9	12
North	13	1,950	\$ 179	\$ 349	1996	20	1	2
On The Park	8	3,312	\$ 153	\$ 507	1996	52	0	0
Wildflower	16	2,166	\$ 165	\$ 358	2001	18	4	2
Park West	7	2,318	\$ 176	\$ 407	2001	13	4	0
Vintage Place	8	3,223	\$ 142	\$ 458	2001	39	0	1
Hielscher	20	3,052	\$ 159	\$ 486	2003	16	4	1
West	20	3,419	\$ 148	\$ 507	2005	38	1	3
Park Place	9	2,420	\$ 173	\$ 418	2005	12	0	1
Muirfield	4	3,905	\$ 157	\$ 614	2006	44	3	2
Enclave 1&2	3	2,837	\$ 159	\$ 451	2009	70	0	1
Lacrosse	3	2,954	\$ 146	\$ 431	2007	48	0	4
Alta Mira	17	3,067	\$ 152	\$ 465	2008	22	0	3
Fairway Estates	4	4,304	\$ 160	\$ 688	2010	140	2	0
Enclave Estates	1	3,397	\$ 156	\$ 530	2010	12	1	0
Avana & Cornerstone	33	2,824	\$ 176	\$ 498	2014	141	16	20
Barstow Village & Court	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0
Greyrock Ridge	12	2,520	\$ 169	\$ 427	2015	96	15	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>\$ 160</b>	<b>\$ 459</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>% Change Mo / Mo</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>% Change Yr / Yr</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>57%</b>

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