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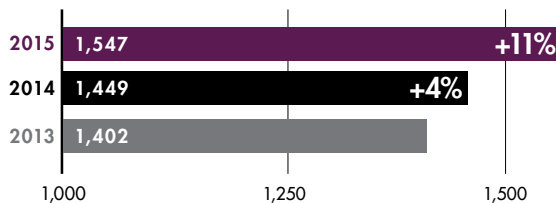


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ANNOUNCEMENTS | WHAT'S HAPPENING

Circle C Kid's Holiday Party a Success!



The Circle C Kid's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5th was fantastic! We estimate more than 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 volunteers at the CDC! 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 and the video game bus provided a variety of cool games for party goers young and old. A special shout out to Sarah Jordan from Miles of Smiles Photography for capturing magic with the kiddos and Santa. Be sure to download your free Santa photos from <http://www.milesofsmilesphotography.com/>; they will be available until January 31st! (See page 11) 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!

A Great Time at the Adult Holiday & Casino Party!

The Adult Holiday & Casino Party on Saturday December 12th was great! We did see a lower turn out than last year but we didn't let that keep us from celebrating! From the delicious food to the casino tables and photo booth, it is safe to say the night was enjoyed by all. Thank you for joining us!

We also wanted to give a HUGE shout out to all the local businesses that donated awesome door prizes and helped make this event a success! Thank you to: Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Back Spin Sports Bar & Grill, BurgerFi, District Kitchen & Cocktails, Kid Spa Austin, Mangieri's Pizza Café, Massage Envy, Maudie's Hacienda, North by Northwest, Resident Charlie Dismore, Satellite Bistro & Bar, TCBY Twin Liquors & Waterloo Ice House.

ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTION

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations through January 8th, 2016 for the three open board seats. Elections are to be held at the Annual Meeting on March 2nd, 2016. 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 2nd, 2016 at the Circle C Community Center. Your ballot and proxy will be printed on the back side of the first 2016 CCHOA dues assessment invoice, which will be mailed February 1st and due March 1st, 2016.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The 2015 Annual Report to the membership from the Board of Directors will be printed in the March 2016 newsletter. A copy will also be posted on our website and available in the HOA office during the month of March 2016.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Holiday decorations should comply with the schedule listed in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions – "all decorations, including lights, must be down by January 15, 2016."

TREE STAKES

The HOA has noticed many properties with tree stakes still installed when they are no longer necessary. All tree stakes and supporting wires and cables should be removed 10-12 months after trees are planted. Left in place any longer, these can damage the tree trunk and limbs, weaken the establishment of the root system, and are unattractive in the appearance of your home.

UPDATE ON THE CIRCLE C COMMONS AREAS

In January, once all of the holiday lights are taken down, the landscape crew will be doing perennial trimming, mulching and applying pre-emergent to all of the commons area beds. All of the water is turned off except for areas where we did recent fall plantings, and also where new trees have been installed. Generally, the rain takes care of the amount of needed water during the winter!

Here in Circle C, we have been making a concerted effort towards improving the efficiency of our irrigation systems by doing conversions to drip wherever possible.

This year will see a continuation of that!

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 by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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Winter Yard Care

Submitted by Susan Hoover

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Plant & lawn care- Because container plants are sensitive to wind exposure, bring them indoors or pull them into your garage before a freeze if possible. At the very least group them together under some sort of cover- a patio or large tree. 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. Additionally, keeping a healthy layer of mulch down over your beds helps to keep the root system protected.

Generally in Texas you can trim back your perennials beginning at the end of January to prepare for spring growth. Stay on top of winter weeds in your beds; this will save you a lot of work in the spring. Keep lawns free of unnecessary trash & debris and try to avoid excessive foot traffic on lawns. Grass is in its most fragile state when dormant.

Water- If we're not getting the rainfall that was expected with El Nino, continue to water your lawn and any other plants that require supplemental water. In the winter, the standard recommendation is about 1 inch per month if it is not raining (and per city regulations, only once per week). Always water before a freeze.

Maintenance- Our winters are short and warmer temps will be back before we know it! Now is a good time to do any needed maintenance to mowers and other lawn care tools. You should also test and repair your irrigation system. If you don't already have an automatic system, winter is the best time to install one! Consider installing drip irrigation as this type of system waters deeper and more efficiently than traditional spray heads and less water is lost to evaporation.

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Monday-Friday

6:00am-10:00am

3:30pm-7:00pm

Saturday

8:00am-11:00am

Sunday

Closed

*The Avaña and Community Center pools
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Circle C Aquatics 2015 GUARD-A-THON

On Sunday December the 13th, the Circle C Aquatics lifeguards ran and swam for an hour and a half to raise money for Austin Pets Alive! Head lifeguard Mariana Lira ran a total of 5 miles and lifeguard Chad Stein swam a total of 4,900 yards! In total Circle C Aquatics raised over \$250.00 for the animals at Austin Pets Alive!



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Aquatic Programs

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No lap or open swimming during the event.
Playground area will be open via pool entrance.

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<https://circlecpolarplunge2016.shutterfly.com/>

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- Year-Round Swim Team (Select)
- Summer Swim Team (Seals)
- Master's Swimming
- Lifeguard and Instructor Positions

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Volunteer Opportunities at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Submitted by Carrie McDonald

Help us inspire the next Lady Bird Johnson or John Muir by volunteering at the Wildflower Center in Circle C's backyard. We have opportunities to reach Austin elementary students when they visit the Center. We need help with both structured (Tuesdays or Thursdays over ten weeks each spring and fall) and unstructured educational programs. Questions about joining our large, fun corps of volunteers? Our Spring training day is Tuesday, March 1st from 10am-3p cmcdonald@wildflower.org or sign up at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=1823513501>



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*Submitted by Sarah Jordan with
Miles of Smiles Photography*

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Submitted by Jackie Rollins

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Apr 6 - 6:30-7:30

10th & 11th grader's summer college checklist

Corinne earned her M.Ed from Teachers College, Columbia University and is currently an AISD high school counselor, where she oversees the ACC dual credit program and is the 504 coordinator for her school. In addition she works privately with students as a college admissions consultant helping students navigate the college admissions process from start to finish.

These classes will be hosted at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue). Please contact Corinne Franks Oh for registration information; corinneoh@yahoo.com.

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Springtails are very small, jumping insects that can sometimes become a problem inside homes. Springtails are usually found in areas of moisture, so indoors they may be located near potted plants, sinks, bath tubs or kitchen compost areas. These insects are typically found outside in gardens, near swimming pools or near where there is excessive moisture or standing water.

Springtails are small (about 1/16 of an inch long), wingless and come in various colors. These insects have a "tail" that latches into a space on the underside of the body that they can use to "jump" several inches into the air.

Springtails are considered a nuisance insect, but some may chew on roots and leaves of sapling plants. They usually do not cause enough damage to warrant control measures to be taken. If you have springtails in your home it points to a moisture problem that should be fixed.

Options for helping reduce springtail problems:

- Remove excessive mulch and/ or leaf litter near the home
- Change watering schedule to reduce the amount of moisture near the home
- Use fans or dehumidifiers to reduce moisture indoors
- Seal cracks, crevices, pipe & wire penetrations on the outside of the home
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STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand and a forehand volley. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a two-handed backhand volley for a right hander. This stroke is used whenever the player is forced to hit a ball in the air. In these pictures player Robyn Fuller from the Grey Rock Tennis Club demonstrates the proper form and technique.

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 next to the right hand. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are a shoulder width apart and the body is in equal balance. For beginners it is okay to use the forehand and backhand grips for the forehand and backhand volleys. As the player gets stronger and the balls come at a faster speed, it will be best to use the continental grip for both volleys.

Step 2: Back Swing: Since the volley is usually executed when a player is close to the net and there is very little time to react to the

incoming ball, the back swing is very short. The left hand will make a slight change of the grip and the right hand will be relaxed and loose. The left shoulder should take a short turn and the head of the racket should align to the flight of the ball. The left wrist should be "cocked" back slightly and the head of the racket should be above the wrist. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

Step 3: Point of Contact: The right foot is now taking a step forward and the racket is making contact with the ball. It is important to keep the left shoulder closed and not rotate the right hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility to find the proper point of contact and give power to the ball.

Step 4: Follow Through: Once the racket has made contact with the ball, the follow through is very short to allow the player to immediately get back to the ready position. The right arm should be close to the body.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Serve



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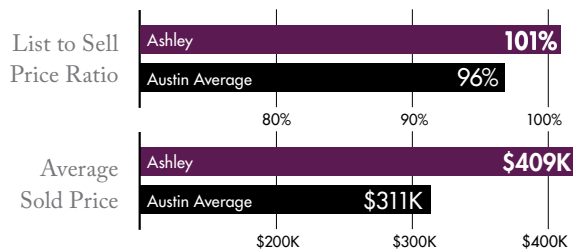
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	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Circle C Central	38	2,849	\$ 146	\$ 415	1993	28	8	9
North	15	1,967	\$ 176	\$ 346	1996	19	1	4
On The Park	5	3,332	\$ 153	\$ 511	1997	67	1	0
Wildflower	17	2,147	\$ 167	\$ 358	2000	30	2	4
Park West	2	2,464	\$ 158	\$ 389	2003	120	1	0
Vintage Place	7	3,221	\$ 145	\$ 466	2001	27	3	1
Hielscher	19	2,980	\$ 161	\$ 479	2003	24	0	3
West	17	3,464	\$ 144	\$ 497	2005	51	1	1
Park Place	8	2,493	\$ 168	\$ 419	2005	13	0	0
Muirfield	5	4,085	\$ 156	\$ 638	2006	72	3	1
Enclave 1&2	3	2,588	\$ 164	\$ 425	2007	30	0	1
Lacrosse	7	2,849	\$ 152	\$ 433	2007	40	0	0
Alta Mira	14	3,111	\$ 150	\$ 467	2009	24	1	1
Fairway Estates	3	4,236	\$ 162	\$ 685	2010	177	0	2
Enclave Estates	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1
Avana & Cornerstone	26	2,899	\$ 179	\$ 520	2015	144	22	15
Barstow Village & Court	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1
Greyrock Ridge	9	2,447	\$ 178	\$ 435	2015	125	8	7
Grand Total	195	2,849	\$ 160	\$ 455	2003	54	51	51
% Change Mo / Mo	-9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	-9%	9%
% Change Yr / Yr	16%	-5%	5%	0%	0%	60%	9%	38%

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