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ANNOUNCEMENTS | WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday May 13th – Food Trailer Night
Saturday May 7th – Avaña & Community Center Pools Open
(Weekends Only)
Sunday May 22nd – Community Safety Day (see pg. 7)
Monday May 30th – Memorial Day (*HOA Office Closed, Pools Open*)
Tuesday May 31st – CCHOA Board Meeting

FOOD TRAILER NIGHT

Join us Friday May 13th from 5:30-8:30pm at the Circle C Community Center for good food, fun activities and great company! Please remember glass is not permitted. We encourage neighbors to walk or ride to the party but ask that scooters, bikes, skateboards etc. not be ridden through the parking lot for the safety of those in attendance. More information about this event will be posted on the website, circlecranch.info, as soon as it becomes available.

SEASONAL POOLS OPEN

The Avaña and Community Center pools will be open on the weekends only from 12-6pm starting Saturday May 7th; summer hours will start June 6th. If you need to register for pool membership you can download the Resident Information Form at circlecranch.info under the Aquatics/Membership tab, or contact Circle C Aquatics at customerservice@ccswim.net.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS

The HOA office will be closed on Monday May 30th and will resume regular business hours at 9am on Tuesday May 31st.

The Community Center and Avaña pools will be open on Monday May 30th from 12-6pm. The Swim Center pool will be open from 6-10am for lap swim only then from 10am-6pm for recreational and lap swim.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS NAMED

The CCHOA Board of Directors welcomes new board member James Moseley, welcomes back Dan Vavasour and congratulates Natalie Placer-McClure on her re-election after the 2016 Board elections in March. New officers of the association were named and they are:

Kim AckermanPresident
Natalie Placer-McClureVice President
Dan Vavasour.....Treasurer
James Moseley.....Secretary
Jason Bram and Steve Urban.....Board Members

EASEMENTS, GREENBELTS, COMMON AREAS & CITY OF AUSTIN DRAINAGE AREAS

If you are planning an improvement or just a spring cleaning of your backyard and you back up to an easement, greenbelt, Circle C common area or a City of Austin drainage area, please be aware that you CANNOT enter these areas from any point in order to access your backyard. These areas are vegetated per the City of Austin guidelines. Any owner accessing these areas will be responsible for all cost to repair the damages and returning it to its original condition.

CITY OF AUSTIN WATERING SCHEDULE

Austin Water is currently in Stage 2 Water Restrictions. Remember to adjust your automatic sprinklers or manual watering times based on your address.

Restrictions:

- Hose-end (manual) irrigation may take place between midnight and 10 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your assigned watering day.
- Automatic sprinkler systems may operate between midnight and 5 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your watering day. Please reduce system run times to fit within this schedule. Please ensure that your system has a working rain sensor, or operate the system manually when rain is forecasted.
- Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial car wash facility.
- Charity car washes are prohibited.
- Fountains with either a fall or spray of water greater than four inches are prohibited unless necessary to preserve aquatic life.
- Restaurants may not serve water unless requested by a customer.
- Commercial properties (including restaurants and bars) may only operate patio misters between 4 p.m. and midnight.

Exemptions:

- Watering with a hand-held hose or a refillable watering vessel, such as a bucket or a Treegator®, is allowed at any time on any day of the week.
- Drip irrigation is exempt from the schedule, due to increased efficiency.
- To water trees, soaker hoses may be used under the drip-line of the tree canopy or you may use automatic tree bubblers.
- Watering a vegetable garden with a soaker hose is exempt from the watering schedule.

Visit the City of Austin website for more information about Water Restrictions: www.austintexas.gov/departments/stage-2-watering-restrictions

Indoor Plants

Submitted by Lindsey Peck

Did you know that the benefits of indoor plants extend beyond their attractiveness? I didn't, until I did a little research and discovered that house plants not only add splashes of color, they also assist with various respiratory and skin issues by giving indoor air quality a boost! Since plants use gas opposite of humans, they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen back into the air. They also work to improve air quality by releasing water (think natural dehumidifiers!) and by pulling air pollutants down into their soil, turning toxins into plant food. Whether it's in a home, hospital room or lecture hall, researchers across numerous studies have found that plants help contribute to overall improved health & sharper focus.

So what kinds of plants are best? Spider plants, English ivy & Boston ferns are some great indoor plant options. Look into succulents as well. By definition, the term succulent means "juicy" & one of their main

characteristics is that they store water in their leaves- which makes them easy to care for! They are usually compact, have shallow root system and come in a beautiful array of colors- which makes arranging them also easy! Some of the most common types of succulents are cacti and aloe plants. A few quick tips for succulents- cover the soil with moss & if you drop about 5 ice cubes into the container once a week, this should give the plant all the water it needs.

Green Walls, or Vertical Gardens, are another trend increasing in popularity and can be done both indoors and out. These usually involve some kind of trellis system and container plants and are a great way to bring some greenery into the home even in tight spaces! A quick online search shows that there are lots of ways to get creative when designing your vertical garden & it might even be something fun to get the whole family involved in!



BLOOD DONATION SAVED BABY REID'S LIFE.

Baby Reid was born with a rare heart condition and within hours of being born, Reid needed several blood products. "Reid would not be alive today if it were not for blood donors," says his mother, Melissa. **"Blood donors are true heroes."**

SOUTH LOCATION NOW OPEN!

3100 W. Slaughter Lane

(between Brodie and Westgate in the Star Center)

Sunday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Register to donate at www.inyourhands.org or call 512-206-1266. Walk-ins always welcome.



Spring Pool Hours

Swim Center
(5919 La Crosse Avenue)

May - June 5th

Monday-Friday
6-10am (Lap Swim Only)
3:30-8pm

Saturdays
7am-10am (Lap Swim Only)
10am-6pm

Sundays
10am-6pm

Community Center & Avaña Pools

7817 La Crosse Avenue/6610 Trissino Drive

Saturday & Sunday
12pm-6pm

Special Memorial Day Hours

The Community Center and Avaña pools will be open on Monday May 30th from 12-6pm. The Swim Center pool will be open from 6-10am for lap swim only then from 10am-6pm for recreational and lap swim.

NATIONAL DROWNING Prevention Month

The National Drowning Prevention Alliance has declared May to be National Drowning Prevention Month. Join Circle C Aquatics during Community Safety Day on Sunday May 22nd and come to the Swim Center to learn about water safety from the Circle C Instructors and from Colin's Hope.

Drowning is preventable. The CDC says 10 people drown each day; two out of those 10 will be a child under the age of 14. Keep weak and non-swimmers within arm's reach at all times when around an aquatic environment.

The Safe and Healthy Children Coalition has some steps you as a

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Summer Job Opportunities

Does your teenager need a job this spring and/or summer? Enroll them today so they are ready to start working ASAP! We offer competitive pay, flexible schedules and a totally awesome working environment! We are looking for lifeguards, customer service representatives and swim instructors. Must be 16 years of age or older for employment. Contact Gabby at lifeguard@ccswim.net for more information about the next lifeguard class. Apply online at cc.ninjagig.com today!

Swim Meet Closure Notices

The Circle C Swim Center (5919 La Crosse Avenue) will be closed Saturday May 7th, Saturday May 21st, Saturday June 4th and Saturday June 18th until 1pm due to Swim Meets. The pool facility will open at 1pm for regular hours. The Avaña and Community Center pools will operate on their regular schedule. We appreciate your cooperation while the pool is closed for these events.

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Registration ends May 17th



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Community Safety Day

Come join Circle C Aquatics, the Austin Fire Department and Colin's Hope for Community Safety Day on Sunday May 22nd from 12-3pm at the Circle C Swim Center (5919 La Crosse Avenue). The fire department will bring a fire truck for kids to explore, Colin's Hope will have information about drowning prevention and the Circle C Aquatics staff will be available to discuss swim lessons plus water games for the kids! For more information about this event, please email Amanda at coordinator@ccswim.net.



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Around Circle C

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parent and adult can take to prevent a child from drowning.

1.) Safer Water

-Isolate the pool from the house and yard area by surrounding it with a four sided fence and self-closing and self-latching gate.

-Prevent children's unsupervised access to any body of water, including bathtubs, buckets, coolers, toilets and natural water such as lakes and canals.

2.) Safer Kids

-Designate a "water watcher" to ensure constant, attentive adult supervision during water recreation and at bath time.

-Teach children water safety and swimming skills. Parents and child caregivers should also know how to swim proficiently.

-Check the pool area or other water features first if a child is missing.

3.) Safer Response

-Know CPR with rescue breathing and first-aid.

-Keep a phone and rescue equipment such as throwing aids near the pool.

-Develop an emergency action plan and make sure everyone knows it.

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo
was submitted by aspiring
young photographer and
resident Keira Folkers.

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Congratulations Gorzycki Choir!

The Gorzycki Middle School Choirs participated in the Region 18 Middle School UIL Choir Contest on Tuesday, April 5 at the Hays Performing Arts Center. The non-varsity treble (G Clefs), the non-varsity tenor-bass (Tiger Tones), & the varsity treble (Grace Notes) choirs ALL made SWEEPSTAKES. Each choir was required to perform three songs off of the UIL Prescribed Music List, & each choir was scored by three judges on the notes, rhythms, musicality, & musicianship of their total performance for those three songs. Afterwards, they were scored by three other judges on their sight-reading of a 24 to 36 measure song in two to three parts with only eight minutes to review the music & no singing help from Mr. Brad Heckler, their director. Choirs must receive an overall average of superior scores in both, performance & sight-reading, to receive a sweepstakes. On a side note, one performance judge said the Gorzycki MS non-varsity tenor-bass choir was a "Rockstar Men's Choir"!

HERE ARE THE CHOIRS & STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT:

Gorzycki MS Non-Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir



Lou Arrambide, Jack Bohuslav, John Demoupolos, Wyatt Hood, Danton Hulet, Trey Johnson, Josh Lewis, Jaden Luo, Suhun Kim, Miles MacGregor, Miguel Marquez, Dylan Nguyen, Tyler Rose, Rohit Shetty, Chris Torres, Carter Young

Gorzycki MS Non-Varsity Treble Choir



Brianna Acosta, Taylor Austin, Judy Bagh, Sophia Cabrera, Margaret Dwell, Grace Earle, Erin Everette, Madeline Franklin, Ali Garner, Lucy Gomez, Trennedi Gugenheim, Suly Hernandez, Emily Heywood, Kristina Jeffus, Kayla Kokel, Reya Lashinger, Katy Lumbley, Abigail McNaughton, Elizabeth Parravano, Riley Smallwood, Audrey Smith, Chiara Von Roden

Gorzycki MS Varsity Treble Choir



Riyo Adler, Morgan Barry, Hannah Bierwag, Winnie Cheng, Rachel Coe, Chloe Francois, Delanya Fuller, Maia Gerdes, Presley Gibbs, Kylie Gomez, Ella Guzman, Haley Harris, Alexis Hertel, Kateri Jaquette, Natalia Kauffman, Esther Ko, Addison Lusk, Kaitlyn Luu, Leah Miller, Keila Montelongo, Victoria O'Brien, Molly O'Mullan, Sophia Oh, Paige Oldham, Rylee Oldham, Sadie Penney, Lila Peredo, Connor Reilly, Anika Scoma, Elizabeth Shymkiw, Cara Spradling, Laura Starkey, Alina Watson

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Circle C Ladies'

Book Club

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If so, you might be ready for a book club.

Our group has a few openings for women in the Circle C area who are looking for a friendly, low-pressure group of book lovers. We meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon and take turns hosting and selecting the book. Recent picks include best sellers, literary fiction, historical fiction, YA, and a few classics. Email loribailay@gmail.com for more info.



SUMMER DANCE CAMP

Bowie Silver Stars

June 13-17, 2016

Registration Online @ silverstars.org



Pack 12

Spring Recruiting Event

All kindergarten to 4th grade boys and their families are invited to Dick Nichols Park on Sunday, May 15 from 3-5 PM to learn more about scouting and to sign up for the 2016-17 school year. Pack 12 is sponsored by the Circle C HOA and serves families from Clayton and Baldwin Elementary School and the surrounding areas. If you would like to join but cannot attend the event, please contact Emily Barker at e2barker@gmail.com for more information.

WILDFIRE IS COMING ... SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 14, 2016 @ Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL WILDFIRE SURVIVAL SYMPOSIUM

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Cen-

ter

4021 La Grange Avenue

Austin, TX 78727

This event is FREE, but seating is limited.

Register now at:

<http://701.wildfirecommunitypreparedness.com>

Day/Time?

Contact Linda Harris at

(512) 974-1222 or via e-mail at

Linda.Harris@txdnr.state.tx.us

9:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch and beverages provided.



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Call John Squires' **"Sell"** phone at **(512) 970-1970.**

When John Squires markets his listings in Circle C Ranch, he takes into account scores of different variables that many realtors don't know exist or don't think of when marketing your home. Future growth, price-per-foot, schools and the myriad of "sub" subdivisions within Circle C Ranch. The differing values for each area are critical when crafting an accurate analysis for your specific property. Many other factors are used rather than just comparing properties with the antiquated "price-per-foot" method. This is an accurate, proven system John has developed over the years by his experiences of selling over **475+/-** homes in Circle C Ranch alone and over **950+** homes total throughout the Austin area. Another advantage to allowing John to list your house is **YOU SET THE PRICE** and John will get it... John has been selling his homes so high that appraisers are seeing records broken in the neighborhood, but the Squires family has been doing that for 28 years in Circle C. Call John Squires any time for more information. **(512) 970-1970.**

This is a special 4-page newsletter we've put together to show what the values and listed/sales prices are of the new homes compared to some of the re-sale homes John Squires has listed, placed under contract or **"Sold!"** in the past 8 weeks. You can see by the new home sales we've sold, where the re-sale market gets their values from. The re-sale sellers are banking on today's buyer wanting to purchase a home and move in, rather than wait 10 months to 1 year to have their home built at top dollar. So, many will buy a re-sale rather than wait. We are more than happy to help them with their decisions and explain the benefits of either decision. On the next 3 pages are some of the Squires Team's new listings, contract pending and **"Sold!"** properties in March and April of 2016. Call John for more info on the market!

#1 Agent in Circle C Ranch history with 475+/- homes **"SOLD!"** in Circle C Ranch alone and well over 950 total homes sold in the greater Austin area.

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Call him for a no-obligation appointment at your convenience. 7 days per week, mornings, afternoons, evenings or weekends!

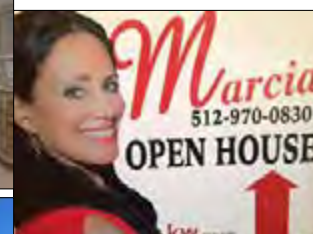


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7605 Bettis Trophy ~ **John Squires' listing. "JUST LISTED!"** Stunning 1-story approx. 3650 sq. ft. backing to the golf course with hard wood flooring, stainless, granite and gorgeous views. Lived in less than 4 months! Call John for an appointment to see this rare golf course home. Listed at **\$795,000.**



Call John Squires directly at **(512) 970-1970** for an easy, no obligation appointment to list your house for sale or be professionally represented in the purchase of any real estate in Texas. Thanks! John Squires Team



Visit Marcia at her open houses every weekend or call to see any home listed for sale! **512 970-0830**



6418 Old Harbor ~ **John's new listing. "JUST LISTED!"** Gorgeous former Newmark model home, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with a HUGE game room. Wood floors throughout most of the home. Granite counters, stainless appliances—all on a lush, shady lot with HUGE oak trees in the back. 3350 sq. ft.-/- **\$439,000.**

11211 Readvill Lane ~ **John's new listing. "JUST LISTED!"** Absolutely stunning 1-story Newmark with gleaming wood floors, granite countertops, and stainless appliances. 4 bedrooms, PLUS a separate office space and 2 full baths. Private lush back yard with entertaining patio and manicured fauna. All of this on a secluded, quiet cul-de-sac. Unbelievable value at **\$449,000.!**



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5306 Austral Loop **John's buyer~ "CONTRACT PENDING!"**
Stunning Estate home on the park with pool/hot tub and over 1/3rd
acre! 3-car garage and 3600+ sq.ft. Listed at **\$599,000.**



6714 Walebridge **John's Listing ~ "CONTRACT PENDING!"**
Beautiful white stone Streetman home on .25 acre with private
back yard. Listed at **\$444,500.** at 2450 sq. ft.

998 Bluff Woods ~**John's Buyer "JUST SOLD!!"** with John
Squires' move-up plan. Stunning hill country home with views,
pool and hot tub in Rim Rock. John sold 11100 Blissfield Cv. in
Circle C, so that his buyer could buy this dream home. Listed at
\$725,000.



5714 Van Winkle **John's Listing~ "CONTRACT PENDING!"** in
2 days! Gorgeous home "On the Park" backing to permanent
greenbelt. Listed at **\$569,000.** Multiple Offers!

9308 Limoncillo **John's buyer~ "CONTRACT PENDING!!!"** with
John Squires' move-up plan. John will sell his client's current
home in Circle C once they close. Listed at **\$639,000.**



11024 Pairnoy Lane **John's listing~"CONTRACT PEND-
ING!"** in 2 days with multiple offers. Listed at **\$575,000.**

SquiresTeam.com

Below are some of the brand new homes and too-be-built properties John Squires and Kevin Scragg have sold or are under contract in Circle C Ranch or the immediate surrounding neighborhood areas. Call for more info!



6716 Vitruvius Drive~ **John's buyer~**
"UNDER CONTRACT!" Brand new
Standard Pacific home with over \$40,000.
in upgrades added for sale! Listed at
\$469,000. In Circle C Avana!



6420 Mirarosa Drive~ **John's buyer~**
"UNDER CONTRACT!" Brand new Stand-
ard Pacific loaded with upgrades as a spec
home. **\$459,000.** Call for more de-
tails. In Circle C Avana!

Please call John on
his personal **"sell"**
phone at **(512) 970**
-1970 for more in-
formation on any
home on the mar-
ket or to list your
house for sale.



6423 Mirarosa Drive~ **John's buyer~**
"UNDER CONTRACT!" Brand new
Standard Pacific home. On partial
greenbelt. Listed at **\$489,000.** In
Circle C Avana.



6241 Bernia Drive
is **John's buyer~**
**"UNDER CON-
TRACT!"** in the
gated Estates of
Avana in Circle C
Ranch. GOR-
GEOUS Monroe
plan Too-Be-Built
on acreage looking
over 20 mile views.
Call John for info.
Lot #9 on greenbelt.



13432 Meridian Way~ **John's buyer~** **"UNDER CONTRACT!"**
Stunning brand new Nalle custom home loaded with hard wood
floors throughout and backing to preserve. Listed at **\$1,340,000.**

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BE PREPARED!

GET CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

By:  HOPEcpr
HOPE4MINDS CPR, AED & F.A. TRAINING

Who: Adults & Children 12 or older

When: May 13th from 9am - 11:30am

Where: Circle C Community Center
7817 La Crosse Ave
Austin, TX 78739

How: Sign up at www.hope4minds.org
(limited space)

Cost: Free. Suggested donation of \$5 per person

Certification: \$20 for CPR (starts at 9:00am)
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WHITEFLIES

Whiteflies are small, soft bodied insects with piercing-sucking mouthparts. They are creamy white and adults have a mealy wax coating their body and wings. Immatures, also called nymphs, are small, oval, flattened and wingless.

Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies that may normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable.

As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

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

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