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Solid Waste City of Austin ..... 512-974-1945  
Post Office Oak Hill Station ..... 800-275-8777

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | WHAT'S HAPPENING

### UPCOMING DATES

Saturday June 4th – Swim Center closed until 1pm  
Friday June 10th – Food Trailer Night  
Saturday June 11th – Dive In Movie Night (The Lorax)  
Saturday June 18th – Swim Center closed until 1pm  
Tuesday June 28th – CCHOA Board Meeting  
Monday July 4th – Annual Neighborhood Parade! (See pg. 11)

### CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The CCHOA Board would like to thank outgoing board member Bob McKenna for his years of service to the CCHOA as he has recently stepped down from the board. Bob McKenna served as a board member from 2014-2016 and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. As the Bylaws allow, the board appointed Russ Hodes to Bob's remaining term (which expires in March 2017) at the April 2016 Board Meeting. For more information on the Board Meeting, please visit the CCHOA website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

### FOOD TRAILER NIGHT

Join us for Food Trailer Night Friday June 10th from 5-8:30pm at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue). Please remember glass is not permitted at this event! We encourage neighbors to walk or ride to the party but ask that scooters, bikes, skateboards etc. be parked upon arrival and not be ridden through the parking lot. Help us keep this event fun and safe! The food trailer lineup will be posted on our website, [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info), as soon as it is available.



### CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CCHOA 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

We need your help! The HOA will need some helping hands this year at the 4th of July parade to be held on Monday, July 4th at the Swim Center Plaza (5919 La Crosse Avenue) from 8:30am to 11am. We need volunteers to help coordinate and judge the "Best Decorated Wheels" contest, volunteers to help setup and clean up, and volunteers to help manage the lines for face painting and balloon twisting. If you can donate an hour or two, please contact the CCHOA office at 512-288-8663 or email [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info).

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE CCHOA WEBSITE?

The Association communicates with residents via the website email database regarding important announcements and upcoming events. Once registered for the website you can also view important homeowner documents. The Official CCHOA website is [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info); register by clicking the "Member Login" button on our homepage. Stay connected with your community!

### LOW HANGING TREE LIMBS

The HOA has noticed numerous 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. For all Oak Trees, consult with a certified arborist prior to any pruning and make sure that all of the tree wounds are sealed to help prevent the spread of Oak Wilt.

### PLANNING HOME IMPROVEMENTS? DON'T FORGET YOU NEED APPROVAL!

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Circle C Homeowners Association state that all improvements to all single family homes and lots must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to construction. The Architectural Control Committee is appointed by the CCHOA Board of Directors. The committee has 30 days to review submitted projects so please keep this

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in mind when you are planning your home improvements. You can find answers to frequently asked questions and guidelines for commonly proposed projects on our website, [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info), under the ACC tab.

## CITY OF AUSTIN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Austin Water is currently in the Conservation Stage. Remember to adjust your automatic sprinklers or manual watering times based on your address. Failure to follow the water restrictions may result in enforcement action, including fines of up to \$500 per violation.

### CONSERVATION STAGE

- Water only on your assigned day:
  - o Hose-end sprinklers: two days per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight
  - o Automatic irrigation\*: one day per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight. Make sure your sprinkler system has a working rain sensor or run it manually when rain is forecasted. If you water one-day per week with an automatic sprinkler system, you can also water a second day in a week with a hose-end sprinkler.
- Washing vehicles at home is permitted with an auto shut-off hose or bucket

- Charity car washes are only allowed at a commercial carwash
- Fountains must recirculate water
- Wasting water is prohibited

### EXEMPTIONS

The following are allowed at any time on any day of the week:

- Watering with drip irrigation, a hand-held hose or a refillable container
- Watering trees with a Treegator®, soaker hose or automatic tree bubbler
- Watering vegetable gardens with a soaker hose
- Pressure washing sidewalk/driveway/deck/patio/paved areas/home siding/fence

Visit the City of Austin's website for more information:  
[www.austintexas.gov/departments/watering-restrictions](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/watering-restrictions)



## 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](http://www.inyourhands.org) or call 512-206-1266. Walk-ins always welcome.





## THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES IN URBAN AREAS

*Submitted by Lindsey Peck, Circle C Landscape*



Take a quick drive through Circle C and you'll quickly notice one of the neighborhood's most attractive features- its many acres of green space! We take a lot of pride in the landscaping of the commons areas, pocket parks and dedicated green spaces and hope that our homeowners do as well. Beyond the attractiveness of the many colorful shapes, forms, and textures, Mother Nature- and trees specifically- provides many other benefits to our daily lives.

Trees are valuable natural resources that work 24/7 to improve our environment and quality of life. They reduce air pollution and help to fight the greenhouse gas effect. Trees conserve water, offset soil erosion and help to save energy. Strategically placed shade trees can help you reduce the heating and cooling costs of your home. Trees provide wind protection in the winter & if you've ever sought the shade of a tree during our blistering hot Texas summers, you know how well they help to lower air temps! They also encourage wildlife and plant diversity by creating little local ecosystems, food and shelter for birds and other animals.

In Austin, the trees on public property belong to all of us. Biodiversity is hugely important and the city has created many programs and ordinances to help encourage public participation in urban forestry and tree protection. A tree that is over 19 inches caliper (this is diameter measured at 4.5 feet from the ground) is considered "protected." We are a unique city in that our tree ordinances protect trees on private property as well. Linked below are several good resources and articles full of some really great information for you to read through.

Here in Circle C, there is a 2 shade tree requirement for all front yards and we have set guidelines on tree sizes and diversification throughout the neighborhood. In addition to that, throughout the approximate 5,000 acres that comprise Circle C Ranch, we have over 2,200 shade trees and 1,200 ornamental trees on the commons

areas that are cared for by the CCHOA. We work year round to trim up trees in pedestrian areas, coordinate with a certified arborist for tree pruning and disease treatment, and work with the city on permits for tree removal when needed. We take great pride in our community and really work to make it one of the most beautiful places to live in Austin!

***For more information:***

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-urban-forest-0>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/grow-green>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/TreeCare.pdf>

<http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/>

<https://www.americanforests.org/magazine/article/keep-austin-green/>



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## Summer Pool Hours

**June 6th - August 26th**

### *Swim Center*

**5919 La Crosse Avenue**

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#### **Tuesday-Friday**

6:00am-10:00am (Lap Swim Only)

10:00am-8:00pm

#### **Saturday**

7:00am-10:00am (Lap Swim Only)

10:00am-8:00pm

#### **Sunday**

10:00am-8:00pm

### *Community Center*

**7817 La Crosse Avenue**

Closed on Tuesdays

#### **Wednesday-Monday**

11:00am-7:00pm

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#### **Friday-Wednesday**

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## DIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

Get ready for Dive-In Movie Night at the pool! We have some great flicks playing this summer at the Swim Center so mark your calendars and join us! Movies will start at dusk; standard guest fees and policies apply. The lap lanes and baby pool will not be open and please remember no glass or alcohol.

June 11th – The Lorax  
July 16th – Inside Out  
August 6th – Monsters Inc.

## WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON

Join Circle C Aquatics' swim instructors for a FREE safety swim lesson on Friday, June 24th at 10am at the Circle C Swim Center! We are participating in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson to spread the word that swimming lessons can save lives! Register at the front desk at any of our pool facilities or email [coordinator@ccswim.net](mailto:coordinator@ccswim.net) for more information.



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## SPLASH INTO SWIM LESSONS

Many kids haven't been swimming since last fall and their swimming skills might be a little rusty! Don't let your kids dive into summer without a refresher group swim lesson session to boost their skills and confidence! Spring group lessons through May and Summer group lessons in June are Tuesday-Friday for two weeks and each class is 25 minutes long. Classes are filling up fast so don't hesitate!

Circle C Aquatics is also now offering the American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program and Preschool Aquatic Program! This means there are a lot of changes to the way group lessons are taught and the registration process. To learn more, please visit our website, [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info), and see the Group Lessons tab under Aquatics. Please email questions to [lessons@ccswim.net](mailto:lessons@ccswim.net).



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This month's cover photo  
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Jill Guihurt.



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CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL

# 4th of July PARADE

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## **WHEN & WHERE:**

MONDAY JULY 4TH, 2016 AT THE  
CIRCLE SWIM CENTER PLAZA  
(CORNER OF LA CROSSE &  
ESCARPMENT)

### **9:00 AM PARADE START TIME LED BY AUSTIN FIRE ENGINE #43**

Join us for face painting, balloon twisting,  
snow cones and other festivities!

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those who haven't pre-decorated at home!

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11117 Maelin Drive **"JUST LISTED!!"** John's listing! Gorgeous Village home with in ground pool, hot tub, \$35K deck, \$20K Colorado fireplace and stone work. **\$619,000**.



5915 Mordred Lane **"UNDER CONTRACT"** in 2 days! John's new listing. Gorgeous white stone cottage backing to greenbelt. Hard wood floors, hi-end stainless, new roof, new A/C. **\$434,500**.



10400 Orourk **"JUST LISTED!"** John's listing. Beautiful David Weekley with bamboo wood floors, granite, new appliances, incredible master, slate shower and HUGE bonus room! Listed at **\$399,000.!** Close to Kiker and pool!

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



6418 Old Harbor ~**John's new listing. "UNDER CONTRACT!"** Gorgeous former Newmark model home. HUGE oak trees in the park-like yard. 3350 sq. ft.+/- **\$439,000.**



11024 Pairnoy Lane **John's listing "JUST SOLD!!!"** in 2 days with multiple offers. Listed at **\$575,000.!**



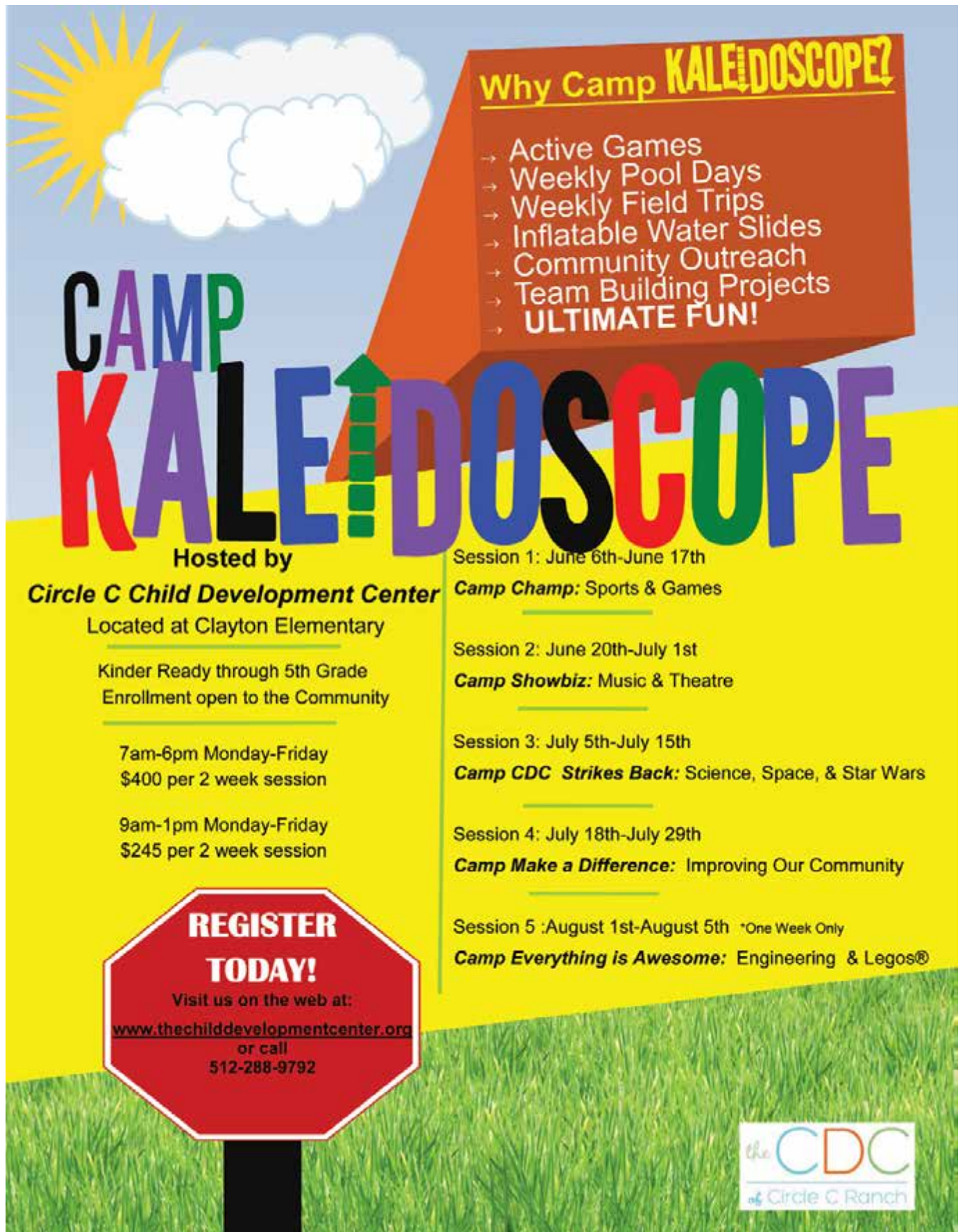
10520 Hansa Drive **John's new listing "UNDER CONTRACT"** Gorgeous Wilshire home with hard wood floors, silstone, plantation shutters, stone fireplace, California closet and greenbelt! Awesome plan at **\$459,900.!!**



11211 Readvill Lane ~ **John's new listing. "UNDER CONTRACT!"** Stunning Newmark on secluded cul de sac! **\$449,000.!** Multiple offers received over list price!



# Around Circle C



## CAMP KALEIDOSCOPE

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- Weekly Pool Days
- Weekly Field Trips
- Inflatable Water Slides
- Community Outreach
- Team Building Projects
- **ULTIMATE FUN!**

Session 1: June 6th-June 17th  
**Camp Champ:** Sports & Games

Session 2: June 20th-July 1st  
**Camp Showbiz:** Music & Theatre

Session 3: July 5th-July 15th  
**Camp CDC Strikes Back:** Science, Space, & Star Wars

Session 4: July 18th-July 29th  
**Camp Make a Difference:** Improving Our Community

Session 5 :August 1st-August 5th \*One Week Only  
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## BE PREPARED!

### GET CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

By:  HOPEcpr

**Who:** Adults & Children 12 or older

**When:** June 6th from 6pm - 8pm

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

**How:** Sign up at [www.hope4minds.org](http://www.hope4minds.org)  
(limited space)

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

**Certification:** \$20 for CPR (starts at 6:00pm)  
\$10 for First Aid (arrive at 7:00pm)  
\$25 for CPR and First Aid  
Certification is through the American  
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## Around Circle C

# IN THE YARD

## June 2016

*Submitted By Jackie Rollins*

When Park West resident Leslie Ross walks out the door into her backyard, it feels like walking into a resort. Her gardening and decorating skills are evident from the relaxed and tropical atmosphere she has so skillfully created.



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Sold at 103%



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Sold Pre-MLS



Sold Pre-MLS



| Circle C Facts   | Webb Team | All Others |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Sales Price      | 101%      | 98.5%      |
| # Days on Market | 9 days    | 44 days    |

## JUNE SPECIAL

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# Around Circle C

## Bowie News

Congratulations to our graduating seniors - Class of 2016! Our graduates will be attending colleges near and far... from The University of Texas to Morehouse, Georgetown and Columbia Universities.

### James Bowie High School ~ A Year in Review ~ 2016

#### To Nationals...

Forensics (Speech & Debate) – JROTC Varsity  
Marksmanship Team - Student Newspaper, The Lone Star  
Dispatch – Winter Guard – Band Outdoor Performance  
Ensemble

#### UIL Academic Teams Finish Strong...

Accounting - Literary Criticism - Mathematics - Number  
Sense - Poetry Interpretation - Lincoln Douglas Debate –  
Informative Speaking – Number Sense - Chemistry - One-  
Act Play - Persuasive Speaking - Feature Writing - Prose  
Interpretation - Ready Writing – Biology - Current Issues &  
Events – Congressional Debate

#### Going to State...

Art Vase - Women's Lacrosse Team –FFA Entomology Team  
- Tennis –Wrestling Team – Cross Country – Swimming  
– Orchestra – Reflections Art Program – Scholastic World  
Team – Citizen Bee – Choir – Baseball - Mountain Bike  
Team - Science Fair – Theatrical Design - Color Guard

#### Winning Championships...

Junior ROTC – Varsity Cheer

#### District Champs...

Softball – Women's Lacrosse Team - Boys Varsity Track –  
One-Act Play – Lady Dawgs Basketball – Varsity Girls Cross  
Country – Girls Varsity Track

#### Award Winners...

Lone Star Yearbook – Theater Arts Musical, Tarzan – Art  
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A proper flea management program has two parts- managing fleas on any pets and managing fleas in the environment. A veterinarian should be consulted about flea control for pets; there are numerous products on the market that work well. Grooming the animal with a flea comb or bathing can help reduce flea numbers. When you find fleas on a pet, you most likely will need to treat the pet, inside the home and the yard. Treatment should be targeted to areas where the pet likes to hang out.

Fleas found in and around homes that do not have pets may be coming from wildlife. The attic and crawl spaces should be inspected to see if wildlife has moved into the area, bringing fleas with them. Wildlife should be removed with traps and the area treated with an insecticide labeled for fleas. After wildlife is removed, the area should

be sealed so that wildlife cannot move in again.

It is also possible for new homeowners with no pets to have fleas. This usually results from previous owners having pets. Fleas can remain dormant for several months and become active again when they sense vibrations from hosts.

Inside, vacuum regularly, getting under furniture and along baseboards to reduce flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Place the vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in an outdoor garbage can at least once a week so fleas do not hatch out and re-infest the home. Wash pet bedding in hot water. Bathe pets regularly and use a flea comb to remove fleas. Avoid walking pets in known flea infested areas.

Outside, pesticide treatments should target areas where pets frequent. Full sun areas do not need to be treated as fleas will not remain in these areas.

When treating for fleas, you need to treat at least two times. The second treatment should occur 10-14 days after the initial treatment.

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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