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ANNOUNCEMENTS | WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 4th of July Neighborhood Parade – Monday July 4th (See flyer!)
- Food Trailer Night – Friday July 8th
- Dive In Movie (Inside Out) – Saturday July 16th
- CCHOA Board Meeting – Tuesday July 26th

HOA DUES MAILED IN JULY

The first half of your annual dues assessment will be mailed the first week of July; they will be due August 1st! You can now pay your dues online through the association's official website, www.circlecranch.info; make your payment through Bill Pay through your financial institution or mail your payment to P.O. BOX 163541, Austin TX, 78716. Please do NOT postdate your check or staple your invoice to your check but do include it in the envelope. Payments will NOT be accepted at the Circle C HOA Office. Please call our Financial Office at 512-451-9901 if you have any questions or do not receive a statement by mid-July. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARKING AT THE SWIM CENTER & MAIL CENTER

Our neighborhood pools have a very limited amount of parking spots as many of you may know. We greatly encourage our already very active neighborhood to take advantage of the sunny days and walk or bike to the pool to avoid the everlasting wait for a parking spot. The spaces in front and surrounding the Child Development Center building are designated for the CDC during hours of operation. Outside of the CDC's operating hours residents are welcome to park in these spaces. There are also spaces in front of the mailboxes at the Swim Center designated for mail pick up only. Please refrain from parking in the 4 designated mail center parking spaces for any use other than mail pick-up. This mail center is the largest of all the mail centers in Circle C and services over 900 residents so please keep your neighbors in mind.

REMOVAL OF TREE STAKES

Staking a new tree gives the root system a chance to establish itself in the soil and provide the tree with a strong anchor. But, the stakes are not meant to be permanent and should be removed to benefit further growth and strengthening of the tree. In general, the tree should not need the support for more than six months or a year, or after one growing season. After that, stakes left too long can hinder development. Stakes and wires are also unsightly and can also become difficult to remove.

CITY OF AUSTIN CODE ON LITTER

A little known City of Austin Code (10-5-43) addresses litter removal. Litter is defined as garbage, trash, rubbish, ashes, manure,

waste, cloth or rags, paper or cardboard, leaves, grass cuttings, or refuse. This code requires property owners to remove litter from one-half of the street adjacent to the owner or occupant's property.

For our neighborhood, this means that yard debris must be disposed of properly; it is a violation of City of Austin Code to leave it in the street. Please be sure to keep the street and curb line in front of your home swept clean.

Further, City of Austin Watershed Protection addresses this same issue if leaves and clippings are left in the street, swept or blown into the street or sewer system. This debris eventually ends up in the sewer system and pollutes our waterways.

Do your part to keep Circle C clean and beautiful!

CITY OF AUSTIN WATER 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:

- Hose-end sprinklers: two days per week – midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight
- Automatic irrigation: one day per week – midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight.
 - o 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/department/watering-restrictions

CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL

4th of July PARADE

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!

Streamers and flags will be available for
decorating bikes and scooters at 8:30AM for
those who haven't pre-decorated at home!

See you there!

Summer Pool Hours

June 6th – August 26th

On Monday July 4th the Swim Center pool will be open for lap swim from 6am-10am, then from 10am-6pm for open swim.

Swim Center

5919 La Crosse Avenue

Closed on Mondays

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

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Wednesday-Monday

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Aquatics News

Pool Policy Reminder

Circle C Aquatics would like to remind residents and their guests that absolutely no glass or alcohol is allowed at any of the facilities at any time. Also please keep in mind that weak and/or non-swimmers must be within an arm's reach of a parent or guardian at all times, even if the child is wearing a floatation device. Those who disobey this policy put themselves at risk for 30 day suspension from all aquatics facilities. This policy was put in place by the CCHOA Board of Directors in 2015 for the safety of all residents.

Splash into Swim Lessons

July is here and so is the heat! Keep your family cool and bring them to the pool for swim lessons! Summer group lessons are Tuesday-Friday for two weeks and each class is 25 minutes long. Classes are filling up fast, so, don't hesitate!

Need some help choosing the right group lesson for your little swimmer? Bring the Course Information Sheet (located on our website or at our main office) with you to your next pool visit. Get in the water with your kiddos and have them go through each level's pre requisite skills to find out the best group for them. Please email questions to lessons@ccswim.net.

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Join us at the Swim Center (Corner of La Crosse & Escarpment) on Saturday July 16th at dusk to see Joy, Anger, Sadness, Disgust and Fear in the movie Inside Out! The recreational area of the pool will be open during the movie but the lap lanes and baby pool will be closed. Residents are welcome to bring no more than 4 guests per household, standard guest policies and fees apply. Please remember no glass or alcohol is permitted at any of our pool facilities, coolers will be checked upon entry.

See you there!

Let Circle C Aquatics Help You Get in Shape!

Do you need a better alternative for exercising this summer? Circle C Aquatics can help! We offer many aquatic programs that can help you get in shape, from the Master's adult program to one on one private lesson for everyone in the family. Did you know that an hour of vigorous swimming will burn up to 650 calories? It burns off more calories than walking or biking!

Come meet Coach Erin and swim in a Master's practice for free! Masters meets Wed/Fri 6-7am and Tues/Thurs 7:30-8:30am.

Private lessons are offered in the mornings and afternoons. Contact Amanda at coordinator@ccswim.net for more information.

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Around Circle C

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Crossing guard supervisor Don Hatley is looking for crossing guards to be stationed at Clayton elementary school next school year. The job requires 2.5 hours a day at an hourly rate of \$13.03; a criminal background check will be conducted. If you are interested please contact Don at 713-857-5639.

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was submitted by resident James Turner.

In The YARD

July 2016

Submitted by Jackie Rollins



Park West residents Kathy and Tom Jedrzejewicz have the enviable options of relaxing in their backyard with upper deck and ground level views of the park and its vast array of foliage and cactus.



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10905 Cusseta Lane **"CONTRACT PENDING!"** John's listing! John negotiated 3 offers over full price to **well over \$600,000.** for his clients and they are thrilled! John's competition said the home was worth maybe \$549,000...



11117 Maclin Drive **"JUST SOLD!!"** John's listing! Pool, hot tub, \$35K deck, \$20K Colorado fireplace and stone work. **\$619,000.**



7420 Doswell Lane **"CONTRACT PENDING!"** in 2 days! John's new listing. STUNNING DR Horton estate home backing to greenbelt. \$45,000. Ipe' wood deck, 5 beds, 4 full baths, game room and media room. One of the most vaunted streets in Circle C. Listed at **\$689,000.**



10011 Austral Cove **"JUST LISTED!"** John's listing. Beautiful Newmark with hard wood floors, granite, new appliances, incredible master, utility room and HUGE game room upstairs! One of the most sought after cul-de-sacs in Circle C On the Park! Listed at **\$499,900.!** Close to Kiker and pool! Relocation company transaction. **The Squires Team are Relocation Company experts!!**

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6504 Magenta lane **John's new listing~ "COMING SOON!!!"** Stunning Estate home OVER 3700 square feet backing to permanent greenbelt. John doing renovation now! Listed at **\$539,000.!!**



11108 Christensen Cove **John's new listing~ "COMING SOON!!!"** Gorgeous 1-story home on a huge lot loaded with hardwood trees and private cul-de-sac. 4 beds, 3 full baths and a game room upstairs! In the gated Enclave across from Clayton and HOA resort pool. Call for pricing.



5209 Austral Loop **John's new listing "COMING SOON!!!"** Gorgeous home with hard wood floors, new granite, custom paint pool, hot tub and all on a private lot. Awesome plan at **\$549,900.!!**



9512 Colebrook **John's buyer "UNDER CONTRACT!!!"** in 2 days. Sweet 1-story cottage in Vintage Place Listed at **\$419,000.!!**



13432 Meridian Lane ~ **John's buyer. "JUST SOLD!!!"** Stunning NALLE custom home with white oak flooring. Listed at **\$1,340,000.!!** Incredible custom on 1 acre backing to permanent 86 acre green space ranch. Blow foam ceiling insulation, granite and silestone kitchen, Thermador, Subzero, 15 foot ceilings throughout.

Emerald Ash Borer found in Texas

Emerald ash borer, often referred to as EAB, is an exotic pest from Asia. This beetle is a serious threat to ash trees. Emerald ash borer was accidentally introduced into the United States and was found in Michigan in 2002.

Four beetles were found in a trap located in NE Texas (Harrison County) in late April 2016. There are currently no confirmed cases of ash trees that are infested. The beetles will continue to be monitored throughout the state.

Larvae bore into trees under the bark and cut off the water and nutrient conducting vessels. Larvae are creamy white, legless with a flattened body. Larvae are 1- 1 ½ inches in length when fully developed.

As an adult, the beetle is elongated and cylindrical with the pronotum (a part of the thorax) extended back as a lobe towards the abdomen. Most notably, these beetles are bright, metallic green with reddish hues. Adults are about 1/2 inch in size. If the wings are removed or lifted, the upper side of the abdomen is bright coppery-red which can help differentiate this beetle from closely related species in Texas.

In infested trees, canopy die back is often seen in the top one third of the canopy and then moves down until the tree is bare. Epicormic shoots (leafy shoots coming off the trunk of the tree) may also be seen.

Vertical fissures may appear on the bark and galleries may be able to be seen through openings. If bark is peeled off, serpentine galleries packed with frass (excrement) may be seen. Adult beetles produce a d-shaped exit hole (1/8 inch diameter). Woodpeckers may cause damage to trees infested with EAB. Look for flaking bark and uneven holes caused by the woodpeckers feeding on larvae and pupae.

If EAB activity is confirmed for ash trees within an area, it is recommended that a systemic insecticide treatment is given to ash trees of high value. If more than 50% of an infested ash tree crown remains, then treatment with a systemic insecticide may slow the attack. If less than 50% of an infested ash tree crown remains, the tree should be removed.

For great information on emerald ash borer within Texas see the following site: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/eab/>

This information is to have you watch for this beetle on ash trees in your area. Only 4 beetles have been found currently and only in NE Texas. No trees have yet been confirmed to be infested.

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:

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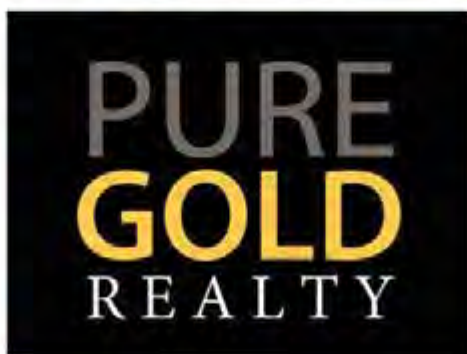
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11537 Lafitte Lane

HOT NEW LISTING!

11537 Lafitte Lane is situated on a large, cul-de-sac lot in Circle C Hieschler backing to greenbelt with pool, hot tub, covered patio and mature oaks. Built in 2003 boasting 3,498 square feet, 5 beds, 4 baths, 2 living and 2 dining offered at \$585,000.

Texting and Cell Phone Use during Driving

By the National Highway Safety Administration (edited for space)

In 2014, 3,179 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. One of the most alarming and widespread forms of distracted driving is cell phone usage. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field. And a 2014 special article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Text messaging is of heightened concern because it combines three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive. In other words, texting involves taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving.

NHTSA's message is simple – “One Text or Call Could Wreck it All.” Legislation is being passed across the nation to

discourage distracted driving. We hope drivers get the message loud and clear.

So the next time you are pressed for time, and it seems like multitasking in the car is the best decision, remember those 3,179 lives that were taken because someone decided they could do two things at once. A text or call is not worth your life, or anyone else's.



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Bidding Farewell and Saying Hello

School's out for the summer and with that we say goodbye to our latest group of foreign exchange students. As they pack their bags and head back to their parents and their home countries, their host families are left with the memories of a great year, and a new son or daughter that that lives in another country. Plans are already underway for travel abroad so they can once again be with their students and see the sites of their home countries.

The Houston and Austin based students had a great time this past year – visiting a number of our local attractions in both cities as well as San Antonio. We are hoping to be able to do the same for our incoming students for the 2016/2017 school year.

Ayusa is currently looking for volunteer host families to open their hearts and their homes to these wonderful students. All that is needed to host is to be able to provide a room for the student to sleep and three meals a day. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance. Help us to welcome these great kids into Texas – you'll be happy you did!

HOW TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Interested families can learn more about the program and available

exchange students and request additional information by visiting <http://www.ayusa.org> or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

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Tennis Tips

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How to execute The Overhead "Smash"



In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley and the one-handed backhand volley. In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the overhead "smash" when players get a high ball and hit the ball above their head. In the illustrations, Matilda O'Connor, player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Back Step: When Matilda realizes that a ball is high enough to hit the overhead, she takes a step back on the side to hit the ball. The upper body turns, the racket starts the backwards motion by keeping the elbow at a 90-degree angle and the left hand is pointing towards the ball. Notice that her head is looking at the ball and she is keeping her chin up.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: As Matilda prepares to hit the ball, her racket begins accelerating from the back position. She is making perfect contact on the upper part of the racket and the right wrist is "snapping" to get on top of the ball. Her left arm is still pointing to the ball to assure a direct hit on the "sweet spot" of the racket. Her weight has shifted from the back foot to the front foot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: After the ball has been struck by the racket, Matilda will continue the swing across the left side of her body. Her eyes are now focused on the path of her stroke. The left arm is at her left side. Her right foot still keeps her toes on the court to allow for maximum balance of the stroke.

Step 4: The Ready Position: Even though the overhead "smash" is a powerful weapon, many times the opponents will return it back to the players. Here Matilda is ready for the next ball coming back towards her. By the looks of her smile, it appears that her overhead stroke was a success and that won the point.

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