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ANNOUNCEMENTS | WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Election Day – Tuesday November 8th
- Food Trailer Tailgate Party – Saturday November 12th
- CCHOA Offices Closed – Wednesday November 23rd through Friday November 25th
- Swim Center Closed – Wednesday November 23rd through Saturday November 26th
- CCHOA November Board Meeting – Tuesday November 29th
- Children's Holiday Party – Saturday December 3rd
- Adult Holiday Party – Friday December 9th

SWIM CENTER WINTER HOURS

The Swim Center Winter Hours started last month on Monday October 17th. Due to the new AISD school hours, which impact the availability of our staff, we have had to adjust our hours of operation. The new hours are Monday – Friday from 4-7:30pm and Saturday from 8-11am. The facility will be closed on Sundays.



ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the two open board seats through Friday January 13th, 2017. You can download a Candidate Questionnaire from the News & Announcements page on our website at www.circlecranch.info, under the Stay Connected tab. The nominating 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 Wednesday March 8th, 2017 at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue). Your ballot and proxy will be printed on the back side of the first 2017 CCHOA dues assessment invoice (which will be mailed Feb. 1st and due Mar. 1st).

ADDRESS PLAQUES

Address plaques are considered an architectural feature of a home and should be visible and in good condition. Shrubbery should be trimmed away from the plaque so the address is in clear view. If your plaque is brass, a brass cleaner should be used. Having highly visible house numbers is a safety issue for Police, Fire, and EMS. This especially helps USPS, FedEx, and UPS find you with those timely holiday deliveries!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DÉCOR

This is a friendly reminder that holiday lights and décor should not be installed until the week before Thanksgiving and must be removed no later than January 15th.

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 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 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.

TREE STAKES

The HOA has noticed many properties, especially in Avana and Grey Rock, with tree stakes still installed when they are no longer necessary. All tree stakes and supporting wires and cables should be removed 6-12 months or one growing season 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.

Holiday Wishes

Each year, neglected and abused children in the Austin area are removed from their homes by Child Protective Services caseworkers who work to make a difference in their lives. Separations occur all year, but are especially difficult during the holidays. Sometimes children leave with nothing but the clothes on their backs. In these circumstances, gifts and the holiday season are often forgotten.



Partnerships for Children is making a difference in the lives of these children and we invite you to join us by participating in our annual **HOLIDAY WISHES** program. In 2015, the Holiday Wishes program provided gifts to over 4700 children in Central Texas.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sponsor a child by purchasing items from their wish list.
- Donate general gifts for children that are not matched with community donors.
- Make a donation and we will shop for you.

For a contribution of only \$75, you can transform a holiday wish into reality for a child in your community.

Join us by becoming a donor or contributor!

For more information, please visit partnershipsforchildren.org/holidaywishes or call 512-834-4756.

Partnerships for Children is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



SAVE THE DATE

Children's Holiday Party

Saturday December 3, 2016 10am to 1pm

**Join us and enjoy face painting, arts and crafts,
train and pony rides AND a petting zoo!**

This event is open to residents only.

Admission per child is 1 AWESOME unwrapped, unopened gift for
our toy donation drive to lift the spirits of children in need,
see the Holiday Wishes flyer for more info.



Adult Holiday

AND CASINO PARTY

Tickets will be on sale Monday November 7th — Friday December 2nd, \$10 per person (4 tickets max).
Tickets may be purchased from the HOA office Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm.



Date: Friday December 9th, 2016
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Where: Circle C Community Center

Break out your poker face for this year's Holiday & Casino Party!
Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, casino tables, raffle drawings
and of course music and socializing with great company!

We are currently accepting donations for casino prizes! If you or someone you know has a business
or company that would like to help out gives us a call at 512-288-8663 or email sarah@circlecranch.info

Pool Hours

Present - December 21st

Swim Center

5919 La Crosse Avenue

The Swim Center is open for lap swimming only; the recreational areas will not be accessible. The Avana and Community Center pools are closed for the season.

Monday-Friday

6:00am-10:00am

4:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday

8:00am-11:00am

Sunday

Closed

Attention Residents!

Thanksgiving Closures:

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CIRCLE C SELECT SWIM TEAM

The Circle C Select Swim Team is almost at capacity! We still have some spots open so schedule a try out today and come join our team before we fill up! Schedule a tryout with the front desk by calling 512-288-6057 or emailing customerservice@ccswim.net.

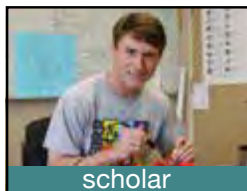


Let Circle C Aquatics Help You Get in Shape!

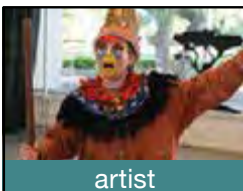
Do you need a better alternative for exercising this fall? Circle C Aquatics can help! We offer many aquatic programs that can help you get in shape, from the Master's adult program to one on one private lessons for everyone in the family. Did you know that an hour of vigorous swimming will burn up to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

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

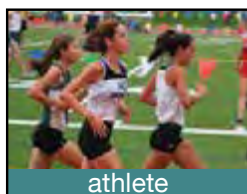
Private lessons are offered in the mornings and afternoons. Contact Amanda at coordinator@ccswim.net for more information.



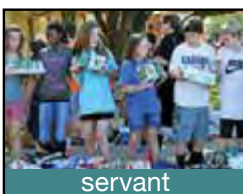
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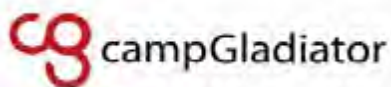
TURKEY TROT

5k Fun Run/Walk | 10k Run



Circle C Select Swim Team

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Thanksgiving Day!

November 24th | 8:30am

Join your neighbors and friends for a morning of healthy activity and tons of fun! This is a family friendly fun run - all strollers, joggers and little ones on a bike are welcome. No registration required.

The Turkey Trot starts at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Ave) and continues along LaCrosse Ave until meeting Escarpment. Runners/Walkers will cross at Escarpment and travel back on LaCrosse to the Community Center. The 10k runners will continue on Spruce Canyon.

Please avoid parking on LaCrosse Ave or Spruce Canyon. Dogs are welcomed, but must be on a leash at all times.

Email organizer Ana Bosada (anaalvear@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns.



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guitar and make music!

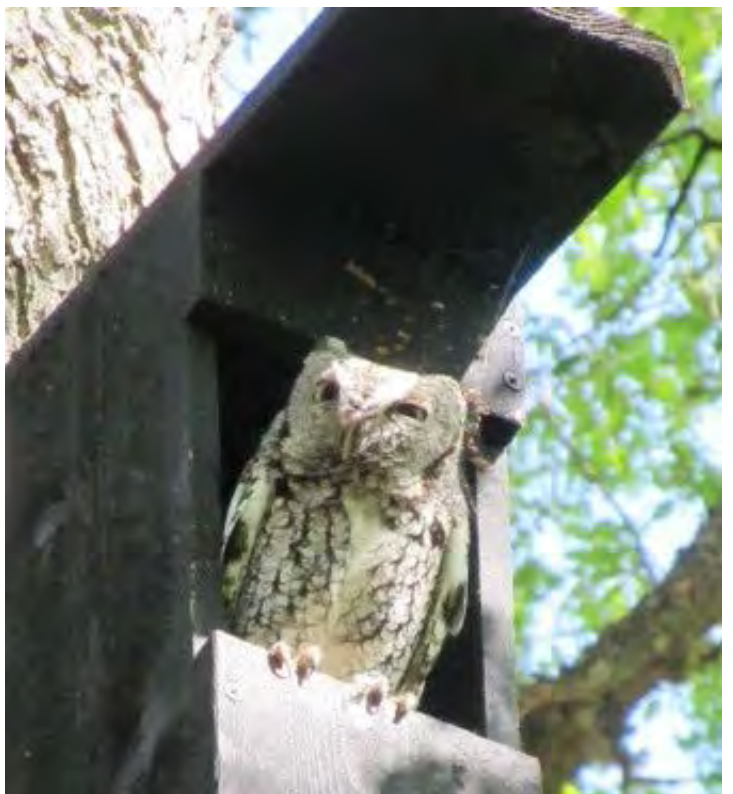
Around Circle C

IN THE YARD

NOVEMBER 2016

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

Park West residents Maggie and David Mignery are the proud recipients of the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat designation. Their attractive and critter-friendly backyard offers the four basic elements for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover and places to raise young. It looks like Mr. Owl may be waiting for his mail to arrive!



Cover Photo

This month's cover photo
was taken by resident
Nancy Malcom.



SquiresTeam.com



Call John Squires on his “**sell**” phone at **512 970-1970**.

Hey Circle C, well it's that wonderful time of year again when the weather is cool, football is going full-blast and the holidays are almost upon us. It's time to pull out all those old holiday recipes and get ready for Thanksgiving. The Squires family came to Texas with the German immigration in the mid 1840's and brought all of their traditional recipes with them. John Squires' great, great uncle Julius Splittgerber was a Colonel in the Prussian army and became the first sheriff of Fredericksburg, Tx. in Gillespie County in the mid 1850's. The family eventually relocated to Salado, Tx., just north of Georgetown, where they still maintain their working-farm homestead today since 1891. Some of the best memories of cooking at Thanksgiving and Christmas were the women using hand-grinders to mix the turkey giblets along with pecans, celery, onions and all the other fixin's to turn out a royal feast. Below is the recipe used by the last 5 Splittgerber generations for cornbread stuffing over the last 175 years. If made properly, it's mind-bending!

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



Mam-Maws Top Secret German Thanksgiving and Christmas stuffing...Ingredients:

- 3 hard boiled eggs.
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans.
- 2-3 stale wheat bread slices
- 1 stick of margarine/butter and turkey/chicken broth to moisten mixture.
- Corn bread (enough to fill turkey cavity) or pan for 8-10 servings.



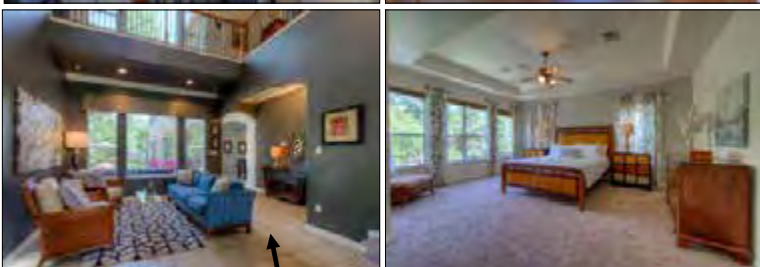
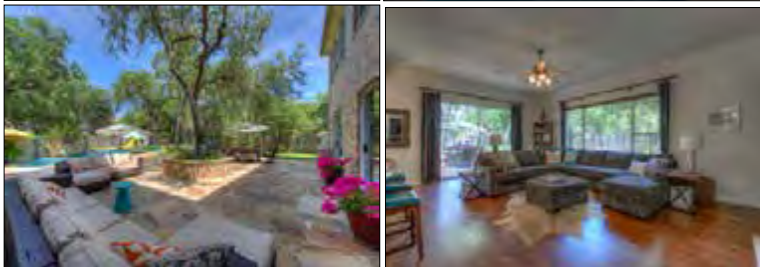
It is best to use more chopped pecans. Also, boil turkey giblets (gizzard and liver) along with turkey neck until well done in water seasoned with onions, celery, pepper to taste. Use some of that mixture to also moisten the mixture above when you grind up the giblets and vegetables into the cornbread. Throw the neck away after boiling. All the above may be mixed in a food processor instead of the old fashioned food grinder, but just to get it ground up and not pulverized. Bake at 400 degrees until brown on top or 30 minutes. Use rest of liquid mixture to make a thin gravy and your dressing will be off the hook!

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Below are homes John Squires is bringing to market or has put under contract in the last 3 weeks. Call him for any info on homes coming to market!



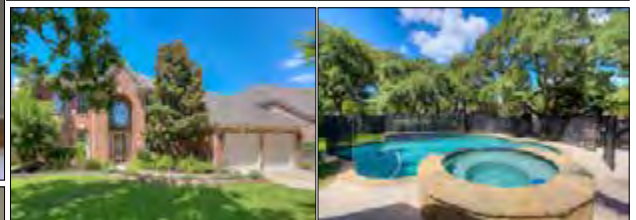
Call me directly at **(512) 970-1970** on my **"sell phone"** for an easy, no obligation appointment to list your house for sale or be professionally represented in the purchase of any real estate in Texas. Thanks, John



7200 Lapin Cove-**John's new listing "JUST SOLD!"** in 3 days Unbelievable resort-style diving pool, Mercedes model home floorplan, all backing to greenbelt on 1/3rd acre +/- deep cul de sac lot! Approx. 3,850 sq. ft. **\$599,900**. Yes, a **10' deep** diving pool!



11012 Maelin **John's new listing "JUST SOLD!"** Stunning Augusta plan w/4 beds, 3.5 baths, game room and gorgeous upgrades. Private back yard with huge porch + 3 car garage. **\$525,000**. Under contract with 2 offers in 1 week!



5209 Austral Loop "On the Park" **John's new listing "JUST SOLD!"** Stunning Executive Series home with over \$100,000. in recent renovations. New roof, granite counters in the kitchen and all bathrooms! Carrera marble in master bath with frameless shower and lighted tub! Pool has been re-done and new electronics installed. Acacia hardwood floors, new appliances, paint throughout, hardware, tile flooring, Italian glass backsplash. New fireplace surround, 2 hot water heaters, sprinklers. Completely re-landscaped with palm trees, magnolias, new grass, xeriscaping. Too much to list. **\$565,000**.



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11117 Bexley Lane **John's new listing "JUST SOLD!"** Jaw-dropper Highland home Iris floorplan with Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, custom cherry wood cabinetry kitchen with level 4 granite, over-sized island, stainless, commercial vent and Dacor range. All baths have been remodeled with new cabinets, hardware and granite. Fam. rm. has high ceilings, recessed lighting, surround sound and more! Relax on your Ipe' wood deck. BRAND NEW ROOF also! Listed at **\$475,000. at 2363 SQUARE FEET!!!! = \$201.01 per foot...**



5714 Trelawney Lane **John's New Listing "JUST LISTED!"** Stunning Newmark on private street close to Kiker Elementary and pool! Wilsonart flooring, HUGE game room, master down with highly upgraded master bath. Absolutely immaculate in every way. Xeriscaped back yard for low utilities. Approx. 3088 sq. ft.! Beautiful upgrades throughout. **\$425,000.**



11223 Tracton Lane **John's New Listing "JUST LISTED!"** This beautiful 5 bedroom 4 full bath David Weekley on secluded cul-de-sac is perfect for a growing family wishing to be in a tucked-away area of Circle C. It features 2 bedrooms and 2 FULL baths down! A HUGE game room upstairs, along with 3 more bedrooms and 2 full baths round out this incredible family home. Approx. 3666 square feet per tax records. **\$474,900.!**

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Well the holidays are almost here and we are still seeing an active market with buyers coming through our open houses and realtors showing our listings. Some weekends are slow and others are busy. It's just off and on, but we are still selling homes regularly. The showings have been slow during the week generally, but I'm sure we'll see a resurgence with young couples and retirees buying and closing before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Close your new home this year and claim your homestead tax exemption if you own before January 1st, 2017. Below and the next few pages is John Squires and the Squires' Team latest productivity in the area.



11132 Marden Lane **John's New Listing "JUST LISTED!"** Gorgeous 1-story Newmark home on secluded street! Wood floors, granite, new paint, travertine, frameless glass, upgrades. Offered at **\$439,000.**



11108 Christensen Cove **John's new listing "JUST LISTED!"** Gorgeous "1-story" with bedroom, full bath and game room up. Huge lot on cul-de-sac, in gated area close to Clayton. Offered at **\$519,000.**

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(512) 970-1970



Ahoy Maties! Come to a Bookaneer Book Fair!

November 7th - 11th @ Kiker Elementary School Library

Set aside some time to support the Kiker Library! The whole community is excited about the Book Fair where you will find an amazing selection of books. At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to adults. It is just the place to begin your holiday shopping! The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. For security, please remember to bring your ID to the office and check in as you enter the building.

Book Fair Hours

11/7 Monday 7:45am - 4:00pm First Day Drawing
11/8 Tuesday 7:45am - 7:00pm Open Late for Family Night
11/9 Wednesday 7:45am - 4:00pm Book Fair Bookaneer Picnic during lunch
11/10 Thursday 7:45am - 8:00pm Open Late for Family Night
11/11 Friday 7:45am - 4:00pm Last Day Drawing

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Circle C Market Statistics (as of October 7, 2016)

55 ACTIVE LISTINGS

Avg. List Price: \$515,285 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$176.00 Avg. DOM: 82

34 PENDING SALES

Avg. List Price: \$490,435 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$169.07 Avg. DOM: 40

116 LISTINGS SOLD

Avg. Sold Price: \$473,516 Avg. \$/SqFt.: \$165.75 Avg. DOM: 40

BE A ZERO WASTE BLOCK LEADER!

Austin Resource Recovery seeks individuals who are passionate about recycling, reusing, and composting to become Zero Waste Block Leaders in their neighborhoods. Block Leaders are "green-minded" active neighborhood residents who help spread the word about recycling in their neighborhoods.

Block Leaders are not the recycling police, however they do help their friends and neighbors better understand recycling and composting.



As a Block Leader, you can

- receive bundles of educational door hangers to share with neighbors and a quarterly e-newsletter,
- work with your neighbors to educate them on recycling, composting, re-using and Austin's Zero Waste Goals,
- receive invitations to volunteer at community events with Austin Resource Recovery Staff,
- share information from Austin Resource Recovery with your community at HOA meetings, and
- pick your level of activity! Choose from several ways to participate.

By being a Zero Waste Block Leader, you will have many opportunities to learn more about Austin Resource Recovery services, the facilities we work with, training opportunities and recognition for the work you do in your community.

For more information, you can contact your Circle C neighbor and Block Leader Amy McLemore at amymcim@yahoo.com or you can visit austintexas.gov/zerowasteblockleader today

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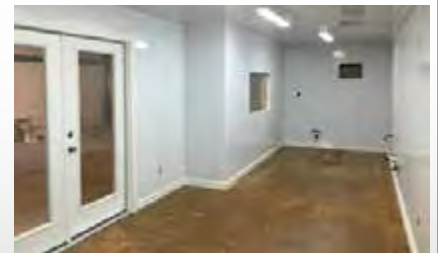
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We invite you to join us for fellowship, sharing your concerns, your strategies and your needs. **YOU, the care giver** are our focus. Our vision is to be a haven, a resource for new information, options, and opportunities for humor to renew hope and energy as you join others on this journey.

We look forward to meeting you on the
1st and 4th Wednesdays each month.

**Meetings are from 7- 8 p.m.
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Large Scale Leaf Drop

Though this is slightly after the fact, I want to address the dual events this year that initiated the highest call rates I've had in a long time. Both last March and this August, we had an inordinate amount of rain. Within two weeks to over a month after the rain had ended, I received calls from the entire central Texas area about Live Oaks dropping the vast majority of their leaves. Often the trees could be right next to some others that did not drop any leaves, causing the property owners to be very concerned about the possibility that they had oak wilt. My standard practice when receiving calls about leaf drop when it occurs after rain, is to ask what the leaves look like and if possible request a photo of five or so "suspicious-looking" leaves. Live Oak leaves that drop on account of heavy rainfall have certain characteristics: mottling, speckling, blotching all of brown or yellow and occasionally black dots. Symptomatic oak wilt leaves on the other hand are very different (www.texasoakwilt.org/gallery/oak-wilt-in-live-oaks/).

This phenomenon is caused by an extended period of "field saturation". All soil has macro and micro pores/spaces in it, whether it is sand or clay or silt. When all these pores fill up it with water – there is no air left in the soil. Tree roots actually need to breathe – even the Bald Cypress trees in the swamp send up little breathing "apparatuses", which we call "knees". So a combination of not enough air in the soil,



an excessive engorgement of water by the tree which causes swelling in stem - leaf attachment, and the general toxicity of excessive water in the system all play a part in the discoloring and abscission of the leaves by the tree which is an attempt to help itself. Excessive rain, though it may cause some of your Live Oaks to drop their leaves temporarily, rarely kills them unless it is standing water over entire root zone for two weeks or more. Generally, excessive Spring rains that cause leaf drop – new leaves will form within a couple of weeks after the leaf drop. Late Summer or fall rains – the tree may just go into a premature fall dormancy and wait for next Spring to fully leaf out. It is more of a curiosity than a health threat – be reassured.

Next month we will look into the largest tree pest most of us deal with - deer.

Questions or comments this article or previous articles have generated, may be directed to me at: kevin@arborcareandconsulting.com

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