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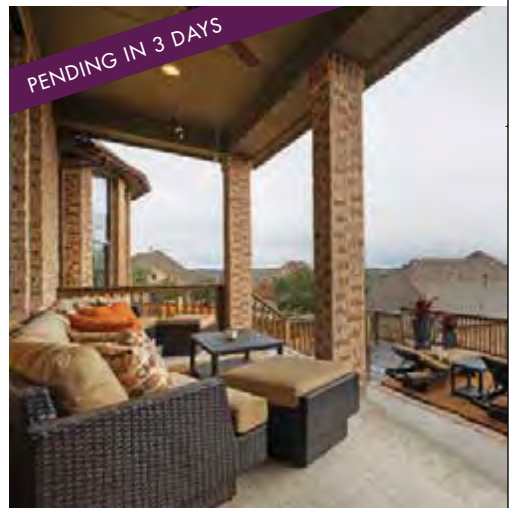
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S HAPPENING



Important Dates

Saturday May 6th – Avaña & Community Center
Pools Open (Weekends Only)

Friday May 12th – Food Trailer Night

Sunday May 21st – Community Safety Day

Monday May 29th – Memorial Day
(HOA Office Closed, Pools Open)

Tuesday May 30th – CCHOA Board Meeting

Saturday July 1st – 4th of July Parade (Save the Date)

Seasonal Pools Open

The Community Center and Avaña pools will be open on the weekends only from 12-6pm starting Saturday May 6th; summer hours will start Monday June 5th. Grab the pool bag and dig out your pool cards! If you need to register for your pool membership you can download the Resident Information Form at www.circlecranch.info under the Aquatics/Membership tab, or contact Circle C Aquatics at customerservice@ccswim.net.

Food Trailer Night

Join us Friday May 12th from 5-8pm at the Community Center (Corner of Spruce Canyon and La Crosse) 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 our website at www.circlecranch.info, as soon as it becomes available.

Community Safety Day

Come join the Aquatic staff at the Swim Center on Sunday May 21st from 1-3pm for Community Safety Day! Colin's Hope will be here to talk about water safety, The Austin Fire Department will have an engine for the kiddos to explore and the swim instructor staff will have in water games to play and prizes! The Circle C Café is also providing pizza, so come on by!

Memorial Day Hours

The HOA office will be closed on Monday May 29th and will resume regular business hours at 9am on Tuesday May 30th.

The Community Center and Avaña pools will be open on Monday May 29th 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 congratulates Jason Bram and Russ Hodes on their re-election after the 2017 Board elections in March. New officers of the association were named and they are:

Natalie Placer-McClurePresident

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Russ HodesTreasurer

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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.

Watering Restrictions

Please visit your Water Provider's website to view current watering restrictions:

City of Austin:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/watering-restrictions>

Midtex (SouthWest Water Company):

<https://www.swwc.com/texas/drought/>

Oak Wilt Suppression

We wanted to remind everyone that our live oaks are subject to the oak wilt fungus. If you have live oaks in your yards and you suspect they have contracted the disease, we urge you to consult with a certified arborist to diagnose the trees. If your trees do have oak wilt, you can also contact the City of Austin Arborist and they will assist in providing information for both you and your neighbors. The most prevalent sign of oak wilt is veination in the leaves as they die and fall off the trees. Here is an article we printed in the newsletter last year that provides some general information.

The beautiful oak trees seen in and around Austin are one of our city's greatest assets and give us that hill country feel despite being in the middle of urban sprawl. However, the City of Austin has estimated that in the past twenty years, over 10,000 of our beloved oaks have been lost to the infectious and deadly oak wilt disease. "For both individuals and the City as a whole, this loss is felt by increased utility bills, reduced property values, and a sense of devastation."

Oak wilt is caused by a fungus and is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. The fungus is spread tree-to-tree through their connected root systems as well as by beetles, which can carry the fungus from an infected tree to a fresh cut or open wound on a healthy tree.

The City of Austin has a policy in place to ensure that certain measures are followed by all city staff and contractors to prevent the spread of oak wilt. A few simple steps that you can take at home to help prevent the spread of oak wilt are a) always cover any fresh cuts, wounds or stumps on an oak with a wound dressing or latex paint; b) keep your tools sanitized from location to location with bleach or Lysol; and c) unless in cases of necessity - danger, serious damage, etc. - avoid pruning between February 1st and June 30th.

For further information on oak wilt, pruning techniques or for a list of certified arborists to contact, The City of Austin recommends that you refer to <http://texasoakwilt.org/>. Link to referenced articles: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/oak-wilt-suppression>



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3:30pm-8:00pm

Saturday

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

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday

10:00am-6:00pm

Community Center & Avaña Pools

7817 La Crosse Avenue/6610 Trissino Drive

Saturday & Sunday

12:00pm-6:00pm

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May is National Drowning Prevention Month. The Aquatic staff pledges to help lower the number of drownings in the US this year and invites you to help out. Always keep your children within an arms-reach and remember, "Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Lifejacket"!

Splash into Swim Lessons!

Group and Private lessons are in full swing here at the Swim Center! We have levels for all ages and flexible time slots for working parents. Don't forget, we are offering the American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim and Preschool Aquatic programs! All of our coaches are certified Water Safety Instructors.

Now Hiring!

Circle C Aquatics is hiring for all positions for the 2017 spring and summer seasons! Red Cross Lifeguarding Certifications are required for Lifeguard positions; however, we do offer Lifeguard courses on a monthly basis at a discounted rate (contingent upon employment with us). You must be 15 years or older to take the course, but 16 or older for employment. Visit our website and submit an application online now! Contact Gabby Haynes at lifeguard@ccswim.net with any questions.

We are also now accepting applications for the Volunteer Swim Instructor program! Participants must be at least 12 years old, submit an application and have a short interview with the Lead Swim Instructor. For more information, please email Hayley at lessons@ccswim.net.

Swim Center Closures

The Swim Center will be closed on the following Saturdays for Seal's Swim Meets. The Swim Center will reopen at 1:30pm on these days.

- Saturday June 3rd
- Saturday June 10th
- Saturday June 17th (*There will be no long course this week*)

Contact Us

For more information on all programs offered by Circle C Aquatics, email Amanda at coordinator@ccswim.net.

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Book Fair Hours

5/17 Wednesday 7:45 - 4:00 First Day

5/18 Thursday 7:45- 7:00 Camp Picnic during lunch / Family Night 4:00-7:00

5/19 Friday 7:45- 4:00 Last Day

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Around Circle C

Lori Davey FREE Fitness Expo

When: Saturday, June 10, 2017 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Circle C Community Center 7817 La Crosse Ave. Austin, TX 7879

Clear your calendar - It's going down! The Lori Davey Fitness Expo is coming to the Circle C Community Center on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10am to 4pm. The expo is a family-friendly free event with a strong commitment to promoting community, wellness, health & fitness.

This is your opportunity to get inspired and have direct access to the best in health, fitness and wellness. Attendees will receive tips on how to stay healthy from nutrition experts, discover new wellness products and services, have access to cooking demos, witness a live fitness competition, and much more. We will have music, a kid's corner and free prizes will be raffled throughout the day! The event is also interactive, be sure to wear comfortable clothing so you can participate.

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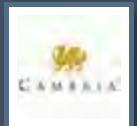


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Hey Circle C neighbors! Well, the market is in full swing now as we are heading towards another summer with a relatively hot real estate market. I say "relatively" hot, because it can go from hot to cold in a week, depending on the property at hand. Some homes that are over-priced for 2 months all of a sudden go pending because of many changing variables within the local homes sales. Re-sale homes are competing against the new home market and there are certain plusses and minuses for being within either of those categories. Call John for a further explanation on the entire Circle C Ranch market and what your home may be worth. Below and on the next 3 pages are homes John Squires and the Squires Team are currently listing and selling throughout Circle C Ranch and Austin.

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11100 Pairnoy Lane **"COMING SOON!"** John's New Listing Gorgeous Streetman home, highly upgraded sandstone with wood floors and big, private corner lot with trees. Quick walk to Clayton Elementary. **Price upon request.**



11310 Bastogne Loop **"COMING SOON!"** John's New Listing Stunning "1.5-story" plan with game room, bed and bath up! Brazilian Cherry hard wood floors, granite. Big corner lot with shade trees. **Price upon request.**



7213 Moon Rock **"COMING SOON!!!"** John's New Listing Great 1-story plan close to Clayton 4 beds PLUS an office! **\$427,500.!**



10916 Canfield **"COMING SOON!!!"** John's New Listing Gorgeous estate home on the golf course with covd. patio and some of the largest bedrooms in Circle C! .66+/- of an acre! Listed at **\$749,000.!**



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10821 Canfield -**John's Listing-"CONTRACT PENDING!!"** Gorgeous estate home backing to perm. greenbelt easement in gated Fairway estates! Walk to pool and Clayton Elementary. 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Carrera marble master bath. Level 4 granite counters in kitchen with espresso cabinets and commercial appliances. Listed at **\$719,000.**



5212 Corrientes Cove—**John's Listing- "JUST LISTED!"** Executive Series home with 9 foot deep "jumping" pool and oasis back yard. 4 beds, 3 full baths and a game room! This home is located "On The Park" and is just a quick walk to Kiker. Listed at **\$545,000.**



Call John at **(512) 970-1970** for any information regarding listing your home for sale, buying a home or any questions on Austin, Texas real estate. The Squires Team also offers flexible commissions, move-up/move-down plans for growing families and retirees.

John works with all relocation companies. Yes, it is your choice to use *any* agent you choose to sell your home with any relocation company. John is **relo-certified** with all relocation firms. Just a few of those relocation firms are **Weichert, Xerox, Global, Cendant, Yellow, Sirva, Cartus, Promisor, Aires, Brookfield, One Source, WHR Group, and Altaire Relo.** Call John any time, as he will actually answer his phone and/or get right back to you. You will never be handed off to an assistant during your entire transaction and will communicate only with John on his personal phone!

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5024 Tiger Lilly Way– **John's Listing–"CONTRACT PENDING!"** Beautiful Wilshire home in vaunted Wildflower. 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with separate gameroom AND big office. This home was listed and sold before MLS on the silent market. Listed at **\$389,000.**



John's "sell" phone is **(512) 970-1970.** Call John to look at any home for sale or for a no-obligation market analysis on your home. Thanks!



11013 Capstone **John's Listing–"CONTRACT PENDING!!!"** Stunningly upgraded and updated home on a quiet back street backing to permanent greenbelt. 4 beds 2.5 baths, PLUS game room! Wood floors, granite bathrooms, lighting, hardware and more! This home was listed and sold before MLS on the silent market. Listed at **\$479,000.**



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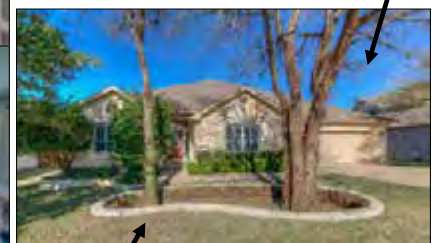
11200 Cusseta Lane—**John's Listing- "JUST LISTED!"** Super "1.5-story" plan! Stunning 5 bedroom, 4.5 full bath home with in-ground pool and hot tub on a deep cul de sac. This home has 4 large bedrooms downstairs and 1 bedroom/game room upstairs with a full bath and huge closet. Wood floors, high ceilings and plenty of room for family fun. Listed at **\$569,000.**



11428 Mordred Court **John's New Listing "JUST LISTED!"** Beautifully remodeled home on a culdesac, corner lot in a quiet area of Circle C. Gorgeous scraped wood flooring throughout much of downstairs. Open and airy family rooms provide for a nice entertaining flow with a wall of windows looking over the large private back yard. The kitchen has new granite counters, stainless range, vent out, remodeled cabs and tumbled travertine backsplash. The kitchen looks over the fam. room w/gas fireplace! HUGE master upstairs plus 3 big bedrooms and game-room. Listed at **\$479,000.**



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John Squires **"SOLD!"** these 4 Circle C Ranch homes last month. 3 with multiple offers.



7124 Tanaqua—Listed at **\$489,000.**



11209 Bastogne Loop—Listed at **\$459,000.**



10014 Estancia—Listed at **\$540,000.**



11516 Via Grande—Listed at **\$569,000.**

Congratulations Gorzycki Middle School Choir!

The Gorzycki Middle School Choirs participated in UIL Choir Contest at the AISD PAC on Thursday, April 6 & Friday, April 7. Each choir was required to perform three songs from the UIL Prescribed Music List, & student performances were judged on rhythms, pitches, tone, dynamics, phrasing, & musicality. Each choir was then required to sing a two- or three-part choral selection they had never seen before for three more judges, & students were given minimal help from their teacher & a limited amount of time to study the score. All three Gorzycki Middle School Choirs received Superior scores from all six judges, which means each group achieved a Sweepstakes rating.



Girls participating in the 2017 Gorzycki Middle School Varsity Treble Choir are as follows: Judy Bagh, Maya Cottam, Margaret Dwelle, Erin Everette, Kaylee Garcia, Suly Hernandez, Zeta Jenkins, Katy Lumbley, Laura Marler, Sierra Mooney, Kelli Robinson, Emma Solis, Ella Strickland, Samantha Thompson, Kella Wilson, Hannah Bierwag, Grace Earle, Chloe Francois, Delayna Fuller, Maia Gerdes, Ella Guzman, Natalia Kauffman, Addison Lusk, Abigail McNaughton, Sadie Penney, Audrey Smith, Laura Starkey, Macy Stewart, Naya Tillisch, & Izzy Tuite.



Boys participating in the 2017 Gorzycki Middle School Non-Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir are as follows: Parker Bryant, Joshua Farnell, Ethan Moyer, Tamer Aljamal, Daniel Bamdad, Jackson Bloder, Elijah Hinahon, Suhun Kim, Axel Lozano, Rohit Shetty, Ian Walter, Jack Begeman, William Card, John Demopoulos, Wyatt Hood, Josh Lewis, Tyler Rose, & Chris Torres.



Girls participating in the 2017 Gorzycki Middle School Non-Varsity Treble Choir are as follows: Cordelia Bryant, Sophia Cabrera, Madeline Franklin, Ella Gorman, Kayla Kokel, Brynn Laughlin, Cecelia Lawrence, Kristyn McPhail, Natalie Munoz, Chiara Von Roden, Trenneddy Gugenheim, Emily Heywood, Reya Lashinger, Elizabeth Parravano, Riley Smallwood, & Alina Watson.

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What's Blooming at the Wildflower Center?

Here's what's likely to be blooming, fruiting or setting seed in Central Texas this time of year. Look for these native plants around town, at the Wildflower Center and perhaps in your own backyard!

Cedar Sage (*Salvia roemeriana*)

Not many Central Texans are fond of Ashe juniper, more commonly known (and begrudged) as "cedar." But cedar sage is an exception. This beautiful salvia is adapted to grow in the shade and leaf mulch of much-maligned cedar, meaning its fuzzy crimson blooms are perfect for adding bold color to shady areas (they're also a great choice for container gardens). Their long, cylindrical flowers are custom-built for hummingbirds and butterflies, and even humans can get in on the grub: Like other red-flowered salvias, the petals of *Salvia roemeriana* are edible and sweet. Add some scarlet to your next salad or use as a stunning, unexpected garnish.

Prairie Verbena (*Glandularia bipinnatifida*)

Like sprinkles on a giant birthday cake, prairie verbena adds festive dots of lavender, pink and violet to Texas grasslands. Tiny flowers cluster at the ends of stems, creating legions of purple pompoms that sway in the wind; listen closely and you just might hear a chorus of "We've got spirit!" echoing from Hill Country roadsides. The Spanish name for this charming perennial, *moradilla*, means "little purple one." They may be little, but color has strength in numbers, and *Glandularia bipinnatifida* look so fun, they'll leave you asking, "Where's the party?" The answer is in the wild and at the Wildflower Center, of course!

Find these plants at the Wildflower Center and learn more about them at: wildflower.org/plants-main

Night Moves

Get ready for free family fun in June! Nature Nights (Thursday evenings, June 8 -29) are explorations of native plants, animals and the ecology of Central Texas. From hawks to rocks, there's a new theme each week. More details at wildflower.org/learn/youth.

Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Photography by Randy Heisch (cedar sage) and Alan Cressler (prairie verbena).



Cedar Sage (*Salvia roemeriana*)



Prairie Verbena (*Glandularia bipinnatifida*)

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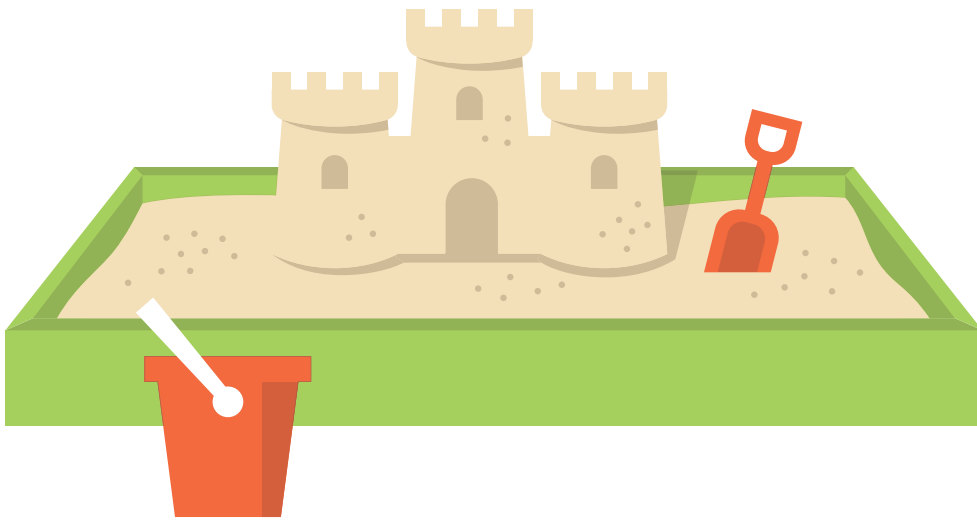
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Teen Driving Safety

Submitted by Amy Mills, Written by Gina Newton

You would think that your kid would be safe during the school day but on May 2, 2014 that was not the case for my son Andrew Quinn Newton. On that day Andrew was all dressed up in a suit and was excited about Dedication Day at Austin High School. Andrew left school during the day with his best friend and his friend's friend. They were going to go pick up a paper that Andrew had left at his grandparent's house in Barton Hills and then go get some lunch. When they got into the neighborhood the driver started speeding (reports say between 80 – 100 mph). She lost control; hit a tree, and the car split in half. The driver was ejected and died at the scene and Andrew died on the way to the hospital. The third passenger Andrew's best friend survived.

What went wrong that day?

- Andrew got into the car with someone he did not know well.
- A 17 year old had 2 passengers in the car that were under the age of 21 and non-family members.
- The driver was a junior and AISD policy states only seniors can leave campus. Austin High had no monitoring in place on who was coming and going from campus.

How can we make these wrongs right?

- Make sure parents talk to their teen and tell them to know and

trust the driver or stay out of the car. Can you trust the driver enough to slow down if you ask them to slow down? (My intention is not to be hurtful to the driver. We have all made mistakes.)

- Teens need to follow the laws: teens under 18 can only have 1 passenger that is a non-family member in the car with them that is under 21. Schools and police need to monitor this at lunch time. The more passengers in a teen's car, the greater the chance of distracted driving and a deadly accident.

- AISD needs to close campuses at lunch or have a working plan in place that ensures only seniors are leaving campus. When I went to Austin High to look for my son on May 2nd the office had no idea the location of Andrew.

What is the #1 Cause of death for teens?

The number one cause of death for teens is distracted driving. The chance of a distracted driving wreck/death goes up when there are multiple teens in a car. Andrew had a bright future and kind heart. In the end the main wrong for me can't be made right but it is my wish to educate parents, teens, teachers and administrators on best practices to keep this from happening to others.

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Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin,



IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-dimethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products

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containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person. Some of these are:

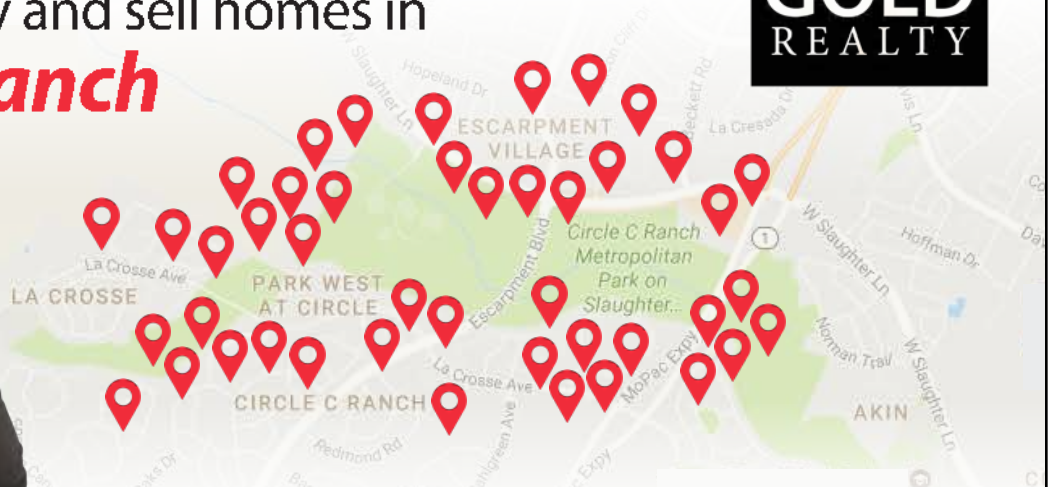
- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.
- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

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