

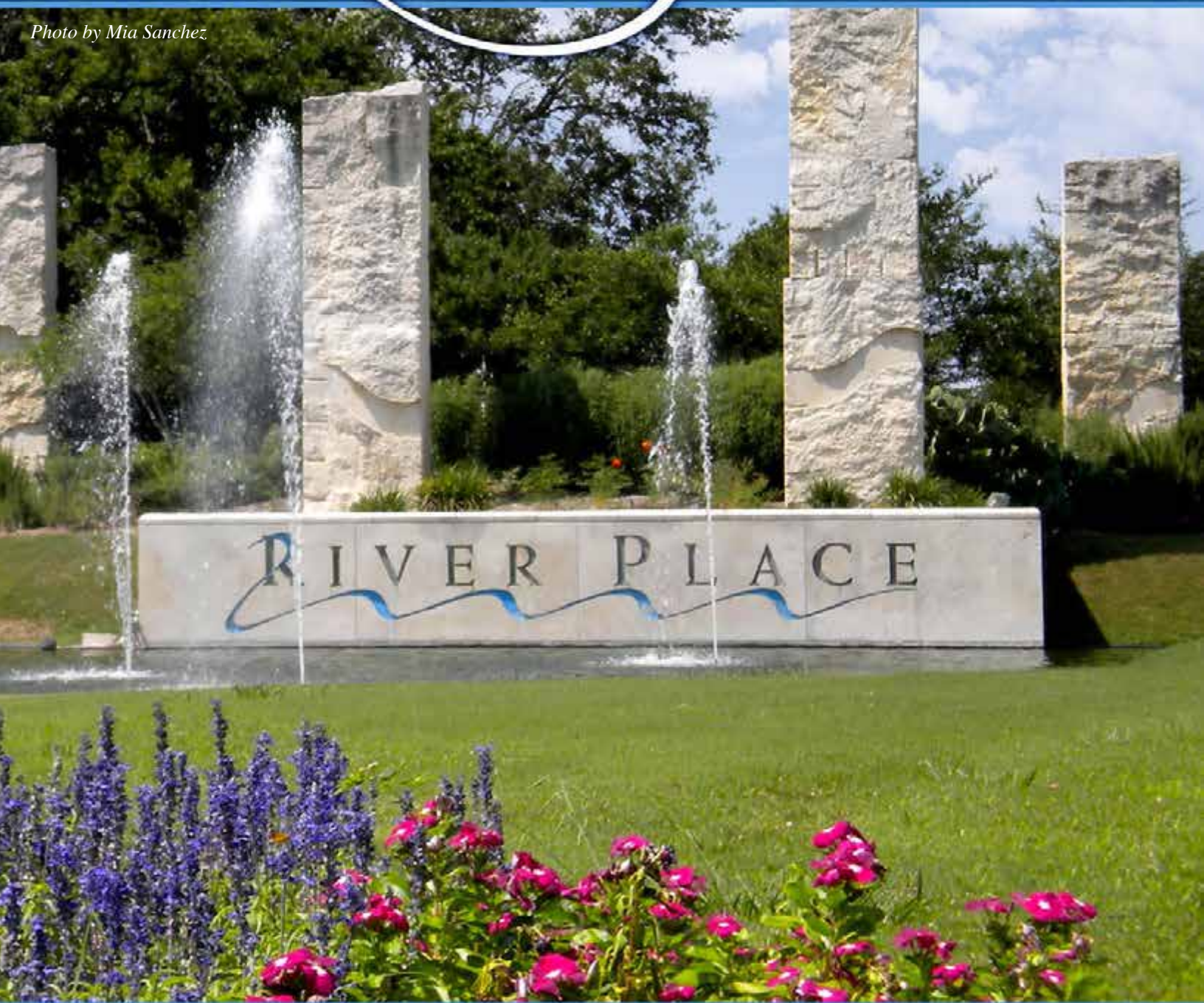
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Introducing the Syed Family



Please join us in saying hello to Aisha and Asif Syed and their son, Rayyan and daughter, Amal. Asif is a physician at St. David's Hospital while Aisha, who holds a bachelor's degree in computer science, helps her husband's busy practice as an office manager. And as a hobby, Aisha also arranges and conducts clothing and jewelry shows at home.

Rayyan, age 15, plays both soccer and basketball

at school while Amal, age 11, plays tennis at River Place Country Club and is enrolled in both art and swimming classes at school. They attend Paragon Prep, a private school located in Central Austin.

The Syed family lives in one of the beautiful homes on Big View Drive. They enjoy a panoramic view of the golf course and country club from their back porch, looking out over an inviting patio and swimming pool area. Obviously, the scenic views of River Place are foremost among its many attractions. Having moved from Atlanta, GA, the Syeds have lived in River Place for four years now.

They feel that River Place provides a convenient location considering their commute to work and is just simply a beautiful neighborhood to live in. They also love traveling, playing golf and socializing with friends and family.



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The River Review is mailed monthly to all River Place residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to include information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for the River Review please email it to riverreview@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

IN AND AROUND RIVER PLACE

New Businesses Proposed In Woodlands Park

Discussions of multiple businesses in Woodlands Park have been noted on Nextdoor and around the community. The only one actually verified so far though is regarding a temporary/trial kayak/paddle board rental, operated on an unmanned basis, by a local River Place resident. Some residents are in favor, seeing it as a service to those who would rather not own their own kayak yet have the opportunity to enjoy kayaking on the lake. Many however, see this as commercializing the area, adding to the congestion that already exists due to the hiking trails popularity.

The only other possible “business” we’ve heard about, if you want to call it that is a proposal from a local resident working as a trainer for Camp Gladiator to offer exercise classes at the park. But again, this would be a local focusing on offering services primarily to River Place residents. This would be nothing new, really. Fitness and soccer classes have been conducted at Sun Tree Park and residents have offered classes such as yoga in their homes.

Neither of the above “businesses” would seemingly add much traffic or congestion from outside visitors. That being said, it is rather obvious that the parking and traffic issues posed by the trail hikers, especially on weekends, will need to be effectively dealt with if they continue to grow as they have in the past months.

Update

The owner of the kayak rental business has withdrawn their interest as of April 19, citing the avoidance of any controversy as a concern. This may or may not be the final determination since, as noted above, some residents see this as a nice service.

Summer Internship in Finance

Laura McDonough of River Place is asking if anyone has an entering junior or senior interested in a summer internship. One is available on my team

at HotSchedules. If interested, check to see if this position is filled yet. They are looking for someone extremely detailed oriented, excellent with Excel, who wants some exposure to common internal tools like Salesforce, NetSuite and Zendesk.

<http://jobs.jobvite.com/hotschedules/job/oVo64fwd>
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Free ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Krysta Aguilar of River Place notes that these are still available; the practice tests seem like a great way to prepare high school students for tests that will be used for evaluation purposes as graduates head to college. The tests are offered at 3908 Far West Blvd., Austin, TX (Northwest Hills College Tutors Learning Center) on May 6th at 9 am. The tests mimic the exact timing and conditions of the real tests and families will have opportunities to meet with an expert to go over the results. Why not check it out?

Online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP_PCTVJcLvJrRbqgxE6dEZCt0hMkoRIZX-Zv2vg6QMZDAw/viewform?c=0&w=1

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Vandegrift - Dance Workshop and Camp

Kelley McCrea of River Place posted on Nextdoor a notice about these events: Legacies Dance Workshop (7-9 Grades) and Camp (1-6 Grades.)

When: Monday, June 5th, 8 am till 5 pm.

Where: Vandegrift High School, McNeil Drive, Austin, TX

For more and how to respond: https://riverplace.nextdoor.com/events/1120470/?s=ee&ct=wo0YGqezGDctZ3tQoxo3r2QSiArBhRQ50X6Fdudjmt3imAfUAhixNmnDj1RJy-Dv&mobile_deeplink_data=action%3Dview_event%26event%3D1120470&link_source_user_id=7380519

Heads Up...From the City

Are You Ready for Wildfire?

Communications & Public Info Office, City of Austin AGENCY

Wildfires are a fact of life in Central Texas, but it doesn't mean we're powerless against them. At this special symposium Subject Matter Experts will cover these important topics:

- Understanding your wildfire risk
- What you Need to Know about Wildfire and Insurance
- Fire Adapted Families - Are YOU Ready?
- Austin's Firewise Communities Share Their Experiences

There are solutions you can use to live in harmony with our fire adapted ecosystems. If we are prepared, our lives, homes and communities don't have to be destroyed by wildfire.

The solution starts with you and the responsibilities lies with you, but you're not alone in the fight against wildfire.

The Austin Fire Department, in partnership with the Austin Travis County Wildfire Coalition, invites you to attend this Symposium in observance of the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, so you can get tools YOU can use to win the fight against wildfire!

Learn more about what YOU can do at this free event - the

Austin Fire Department Wildfire Division's 5th Annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Symposium on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A limited number of seats are still available, so sign up now! See web site below.

Location:

Canyon View Event Center
4800 Spicewood Springs Road
Austin, TX 78759

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/are-you-ready-2017-wildfire-community-preparedness-public-symposium-tickets-32298225863>

Summer Playgrounds Program:

June 12 - August 4, 2017

Communications Unit Austin Parks from City of Austin

Starting Monday June 12, bring your kids to a participating park where they can enjoy free summer fun and outdoor activities as part of the "Summer Playgrounds Program," hosted by the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Summer Playgrounds staff. They will provide quality recreational experiences that promote creativity, teamwork and healthy lifestyles. Activities include organized sports,

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arts and crafts, games, team building and nutrition lessons.

Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm (ages 6-12) and 9am – 1pm (ages 4-5 at participating sites).

Participating Parks:

- Bartholomew District Park
- Chestnut Pocket Park
- Davis-White Northeast District Park
- Dick Nichols District Park
- Franklin Park
- Garrison District Park
- Oak View Neighborhood Park
- Quail Creek Neighborhood Park
- Ramsey Neighborhood Park
- Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park
- Zilker Elementary Park

Visit <http://bit.ly/spp2017> for more information!

Remote Citizen Communication Available at Austin City Council Meetings

Communications & Public Information from City of Austin

The public now has the ability to participate during General Citizen's Communications during regularly-scheduled City Council meetings via videoconferencing.

The City began piloting remote citizen communication on March 2, 2017 at three Austin public Library branches. This program has now been expanded to libraries in nine city council districts.

Remote citizen communication makes government more accessible to Austinites," said Mayor Steve Adler. "This allows the City Council to hear from people we might not normally hear from."

Time is set aside at noon at each council meeting for a maximum of 10 individuals to address the city council on topics of their choice.

A person who intends to speak at this time must register in advance with the Office of the City Clerk. Registration must include the meeting date, name, contact information, and location (either in Council Chambers at the meeting or off-site at a participating library). Contact the Office of the City Clerk by phone (512-974-2210) or by email (citizens.communication@austintexas.gov) to sign up. The registration period for a given meeting begins at 9:00 am 14 days prior to the meeting and ends at 4:30 pm the following Thursday.

Beginning May 4, 2017, Remote Citizen Communication will be available from the following library branches:

- Carver Branch (District 1)
- Southeast Community Branch (District 2)
- Ruiz Branch (District 3)
- Little Walnut Creek Branch (District 4)
- Manchaca Road Branch (District 5)
- Spicewood Springs Branch (District 6)
- Yarborough Branch (District 7)
- Hampton Branch at Oak Hill (District 8)
- City Hall will remain the District 9 Citizen Communications venue

- Old Quarry Branch (District 10)

"This program makes connectivity and civic engagement easier, and our City Council more accessible to the Austin community," said Interim City Manager Elaine Hart.

Library staff have been trained and stand ready to assist people in using the videoconferencing technology. For more information about the General Citizen Communication process please visit www.austintexas.gov/departments/citizen-p... or contact the Clerk's office at 512-974-2210.

For more information about citizen communication, visit: www.austintexas.gov/council.





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28. Portend
29. Induct
30. Look
31. Loch __ monster
32. Opp. of yeses

DOWN

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3. Long time
4. Mediterranean island dwellers
5. IBM Competitor
6. Adios
7. Sports shoe projection
8. Hz
10. Apt
14. Purplish color
17. Candy
18. Woman
19. Negative battery terminal
20. Averages
23. African nation
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6-9pm: AUCTION & PAIRINGS PARTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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10am: TOURNAMENT BEGINS

3:30pm: AWARDS CEREMONY

Evening: VIP DINNER

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TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH

Adapting Your Singles Game, Part 2

As stated in last month's tip, in singles there are typically two kinds of players; defensive ones called "retrievers" and offensive ones called "pilots." We explained how pilots like to direct the action, hitting strong shots from the middle of the court that the retriever must chase down. (You may want to re-visit last month's tip before reading on.) As this becomes a pattern in the match, the retriever must either find ways to physically wear down the pilot or, better, become more offensive in finding ways to move the pilot around and attack, changing the nature of play. So the question becomes: How does the pilot react when the retriever changes his game and becomes more offensive, going on the attack?

Tennis Tip: We know that the retriever likes to hit toward the center of the court, using this approach almost as a safety mechanism to minimize errors. The pilot sometimes does also although his goal is usually to hit deep, penetrating groundstrokes to drive the retriever back so he/she might hit short in the court.

But when the retriever suddenly becomes more offensive, moving forward to better position himself, the pilot must be ready to move the ball around while maintaining the baseline position and staying ready to take advantage of any mid-court returns from the retriever. In other words, 'make the retriever beat you at your own game.' Crucial to this slight adaptation however, is the necessity to hit the ball accurately to the right spots on the court so that the retriever struggles to change his game to a more offensive style. And a good pilot will occasionally throw in a serve and volley or chip and charge to step up the pressure. Lastly, serving wide and then hitting the return sharply cross court can be very effective as well.

So in summary, the pilot should react to an aggressive retriever by:

1. Staying aggressive, holding position or even moving forward.
2. Hitting the spots/angles accurately, generating the short ball.
3. Using the serve and volley and chip and charge return occasionally.
4. Serving wide and hitting the return sharply to the open court.

Whether you are a pilot or a retriever, you will be amazed at your results when you can execute your game plan and stay responsive to your opponent's attempts to throw you off. And as always, have fun and enjoy the game of tennis! If you have a question on these singles strategies, feel free to call or text me.

Walter: 512-497-9971

In tennis the addict moves about a hard rectangle and seeks to ambush a fuzzy ball with a modified snow-shoe. -Elliot Chaze



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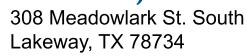
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