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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S HAPPENING



Important Dates

Food Trailer Night – Friday August 11th

Dive In Movie (Finding Dory) – Saturday August 12th

Fall Pool Hours Start – Monday August 21st

CCHOA Board Meeting – Tuesday August 29th

City of Austin Bulk Pickup – Starts Monday September 4th

HOA Assessment Fees due August 1st

YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- Mail your check to PO Box 163541, Austin, Texas 78716. Please do NOT postdate your check nor staple your invoice directly to your check but do include it in the envelope.

- Make your payment using Bill Pay through your financial institution

- Use the New “Online Payment” Option through the Circle C HOA website. If you are making your payment through the website please remember to list your property address in the note section. There is a 2% convenience fee associated with this option.

- If you did not receive a Dues Statement or do not know how much you owe, please contact the Financial Office at 512-451-9901.

Please remember the Financial Office is not located at the Circle C HOA office, and the CCHOA office is not bonded to accept payment nor can they provide information about account status. All financial questions should be directed to Terri at the financial office.

Terri Giles, Financial Manager

Phone: 512-451-9901 • E-Mail: terrigiles@mgilescpa.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

City of Austin Bulk Pick Up

The City will begin conducting bulk trash pickup in the neighborhood starting Monday September 4th. Please visit the City's website to view items that are and aren't acceptable for this collection; <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/residential-bulk-collection>. Items should not be placed at the curb prior to September 1st.



Coyote Sightings

We have received a few calls from residents reporting coyote sightings. As Austin grows, our interactions with wildlife increase. Coyotes are highly adaptable animals, adept at living in desert and city alike. An increase in sightings is usually an indication that a coyote has found a steady food supply. Humans play a significant role in shaping coyote behavior; to keep coyotes and other wildlife wild, we can

follow a few, simple preventative measures.

See page 18 to learn more about how to deter these animals and how you can keep your pets and backyards safe.

Circle C Aquatics Fall Pool Hours

On Monday August 21st the Circle C Aquatics facilities will begin operating on their fall schedule. This means the Swim Center Pool will be closed midday on weekdays and close at 6pm on the weekends. The Community Center, Avaña and Greyrock pools will be open on weekends only through Labor Day. Please visit our website www.circlecranch.info to view the full schedule.

Back to School Safety!



The first day back to school is approaching and with that in mind we would like the community to remember to be aware of children walking or biking to and from school. We are a community inspired by activity, we want our youth to pursue these habits and we want to keep them as safe as possible while they do so. Please remember to obey all school zones, speed limits, and crossing guards. Take note of school zone time frames to avoid drop-off/pick-up traffic. Give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and keep an eye on those school zones!

Speaking of back to school, check out page 8 to hear what our cover photo students love about school!

4th of July Parade on the 1st Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday July 1st for the parade! This was the first time after many years that we hosted the parade on the Saturday prior to the holiday. We were so glad to see the date change didn't keep anyone from attending! We had a great time decorating wheels, face painting and enjoying tasty treats!

A very big thank you to resident volunteer Littlebrave Beaston, the Pack 12 Cub Scouts, and of course a special recognition to all of those who participated in the "Best Wheels" contest!



Don't Forget to Water Your Yard!

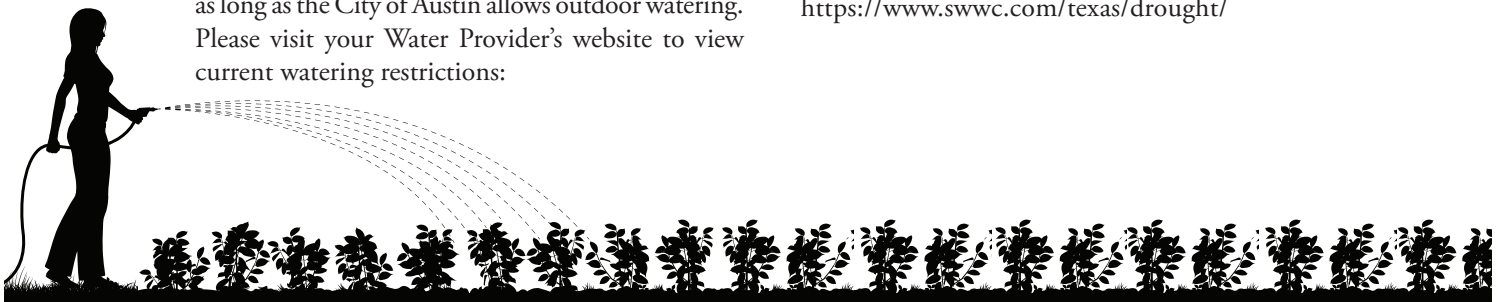
With the heat, we are seeing heat stressed yards, shrubbery, and trees. Our CC&R's require that lots be well maintained and attractive at all times, which would include keeping lawns and shrubbery alive. Owners are also required to supply water to their front yard landscape as long as the City of Austin allows outdoor watering. 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/>



Pool Hours Present-Sunday August 20th

SWIM CENTER

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Tuesday-Friday (Closed on Mondays)

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

512-301-8259

Wednesday-Monday (Closed on Tuesdays)

11:00am-7:00pm

AVAÑA

6610 Trissino Drive

512-292-1518

Friday-Wednesday (Closed on Thursdays)

11:00am-7:00pm

GREYROCK

12500 Archeletta Boulevard

Thursday-Tuesday (Closed on Wednesdays)

11:00am-7:00pm

**SPECIAL LABOR DAY HOURS
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH**

SWIM CENTER

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

10:00am-6:00pm

**COMMUNITY CENTER,
AVANA & GREYROCK POOLS**

12:00pm-6:00pm

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

The Circle C Aquatics facilities will begin operating on the fall schedule starting Monday August 21st. This means the Swim Center Pool will be closed midday on weekdays and will close at 6pm on weekends. The Community Center, Avaña and Greyrock pools will be open on weekends only from 12pm-6pm through Labor Day.



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DIVE-IN MOVIE

Just keep swimming over to the Swim Center on Saturday, August 12th at dusk to watch the last Dive In Movie of the season, Finding Dory! The recreational area in the pool will be open for families to swim while watching the movie. The lap lanes and baby pool will not be open. Guests subject to guest policies and fees. Please no glass or alcohol, coolers will be checked upon entry.



Swim Lessons

The last sessions of Group Lessons have begun; if you missed your chance to register don't worry! Circle C Aquatics is still offering private lessons! We have levels for all ages and flexible time slots. Please visit our website at www.circlecranch.info and click on the Aquatics tab for more information or email Amanda at: coordinator@ccswim.net



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Around Circle C



This month's cover photo was taken by resident Sarah Jordan of Miles of Smiles Photography. She was able to capture her kiddos as well as some neighbors in this awesome Back to School Photoshoot!

(Pictured left to right: Miles, Magnus, Grace, Hayes, Heidi, Ava, Cade & Jake)

During the shoot Sarah asked the kids a few questions about going back to school and we wanted to share their eager responses!

What are you most excited for about going back to school?

Ava: (age 5) "That I don't have to have naps anymore, and that I get to do homework."

Miles: (age 7) "Recess!"

What is your favorite thing about school?

Ava: (age 5) "That I get to go!"

Miles: (age 7) "That I get to write, because Writing is my favorite subject."

What are you most excited about in heading back to school?

Hayes: (age 3) "I like to play. Play is fun. And I get to see my best friend Nathan."

Jake: (age 6) "My kindergarten teacher is the best! I don't know her yet, but she's awesome."

What is your favorite thing about school, or favorite subject and WHY?

Cade: (age 8) "My favorite subjects are math and geography. I like learning about new places and new people. And math makes my brain work."

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Hey everyone! Here is the Big 12 schedule, Tex. A&M, O.U. and Texas pros. We love football season, so we only work 6 days a week to go watch the 'Horns!



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Sept 2 Maryland
Sept 9 San Jose State
Sept 16 @ USC
Sept 23 BYE
Sept 28 @ Iowa State
Oct 7 Kansas State
Oct 14 Oklahoma
(Cotton Bowl)
Oct 21 Oklahoma State
Oct 28 @ Baylor
Nov 4 @ TCU
Nov 11 Kansas
Nov 18 @ West Virginia
Nov 24 Texas Tech

TEXAS TECH

Sept 2 Eastern Washington
Sept 9 BYE
Sept 16 Arizona State
Sept 23 @ Houston
Sept 28 Oklahoma State
Oct 7 @ Kansas
Oct 14 @ West Virginia
Oct 21 Iowa State
Oct 28 @ Oklahoma
Nov 4 Kansas State
Nov 11 @ Baylor
Nov 18 TCU
Nov 24 @ Texas

BAYLOR

Sept 2 Liberty
Sept 9 UTSA
Sept 16 @ Duke
Sept 23 Oklahoma
Sept 28 @ Kansas State
Oct 7 BYE
Oct 14 @ Oklahoma State
Oct 21 West Virginia
Oct 28 Texas
Nov 4 @ Kansas
Nov 11 Texas Tech
Nov 18 Iowa State
Nov 24 @ TCU

IOWA STATE

Sept 2 Northern Iowa
Sept 9 Iowa
Sept 16 @ Akron
Sept 23 BYE
Sept 28 Texas
Oct 7 @ Oklahoma
Oct 14 Kansas
Oct 21 @ Texas Tech
Oct 28 TCU
Nov 4 @ West Virginia
Nov 11 Oklahoma
Nov 18 @ Baylor
Nov 25 @ Kansas State

KANSAS

Sept 2 Southeast Missouri
Sept 9 Central Michigan
Sept 16 @ Ohio
Sept 23 West Virginia
Sept 28 BYE
Oct 7 Texas Tech
Oct 14 @ Iowa State
Oct 21 @ TCU
Oct 28 Kansas State
Nov 4 Baylor
Nov 11 @ Texas
Nov 18 Oklahoma
Nov 25 @ Oklahoma State

KANSAS STATE

Sept 2 Central Arkansas
Sept 9 Charlotte
Sept 16 @ Vanderbilt
Sept 23 BYE
Sept 28 Baylor
Oct 7 @ Texas
Oct 14 TCU
Oct 21 Oklahoma
Oct 28 @ Kansas
Nov 4 @ Texas Tech
Nov 11 West Virginia
Nov 18 @ Oklahoma State
Nov 25 Iowa State

OKLAHOMA

Sept 2 UTEP
Sept 9 @ Ohio State
Sept 16 Tulane
Sept 23 @ Baylor
Sept 28 BYE
Oct 7 Iowa State
Oct 14 Texas
Oct 21 @ Kansas State
Oct 28 Texas Tech
Nov 4 @ Oklahoma
Nov 11 TCU
Nov 18 @ Kansas
Nov 25 West Virginia

OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept 2 Tulsa
Sept 9 @ South Alabama
Sept 16 @ Pittsburgh
Sept 23 TCU
Sept 28 @ Texas Tech
Oct 7 BYE
Oct 14 Baylor
Oct 21 @ Texas
Oct 28 @ West Virginia
Nov 4 Oklahoma
Nov 11 @ Iowa State
Nov 18 Kansas State
Nov 25 Kansas

TCU

Sept 2 Jackson State
Sept 9 @ Arkansas
Sept 16 SMU
Sept 23 @ Oklahoma State
Sept 28 BYE
Oct 7 West Virginia
Oct 14 @ Kansas State
Oct 21 Kansas
Oct 28 @ Iowa State
Nov 4 Texas
Nov 11 @ Oklahoma
Nov 18 @ Texas Tech
Nov 24 Baylor

WEST VIRGINIA

Sept 2 Virginia Tech
Sept 9 East Carolina
Sept 16 Delaware State
Sept 23 @ Kansas
Sept 28 BYE
Oct 7 @ TCU
Oct 14 Texas Tech
Oct 21 @ Baylor
Oct 28 Oklahoma State
Nov 4 Iowa State
Nov 11 @ Kansas State
Nov 18 Texas
Nov 25 @ Oklahoma

TEXAS A&M

Sept 3 @ UCLA
Sept 9 Nicholls State
Sept 16 UL Lafayette
Sept 23 @ Arkansas
Sept 28 South Carolina
Oct 7 Alabama
Oct 14 @ Florida
Oct 21 BYE
Oct 28 Mississippi State
Nov 4 Auburn
Nov 11 New Mexico
Nov 18 @ Ole Miss
Nov 24 @ LSU

BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 31 @ Pflugerville
Sept 7 LBJ Austin
Sept 15 Vista Ridge
Sept 22 @ Westlake
Sept 29 Cooper
Oct 13 @ Del Valle
Oct 19 Manor
Oct 27 @ Anderson
Nov 3 @ Akins
Nov 9 San Marcos

HOUSTON TEXANS

Sept 10 Jacksonville Jaguars
Sept 14 @ Cincinnati Bengals
Sept 24 @ New England Patriots
Oct 1 Tennessee Titans
Oct 8 Kansas City Chiefs
Oct 15 Cleveland Browns
Oct 22 BYE
Oct 29 @ Seattle Seahawks
Nov 5 Indianapolis Colts
Nov 12 @ Los Angeles Rams
Nov 19 Arizona Cardinals
Nov 27 @ Baltimore Ravens
Dec 3 @ Tennessee Titans
Dec 10 San Francisco 49ers
Dec 17 @ Jacksonville Jaguars
Dec 25 Pittsburgh Steelers
Dec 31 @ Indianapolis Colts

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept 10 New York Giants
Sept 14 @ Denver Broncos
Sept 24 @ Arizona Cardinals
Oct 1 Los Angeles Rams
Oct 8 Green Bay Packers
Oct 15 BYE
Oct 22 @ San Francisco 49ers
Oct 29 @ Washington Redskins
Nov 5 Kansas City Chiefs
Nov 12 @ Atlanta Falcons
Nov 19 Philadelphia Eagles
Nov 27 Los Angeles Chargers
Dec 3 Washington Redskins
Dec 10 @ New York Giants
Dec 17 @ Oakland Raiders
Dec 25 Seattle Seahawks
Dec 31 @ Philadelphia Eagles

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Sept 11 Saints @ Vikings
Sept 18 Chargers @ Broncos
Sept 25 Lions @ Giants
Oct 2 Cowboys @ Cardinals
Oct 9 Redskins @ Chiefs
Oct 16 Vikings @ Bears
Oct 23 Colts @ Titans
Oct 30 Redskins @ Eagles
Nov 6 Broncos @ Chiefs
Nov 13 Lions @ Packers
Nov 20 Dolphins @ Panthers
Nov 27 Falcons @ Seahawks
Dec 4 Texans @ Ravens
Dec 11 Steelers @ Bengals
Dec 18 Patriots @ Dolphins
Dec 25 Falcons @ Buccaneers
Dec 25 Raiders @ Eagles

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August 2017
7-10 New Teacher Orientation
14-16 Staff Development
17-18 Planning & Prep
21 First Day of Classes

September 2017
4 Student & Staff Holiday - Labor Day

October 2017
9 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;
Secondary Staff Development

November 2017
20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2017
20 Winter Break Begins

January 2018
2 Student Holiday - Staff Development
3 Classes Resume
15 Student & Staff Holiday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2018
19 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;
Secondary Staff Development
1st Bad Weather Make-up Day

March 2018
12-16 Spring Break
30 Student Holiday - Staff Development
2nd Bad Weather Make-up Day

May 2018
28 Student & Staff Holiday - Memorial Day
30 Last Day of Classes
31 Planning & Prep

Legend			
■ Student/Staff Holiday	○ Planning & Prep/ Student Holiday		
● Staff Development/ Student Holiday	● First / Last Day of Classes		
□ Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference Secondary Staff Development	+ Bad Weather Make-up Day		
■ New Teacher Orientation] Secondary Grading Period		
⬢ District Closed	} Elementary Grading Period		

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Approved by the AISD Board of Trustees 01/22/2017
District of Innovation Plan approved 03/27/2017

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For more information about important District dates and events, and religious holidays which may affect student attendance, please check our website www.austinsd.org



John Squires has been a top-producing agent with Keller Williams Realty for over 20 years in the first, original Keller Williams office.



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11824 Via Grande -John's new listing. Beautiful Pale Indian brick 1-story home on an over-sized lot. Stunning yard with covered patio, 3 beds, 2.5 full baths PLUS an office. Big, open plan was a spec home with many upgrades, including wood floors, granite, etc. Deep cul-de-sac! Offered at **\$439,000.**



John Squires utilizes Keller Williams intranet, sending his listings instantly to 135,000 Keller Williams agents worldwide upon listing. Keller Williams also has the most advanced multi-media exposure to the internet of any real estate company on the planet, giving all of John's clients maximum advertising effect on the MLS.

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7728 Haggans Lane— John's new listing. 5 large bedrooms, 3.5 baths w/master down. HUGE master and secondary bedrooms with big closets, game room and views of greenbelt! Perfect for pool. Gated Golf Course Estates, double cul-de-sac within a 5 minute walk to Clayton Elementary and HOA pool! Offered at **\$598,400.**



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David D'Aprile with Synergy Mortgage has been an integral part of the Squires' Team success as our go-to lender for the past 15 years. With over 25 years of lending experience, David has a vast knowledge of what the latest under-writing guidelines are and what under-writers look for in approving buyers for home loans. Whether my buyers have stellar credit or a few bruises, David has closed 100% of my buyer-clients that I have given him. Even folks turned away from banks. David *always* goes the extra mile for my clients and *always* answers his phone! If you are considering a re-finance, Conventional, VA, FHA, TX VET or adjustable rate mortgage, please call David for low rates and great service. David is always available to answer your loan questions at (512) 762-4929 or David@Synergymortgagetx.com.

“John and David,

I wanted to send you a quick note and thank you for the services that you've provided to us with our house purchase. John, your knowledge, market overview of Circle C and property showings were instrumental in our decision to make Circle C our home for the next leg of our life journey. David, you for sure pulled out a miracle by getting my financing approved in such a short time period. Both of your constant availabilities for my requests made the whole process very efficient and easy. Thank you very much. All The Best, Alex Falenchuk -6601 Toolwrich Lane” June 7th, 2017

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"We had been looking for homes for over a year without any luck with other real estate brokerages. Our good friends referred us to John Squires, as he had sold their old house in Circle C and found them their dream home on the park also in Circle C, very quickly. John showed us a home in Circle C not yet on the market and we were under contract within 24 hours of meeting him. This is our first home and we absolutely love it! We would recommend John to anyone needing an experienced realtor in Circle C Ranch." -Dr. John and Katie McFate, AJ and Fiona. 5024 Tiger Lily Way



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“BEFORE” 7240 Doswell Lane



This current “move-up” transaction by John Squires was approximately the 175th successful move-up program, in which he successfully sold his clients first home, enabling them to purchase their next property. This sale and brand new-home build took approximately 1 year to complete and Mr. and Mrs. Friday were thrilled with the result. Call us and we can do the same for you. Thanks!



“AFTER” 6301 Bernia Drive, Avana Estates

“We’ve been watching John Squires sell homes in Circle C for many years now and wanted to go with the neighborhood specialist in our home-selling and building process. John brought us an exceptional offer on our Doswell house the first weekend listed through his open house allowing us to move forward on a new-build with Cal Atlantic. The home-building process went unbelievably well and we appreciate all the efforts from Cal Atlantic and John through the construction and completion of our new home. Also, thank you so much for the use of your trailer! Stephen and Kay Friday.” 6301 Bernia Drive

IN THE YARD AUGUST 2017

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

Last month's newsletter issue featured these photos but was incorrectly captioned crediting another resident. The correct caption is as follows:

How would you like to wake up to this view from your bedroom window each morning like Park West resident Jacqui Davis does? Her beautifully landscaped backyard offers a scenic view of the park with lush foliage, birds and wildlife – a perfect place for relaxing!



SUMMER'S STILL HERE... AND SO ARE SWIM LESSONS AT THE Y

Summer may be winding down, but families are still hitting the water to cool off. That's why it's never too late to learn how to swim. And the YMCA is here with classes available year-round to keep kids safe.

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AND THEN THERE WERE THREE

Resident Nancy Malcom photographed her routine morning visitors that stop by like clockwork for a quick dip in her bird bath! Check out her blog for her full story about these owls, they're a hoot! <https://sittinuglystahs.com/2017/06/28/and-then-there-were-three/>



Wildflower Notes

*Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson
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!

CORONA DE CRISTO (PASSIFLORA FOETIDA)



There's something downright otherworldly about the flowering vine known as "corona de Cristo," or "crown of Christ." Be it the spaceship landing pad of its purple bloom, the ceiling-fan shape of its five lime green stamens that appear to whirl around three stigmas, or its crimson fruits enclosed in hairy, sticky bracts — this is one unusual plant. *Passiflora foetida* is commonly confused with purple passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*), but their fruit can help with a positive ID: The fruit of corona de Cristo somewhat resembles cranberries, whereas purple passionflower's fruit has a soft, orange-yellow tint; the common names "scarlet-fruit passion flower" and "apricot vine" further attest to this telltale trait.

ERYNGO (ERYNGIUM LEAVENWORTHII)



You likely won't forget the first time you see eryngo in person. Its deep purple hue is so vibrant, you'll wonder if your eyes are truly #nofilter.

Seriously, a field of near-metallic eryngo inspires one of those double-blink, "Is this for real?" kind of moments, which makes it all the more awesome in your late-summer garden. And *Eryngium leavenworthii* is more than just a pretty (if prickly) plant: This deer-resistant false thistle grows in challenging (read: calcareous, sandy or clay-rich) soils and provides nectar and seeds to insects and birds, respectively. Fantastic flowers and violet-blue bracts for the win!

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

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Information About Coyotes & Sightings

Submitted by Adrienne Clark, Animal Protection Officer – Wildlife, Austin Animal Center

As Austin grows, our interactions with wildlife increase. Coyotes are highly adaptable animals, adept at living in desert and city alike. An increase in sightings is usually an indication that a coyote has found a steady food supply. Humans play a significant role in shaping coyote behavior; to keep coyotes and other wildlife wild, we can follow a few, simple preventative measures:

ATTRACTANTS

We may not realize that could be unintentionally feeding wildlife around our home. Fortunately taking steps to remove attractants is easy, free, and goes a long way towards preventing unwanted behavior. While coyotes would prefer a wild diet, they are opportunistic and will not turn down an easy meal. Coyotes are likely to return to an area if they have found a reliable food source. This can include pet food, trash, compost, birdseed, dirty BBQ grills, and fruit tree droppings. It is imperative that trash and recycling bins be secured and that any extra trash not be put out until collection day. Likewise, compost must also be in a secured bin. Area under fruit and nut trees must be kept clean of droppings, as 40% of a Texan coyote's diet

is comprised of fruit. Do not feed wildlife and feral cats. In addition to coyotes eating the food, mice and other animals will be attracted to leftovers, which can subsequently attract coyotes. If you would like to learn how to feed birds without attracting unwanted visitors, visit <https://austintexas.gov/wildlifeatx>.

HAZING

Coyotes have been in Austin well before modern times. As they will continue call North America their home, we must learn to live with them as neighbors. To discourage coyotes from associating people with safety, address the attractants around your yard and engage in hazing procedures if you see a coyote on your property. Hazing is a common technique that helps reshape coyote behavior and encourages coyotes to avoid contact with people and pets. Hazing reinforces coyotes' natural wariness without harming them. It is a process that is free, humane, and above all, effective. Hazing should be exaggerated, assertive and consistent:

- Make eye contact, yell and wave your arms. You want the coyote to know the behavior is directed at it. Waving your arms will make you seem bigger.

- Use noisemakers such as whistles, air horns, a "shaker" can full of small rocks (or something similar), or bang something like pots and pans together.

- If the coyote does not leave immediately, throw non-edible objects near it (but not at it). You can use something like small rocks, sticks or tennis balls. Remember, the goal is not to hurt the coyote, you're trying to get it to leave and associate humans with unpredictable, "scary" behavior.

- Spray the coyote with a water hose, water guns or spray bottles. You can also use a mixture of water and vinegar, pepper spray or bear repellent.

- If the coyote does not leave after escalating hazing efforts, maintain eye contact and back away slowly. Notify 311 immediately.

DO NOT haze if a coyote appears sick or injured, is cornered or is displaying acceptable coyote behavior. Hold hazing if the coyote is in its habitat or with pups.

PET SAFETY

Keep small pets inside when possible and monitor them while outside. While walking dogs, use a secure leash no longer than 6 feet, and do not let dogs explore vegetation. It is advised that pets be fed indoors. If pets must be fed outdoors, feed during the daytime and remove food as soon as your pet is finished.

The community must work together to get the message across that people are not to be associated with food. Please encourage your neighbors to remove the above attractants, and to enact hazing if you see the coyote in your yard. The more an individual coyote is hazed using a variety of tools and techniques by a variety of people, the more effective it will be for the entire community. For questions, contact Adrienne Clark at 512-978-0514, or Adrienne.clark@austintexas.gov. For immediate assistance, call 311.

To schedule a free one-hour talk by a city wildlife educator in your neighborhood or if you have any questions/concerns about wildlife, please call 512-978-0514.

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Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle

down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so "smothering" them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth

- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared

- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

For chigger bites:

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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



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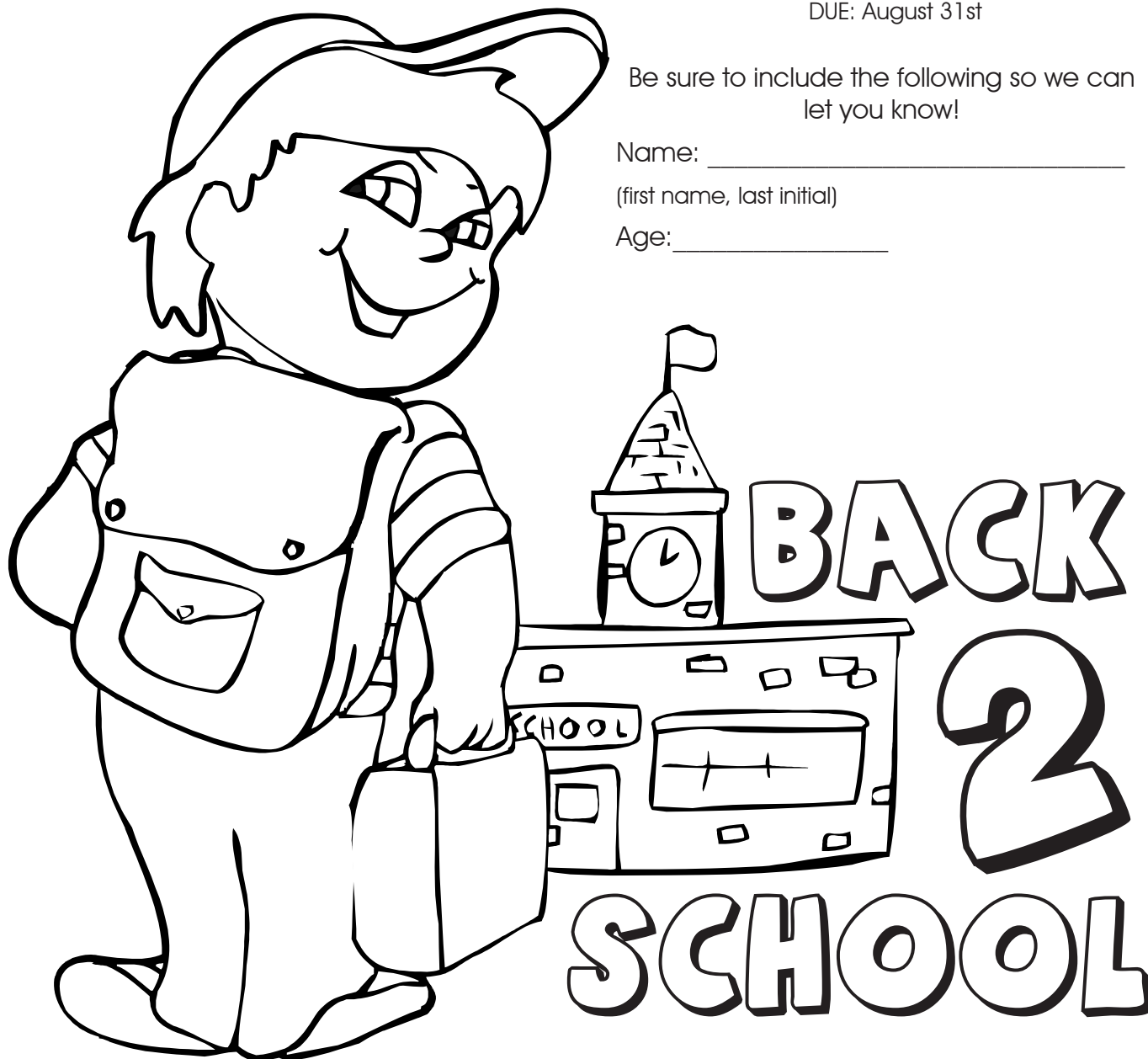
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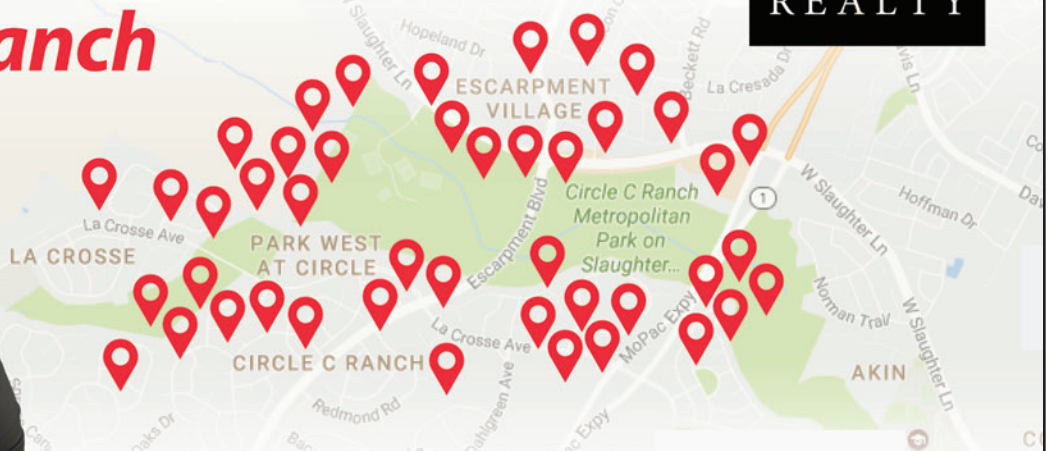
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