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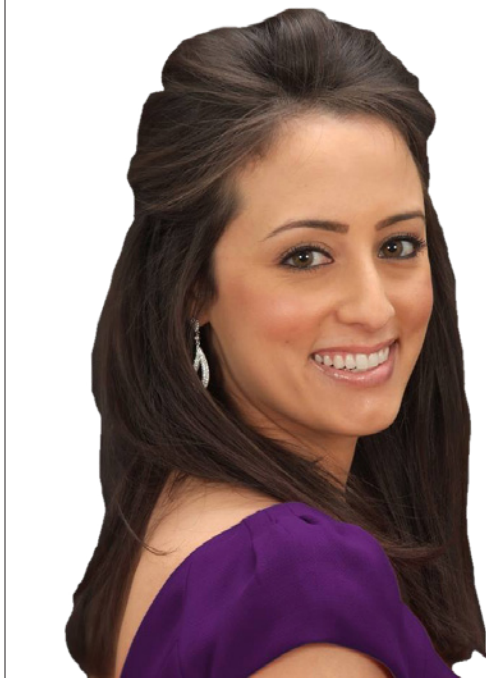
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Important Dates

**Friday April 13th**  
Food Trailer Night

**Saturday April 14th**  
Neighborhood Garage Sale (*Shred, Recycle & Donate @ CC*)

**Monday April 23rd**  
City of Austin Bulk Item Collection Begins

**Tuesday April 24th**  
CCHOA Board Meeting

### Annual Meeting Recap

The Circle C Homeowners Association Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7th at the Circle C Community Center. We were able to meet our quorum minimum requirement within 6 days of our voting website going live and logged a record overall quorum of 28.19%! Thank you to everyone who voted, submitted a proxy or quorum proxy. There were two open board seats up for election; congratulations to Kim Ackermann & Steve Urban who were each elected to three-year terms! Check the official HOA website, [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info), to see the power point slides and other information from the Annual Meeting listed in the Resource Center, click on the Resources tab on the main menu.

### City of Austin Bulk Collection

The City will begin conducting bulk pickup in the neighborhood starting Monday April 23rd. Please visit the City of Austin's website to view Bulk Collection Guidelines; <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/residential-bulk-collection>. Items should not be placed at the curb prior to Friday April 20th.

### Irrigation Leak in Circle C? Please Report It!

If you notice an irrigation head off in a common area or water in the street, please report it directly to the CCHOA office at 512-288-8663 or [info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info). Please do not turn off the water or attempt to repair it yourself. This can cause additional damage to the irrigation system. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Irrigation After the Rain?

There are multiple City of Austin watershed retention ponds around Circle C which capture storm water runoff. This captured water volume is then irrigated back onto the surrounding landscape rather than allowing direct runoff into the watershed. The City of Austin retention irrigation systems have excellent pollutant removal efficiency. So, when you see those high spraying heads going off during or soon after we have lots of rain, it's likely the COA retention pond system at work!

### HOA Assessment Fees Are Now Late

The first HOA assessment fee of this year was due in March. If you have not yet paid the first half of your yearly assessment fee please do so at your earliest convenience. Remaining current with these dues allows residents access to the neighborhood amenities like the pools and the Community Center.

All financial questions should be directed to Terri at the financial office. If you did not receive an HOA assessment in the mail or cannot find your copy please contact the Financial Manager Terri Giles by phone at 512-451-9901 or via email at [tgiles@mgilescpa.com](mailto:tgiles@mgilescpa.com).

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- You can setup Bill Pay through your financial institution.

- Or make use of our convenient online payment option at our website [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info). When paying online be sure to list the address you are paying for in the note section.



## Neighborhood Garage Sale (Shred, Recycle & Donate)

The CCHOA will host Circle C's Annual Garage Sale on Saturday April 14th. Homeowners are encouraged to host their individual garage sales on this date. We will be advertising the event (in print and on the internet) from 8am-5pm. You can also add your address to the online garage sale map at this link; <http://gsalr.com/n/circle-c-hoa-austin-tx>.

In addition to the garage sale, the CCHOA will be offering paper shredding by Intel Armor, Electronics Recycling by R2 Recycling and the Salvation Army will be onsite to collect donations at the Community Center (7817 La Crosse Ave) from 10:00am-2:00pm.

- Intel Armor will be in the parking lot with their shredding truck for drive up and shred on the spot service. You drive up, open your door or trunk, hand off your stack, and your papers are fed directly into the shredder. Each resident may bring two standard size boxes (16 x 12 x 10) of personal records to shred. Paper clips, staples, and small binder clips are permitted. Ring binders and books are NOT permitted. This will be our third year to offer this service; please be patient if the line is long!

- R2 Recycling will accept Monitors, TV's, Computers, Laptops, Servers, Wire, Aluminum (no cans) Keyboards, Mice, Electronic Scrap Metal, and Hard Drive Disks.

- The Salvation Army will be here to take gently used clothing, furniture and household items and appliances. Appliances include Air Conditioners, Dryers, Electric/Gas Stove, Heater, Microwaves, Refrigerators (working), Color TV's (working) and Washing Machines.



## Front Yard Spring Cleaning

Spring is here! We are ready to welcome the warmer weather and anticipated spring rains. Spring is also a great time to do some de-cluttering and exterior household cleaning but don't forget about your front landscape! With the freezes we had this past winter, many neighborhood yards have suffered and lost shrubbery and turf.

When built, every home in Circle C had an approved landscape design. Over the years, homeowners replace, update, refine, replant. Front bedding areas are required to have evergreen shrubbery planted no more than 36" off center. Permanent turf is required in front and side yards or a Water Wise Landscape is required with Architectural Control Committee approved plans which have been submitted/reviewed/approved. Two hardwood shade trees are required per front yard.

We realize many neighbors have these projects on their spring to-do list. Planting now will ensure new vegetation and trees, with ample watering, will be well established before the summer heat!

- Resodding areas of exposed dirt and dead turf
- Treating weedy areas turf
- Replacing dead or missing trees
- Realignment tree rings and bedding area edging
- Removing and replacing dead plants shrubbery
- Re-landscaping empty or sparse bedding areas
- Mulching bedding areas
- Removing holiday lights or décor that may still be up!

*Thank you for doing your part in keeping  
Circle C a beautiful place to live!*





# Aquatics News

## Swim Center Pool Hours

5919 La Crosse Avenue

### Spring Hours

Present – June 3rd, 2018

#### Monday – Friday

6:00am-10:00am (Lap Swim Only)  
3:30pm-8:00pm

#### Saturday

7:00am-10:00am (Lap Swim Only)  
10:00am-6:00pm

#### Sunday

10:00am-6:00pm

**The Community Center, Avana and Greyrock pools will open on weekends only starting May 5th**

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and must be 15 years or older to take the course and be eligible for employment. For more information contact Amanda at [coordinator@cswim.net](mailto:coordinator@cswim.net).

## Group Lessons

Spring Session Group Lessons are starting at the end of this month! This is a great time to get your swimmer back in the water for a refresher class. Swimming skills learned last summer will be rusty and need some practice before being summer ready! Before registering your swimmer, please check over the pre-requisites for each program level which can be found on our website: <https://circlecranch.info/amenities/circle-c-aquatics/group-swim-lessons/>

## Upcoming Limited Lane Space

Starting Tuesday May 1st, the Swim Center will be busy with two swim teams practicing in the lap lanes. Please remember to share lanes and circle swim with fellow residents as lane space will be limited. Check out our website for the weekly lane schedule:


<http://circlecranch.info/amenities/circle-c-aquatics/lane-schedule/>

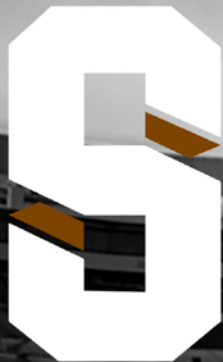


## Contact Us

For more information on all programs offered at Circle C Aquatics, email Amanda at [coordinator@ccswim.net](mailto:coordinator@ccswim.net).



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# Around Circle C

## Cover Photo Credit

This month's cover photo was submitted by Circle C and Park West Resident Rob Santos. Check out page 11 for more about this colorful bird!

## Join us for the Circle C Resident-Owned Business Fair!

**WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 8TH, 2018 FROM 1:00-4:00PM**

**WHERE: CIRCLE C COMMUNITY CENTER  
(7817 LA CROSSE AVENUE)**

45 businesses of all different kinds and all owned by your Circle C neighbors will be on hand with product samples, giveaways, information, plus exclusive discounts and freebies just for business-fair attendees! This event, which will include businesses from home decor to photography to real estate to fitness and nutrition plus much more, will give you the opportunity to support neighbors and learn about local businesses represented by neighbors.



A flyer for the Circle C 2nd Annual Resident-Owned Business Fair. The background is blue with a white house icon on the left. At the top, it says 'CIRCLE C 2ND ANNUAL RESIDENT-OWNED' in white. Below that, 'Business' is written in large red cursive, and 'FAIR' is in large red block letters. A dotted line separates the title from the date 'SUNDAY, APRIL 8' in red. Below the date is the location 'CIRCLE C COMMUNITY CENTER 7817 LA CROSSE AVE' and the time '1 -- 4 PM'. A circular callout on the right says 'Learn About the Businesses Your Neighbors Own and Operate!'. At the bottom, it lists featured neighbor businesses in two columns: Bookkeeping, Air Conditioning, Health & Wellness, Home Decor & Staging, Pet Services, Fitness, Lawn Care, Insurance, Physical Therapy, Fashion, Mortgage, Real Estate, Legal Services, Skin Care, Jewelry, Kid Resources, Education, and Photography. It also mentions 'FREE ENTRY!' and 'DISCOUNTS, GIVEAWAYS & MORE'.

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## Free College Planning Workshop!

**The early bird gets the worm**

**Why it's critical to start planning for college now!  
This workshop will be held at Circle C Community  
Center this April!**

These workshops focus on how to fund all college expenses as easily and painlessly as possible and the steps you need to take today to ensure your student is prepared for college. They are intended for the parents of high school juniors and sophomores (all grades welcome; students are also welcome).

The following topics will be discussed in detail:

- How to choose the right college for the right price.
- How to get ahead by developing a customized plan for all college expenses and why it is critical to start that plan now.
- How to meet all essential deadlines and important upcoming events.
- The do's and don'ts of the FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile forms.
- Which assets are taken into consideration and which are exempt in the U.S. Department of Education's calculation of your Expected Family Contribution.
- Increasing your tax deductions in addition to the American Opportunity and the Lifetime Learning Credits.
- Sources of aid you want vs. sources of aid to avoid.
- Proven ways to successfully negotiate with the different aid offices.
- The single biggest mistake parents make that can cost thousands!

**Tuesday, April, 10th @ 6 pm**  
**Circle C Community Center Room 3**  
**7817 LaCrosse Ave. Austin, TX 78739**  
**Reservations are necessary**

**Parents:** If your child is heading to college in the near future this workshop is for you!

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## Birds of Circle C

*Submitted & Photographed by resident Rob Santos*

The diversity of birds that reside in and travel through our Circle C neighborhood is striking. The pictures here represent a small fraction of the wild birds in our area. I live in Park West Community and have a bird feeder attached to my backyard deck. All photographs were taken from my dining room and kitchen windows between July 2017 and January 2018 using a Nikon D500 and 70-22mm f2.8 lens.

If you wish to partake of the visual riches of wild birding in Circle C, just set up a birdfeeder in your back yard and enjoy the show! Here is a small sampling of birds that have visited Park West in Circle C since July 2017.



**Painted Buntings** are arguably the most colorful bird in the US. They migrate from Central America and Mexico to the Austin area and beyond. This one stayed in the Park West area in July and August before heading south.

**Carolina Chickadees** are also a favorite who stick around all year. These small birds sport a black cap on a white face and a body featuring gray-white plumage. They dart about and are a bit edgy. They will swoop onto the birdfeeder, find the largest, choicest nut, and then dart off to a safe bough where they peck away at their morsel. And then they repeat!



**Carolina Wrens** are fidgety, little balls of energy with a most pleasant tweet. They are year-round residents. This one followed me into our home on a damp, cold November night. After a 45-minute indoor chase, we were able to safely retrieve and release it. As you can see in this picture, it sings and is thriving!



## Great Strides South Austin

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Central Texas and the Bercen Family invite you to Great Strides South Austin on May 5 at the Austin Zoo! Great Strides is a fun, family-friendly event with a short walk, kid's activities, food, and of course – Zoo animals!

Registered walkers will receive entrance to the Austin Zoo for the day. Donations and fundraising are encouraged as our ultimate goal is to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and limits the ability to breathe over time.

### Event Details:

**Great Strides South Austin Walk**

**Saturday, May 5**

**Austin Zoo**

**9am Registration | 10am Event Begins**

More information can be found at [greatstrides.cff.org](http://greatstrides.cff.org) or by contacting [awalter@cff.org](mailto:awalter@cff.org).



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## WHAT'S IN SEASON AT THE WILDFLOWER CENTER?

*Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
Photos by Joanna Wojtkowiak (Indian paintbrush) and Wildflower Center (Texas yellowstar)*

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!

### INDIAN PAINTBRUSH (CASTILLEJA INDIVISA)

All right, y'all: Time to learn a new word! Indian paintbrushes — those beautiful flowers often seen dotting fields of bluebonnets with fiery red — are “hemiparasitic.” That means they dig their roots into neighboring plants to steal nutrients, making it especially risky to transplant these colorful annuals. A Texas native that also occurs in neighboring states, *Castilleja indivisa* is a member of the snapdragon family, and its color comes from bracts rather than petals. These bracts are leaflike parts situated around and under rather inconspicuous whitish-yellow flowers on the upper third of the plants. The whole ensemble resembles a paintbrush dipped in crimson-orange pigment. No wonder they're naturals at painting a landscape!



### TEXAS YELLOWSTAR (LINDHEIMERA TEXANA)

One of many plants named after Ferdinand Jacob Lindheimer (the Father of Texas Botany), Texas yellowstars shine bright on the land much like their astronomical namesakes. And the sunny blooms on these water-conserving annuals tend to cluster, creating floral constellations among fuzzy green foliage. *Lindheimera texana*'s common name comes from its five ray petals, but its starry blooms occasionally have three or six petals instead. In any form, they're easily cultivated garden superstars that do well in full sun and ask for little in the way of care; keep an eye out for them in wild prairies and along roadsides as well. Twinkle on, little stars.

Find these plants at the Wildflower Center and learn more about them at: [wildflower.org/plants-main](http://wildflower.org/plants-main)



## DOCENTS WANTED!

Are those green thumbs itching to get to work? Our popular Spring Native Plant Sale is just around the corner with plants for seasoned and aspiring gardeners alike. We'll have hundreds of native species to choose from, including wildflowers, grasses, trees, shrubs and more. Members get first pick on Friday, April 13, followed by an open-to-the-public day Saturday, April 14. See you there! More details at [wildflower.org/events](http://wildflower.org/events).

# Ladybird Beetles

—Wizzie Brown, Texas Agrilife Extension Service



*Ladybug Eggs*



*Ladybug Larva*

Ladybird beetles, also known as ladybugs, are beneficial insects that can help eat pests in the landscape. While they help to control various soft-bodied insect pests, they are best known for eating aphids in the adult and larval stage. One ladybug can eat up to 5,000 aphids during its lifetime. Ladybugs may supplement their diet with flower nectar and honeydew in times when prey is scarce.

Ladybugs have a complete life cycle with four life stages- egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Adults come in a variety of sizes and colors. They are oval with a domed body shape, are brightly colored, and have contrasting markings. After mating, female adults lay eggs in clusters on plants, usually near aphids, mealybugs, or scale insects. The eggs are yellowish-orange and look like footballs sitting up on end. Larvae emerge from



*Ladybug Pupa*



*Ladybug Adult*

eggs to feed on the insects that are found nearby. Larvae are alligator-shaped, and often greyish-black with bright markings. Larvae feed on insect prey for several weeks before pupating on the plant. The pupae are non-feeding, non-moving, and are unprotected by a cocoon.

To conserve the ladybugs that you find in your landscape, learn to recognize all stages of the beetles. Make wise pesticide choices and target use to specific areas. Add plants that can provide pollen and nectar for the beetles to supplement their diet.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## Nature Watch: Little Armored One

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Spanish for 'little armored one', the armadillo is one of the most interesting mammals in North America. All but one of the 20 different species of armadillo live in Latin America, but the Nine-banded Armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) makes its home as far north as Texas

(except for the western Trans-Pecos), Oklahoma, and Louisiana. In fact, this armadillo is the official state small mammal of Texas!

A cat-sized, insect-eating mammal, armadillos have bony plates that cover their back, head, legs, and tail, protecting them from predators. No other living mammal wears such a shell, but contrary to popular belief, the Nine-banded Armadillo cannot roll into a ball and encase itself with its shell. Only the Three-banded Armadillo can accomplish this, by curling its head and back feet inward and contorting its shell as protection. No amount of armor can protect them from the cold, however, and because of their low metabolic rate and lack of fur and body fat stores, cold weather can wipe out whole populations of these little creatures.

Armadillos have a pointy snout and small eyes, and are prolific diggers. They dig for food and dig many burrows, mostly along creekbeds in Central Texas, and they do not survive in areas where the soil is too hard to dig. Armadillos spend up to 16 hours a day digging, mainly active in the dawn and dusk hours, looking for beetles, ants, termites, and other insects. Their eyesight is quite poor, but they use their keen sense of smell to locate food, and utilize their long, sticky tongues to grasp berries, caterpillars, grubs, fungi, and sometimes even carrion.

Armadillos are quite fond of water, visiting water holes and streams to drink, feed, and even take mud baths. Their specific gravity is high, which means they normally ride low in the water when swimming. For short water crossings, they often just walk underwater across the bottom, but for deeper and longer crossings they voluntarily ingest air to inflate themselves and increase their buoyancy by retaining the air in their digestive tract!

Armadillos are thought to be a pair during the breeding season, sharing the same burrow. Due to their bony shells and

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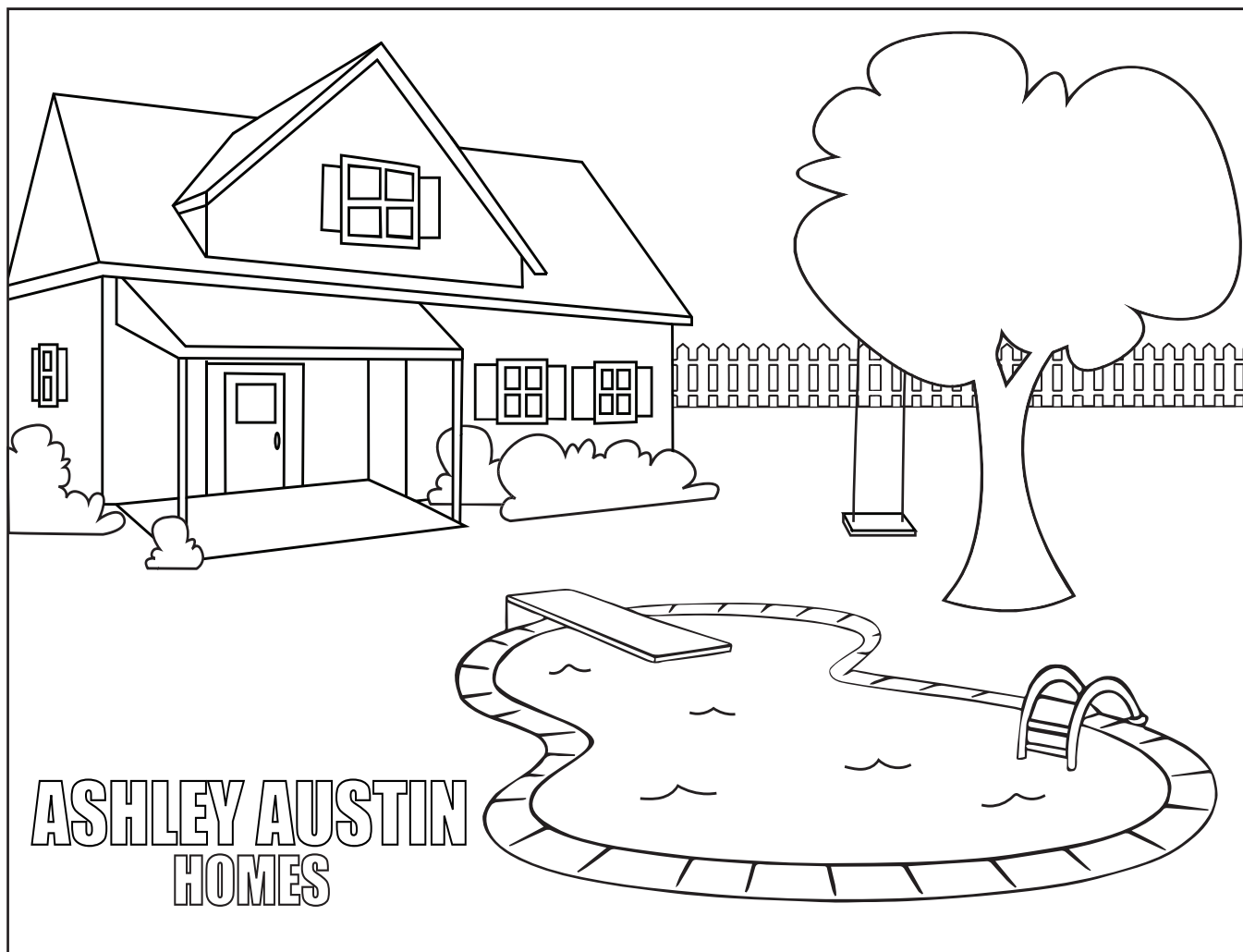


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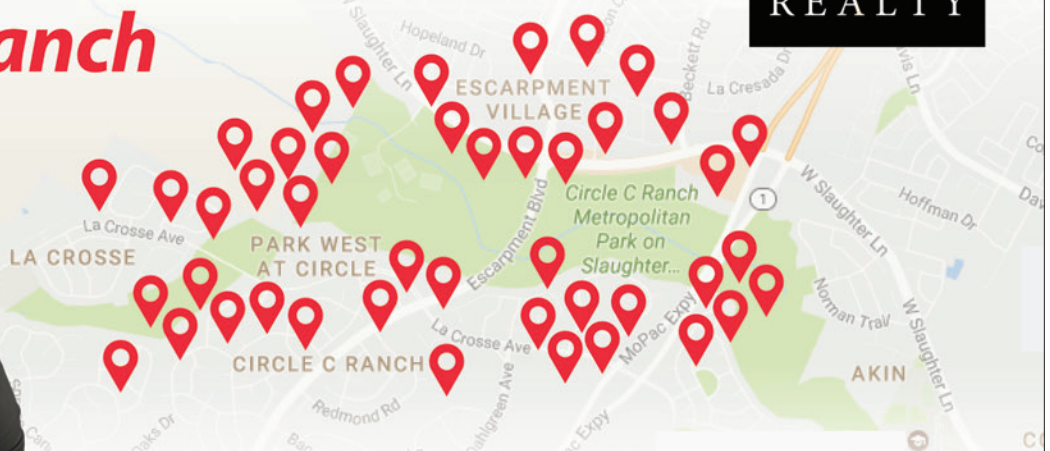
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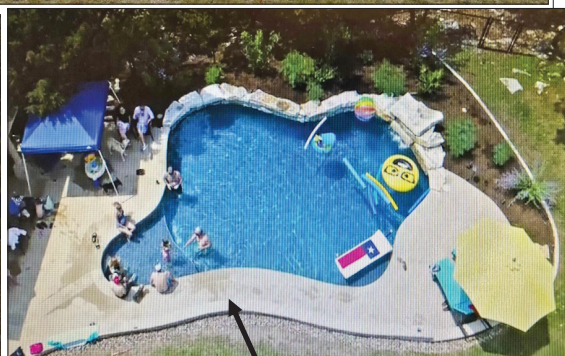


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