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## HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Saturday, August 3rd**

Last Dive-In Move of 2019 (Featuring Brave)

**Friday, August 9th**

Food Trailer Night

**Monday, August 19th**

Fall Pool Hours Begin

**Tuesday, August 27th**

CCHOA Board Meeting

### HOA Assessment Fees due August 1st

**You can pay your dues by one of the following options:**

- Pay your dues online through the association's official website, [www.circlecranch.com](http://www.circlecranch.com)

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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 have any questions about your account, please contact the Financial Office via the methods listed below. A reminder to residents that the Financial Office is not located at the Circle C office.

Terri Giles

Financial Manager

Phone: (512) 451-9901 or email: [tgiles@mgilescpa.com](mailto:tgiles@mgilescpa.com)

### Pool Hours Changing Soon

On Monday, August 19th, 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, Avania and Greyrock pools will be open on weekends only through Labor Day. See page 5 for a detailed breakdown.

### Watering Restrictions

Please visit your Water Provider's website to view current watering restrictions: City of Austin: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/watering-restrictions>; Midtex (Southwest Water Company): <https://www.swwc.com/texas/drought/>



### Food Trailer Night

Join us **Friday, August 9th** from **5:30pm-8:30pm** 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 at this event.** 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, such as the Food Trailer Lineup, will be posted on our website at [www.circlecranch.com](http://www.circlecranch.com) under the Stay Connected/News & Announcements tab as soon as it becomes available.

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## Scoop the Poop & Leash Laws



We continue to receive complaints of residents not cleaning up after their dog as they are walked throughout Circle C. Please be a responsible pet owner and a good Circle C neighbor. Pick up after your dog and deposit the bag in to one of the community trash cans provided along the major roadways or in your own personal trash at home.

We would also like to remind pet owners that the City of Austin's leash ordinance requires pet owners to keep their dogs under restraint except in designated off-leash parks. While many dogs may be well-trained off leash, they should still be leashed out of respect and safety for people, other leashed dogs and owners they may come across. The Circle C Metropolitan Park is not an off-leash park; dogs are required to be leashed at all times in our local park. <https://www.bringfido.com/attraction/parks/city/Austin/> is a great resource for Austin's off-leash dog parks! Thanks for your cooperation neighbors!

## City of Austin Code on Litter



A little-known City of Austin Code (10-5-43) addresses litter removal. Litter is defined as garbage, trash, rubbish, ashes, manure, waste, cloth or rags, paper or cardboard, leaves, grass cuttings or refuse. This code requires property owners to remove

litter from one-half of the street adjacent to the owner or occupant's property. For our neighborhood, this means that yard debris must be disposed of properly, it is a violation of the City of Austin Code to leave your grass and yard clippings in the street or sweep them into the gutter and down the drain system. Please be sure to keep the street and curb line in front of your home swept clean and disposed of properly.

Further, City of Austin Watershed Protection addresses this same issue if leaves and clippings are left in the street, swept or blown into the street or sewer system. This debris eventually ends up in the sewer system and pollutes our waterways. The Watershed Protection Pollution Hotline number is 512-974-2550. This unit responds to calls on a priority basis, with oil and gas spills taking precedence. Please do your part in properly disposing of your clippings and clutter.

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## CCHOA NUMBERS

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## Now Enrolling

The Circle C Child Development Center is now enrolling for our Inclusion Pre-K program at Kiker Elementary School! Classes start August 20th. Please visit The Child Development Center Website or e-mail [jelegonye@circleccdc.org](mailto:jelegonye@circleccdc.org) to learn more and apply for this exceptional Pre-K opportunity!



## 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!

## CCHOA Board Meeting

The Circle C HOA Board of Directors meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue). Homeowners may sign up to speak for the Homeowners Forum at the start of the meeting by calling the HOA office at 512-288-8663 or by sending an email to [info@circlecranch.com](mailto:info@circlecranch.com). The agenda for the board meeting and prior board meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website, [www.circlecranch.com](http://www.circlecranch.com), under the Resources Tab. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted the Friday prior to the meeting.

## Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

After listening to Circle C residents, and studying the implications of the proposed Austin Strategic Mobility Plan on Circle C, the CCHOA Board of Directors decided to aggressively address segments of the plan that negatively affect the overall quality of life and value of our already master planned community. Here are the results of our effort so far:

1. The proposed **South Bay** and **Dahlgreen** road extensions have been removed from the current plan.
2. If traffic increases to the point that **Escarpment Blvd** needs more traffic lanes over the next 20 years, those new lanes would be located on the existing pavement, through elimination of the bike lane and re-striping. The bicycle path or multi use path would be located behind the curbs on the sides. Existing trees and landscaping will be taken into consideration and a robust stakeholder engagement process is required.

The CCHOA Board is very pleased with our ability to work through our issues with the ASMP team. We would like to give a shout out to team members Annick Beaudet, Warren Cook, Cole Kitten, and Daniel Brooks for their excellent listening and response!

And another shout out to Susan Hoover for her direct contact with Annick Beaudet and all of the Circle C residents who filled out surveys and contacted the City. It was a great help in the negotiations.

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## AQUATICS NEWS

### Dive in Movie

Join us at the Swim Center on Saturday, August 3rd at dusk to watch Brave! 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.

### Summer Isn't Over!

The last session of Group Lessons is happening! If you missed out on the last session don't worry! We are still offering private lessons! We have levels for all ages and flexible time slots for working parents.

### Contact Us

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

### Summer Pool Hours

**JUNE 3RD – AUGUST 18TH**  
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**10:30A-8P REC SWIM**  
**SUNDAY: 10A-8P REC SWIM**  
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**GREYROCK**  
**MONDAY-SUNDAY 12P-8P**  
**GREYROCK CLOSED ON**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**AVAÑA**  
**MONDAY-SUNDAY 9A-7P**  
**AVAÑA CLOSED ON THURSDAYS**

### Fall Pool Hours

**AUGUST 19TH – OCTOBER 13TH**  
**SWIM CENTER**  
**MONDAY- FRIDAY: 6A-10A**  
**LAP SWIM ONLY**  
**3:30P-8P REC SWIM**  
**SATURDAY: 7A-10A LAP SWIM ONLY**  
**10A-6P REC SWIM**  
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## Tawny Crazy Ants



The Tawny Crazy Ant, also known in Texas as the Raspberry Crazy Ant, was originally discovered by pest management professional Tom Raspberry (hence the name) in Harris County in 2002. Since then, the ants have been distributed to other parts of the state via people, plants, materials, and other things and are currently confirmed in 40 Texas counties.

Distribution map of Texas counties with confirmed presence of tawny crazy ants (in red).

Tawny crazy ants are about 1/8" and orangish-brown in color. With a good hand lens or microscope, you can see 12 segmented antennae, 1 node, and a circle of hairs at the tip of the abdomen. These ants can be confused with other ants, so if you are unsure of what you have check with your local Extension office.

Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem if they get into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things—rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to <http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/raspberry.html>

### Treatment Options

- Removing harborage areas- fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.

- Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions)- reduce watering, repair any water leaks, and improve drainage

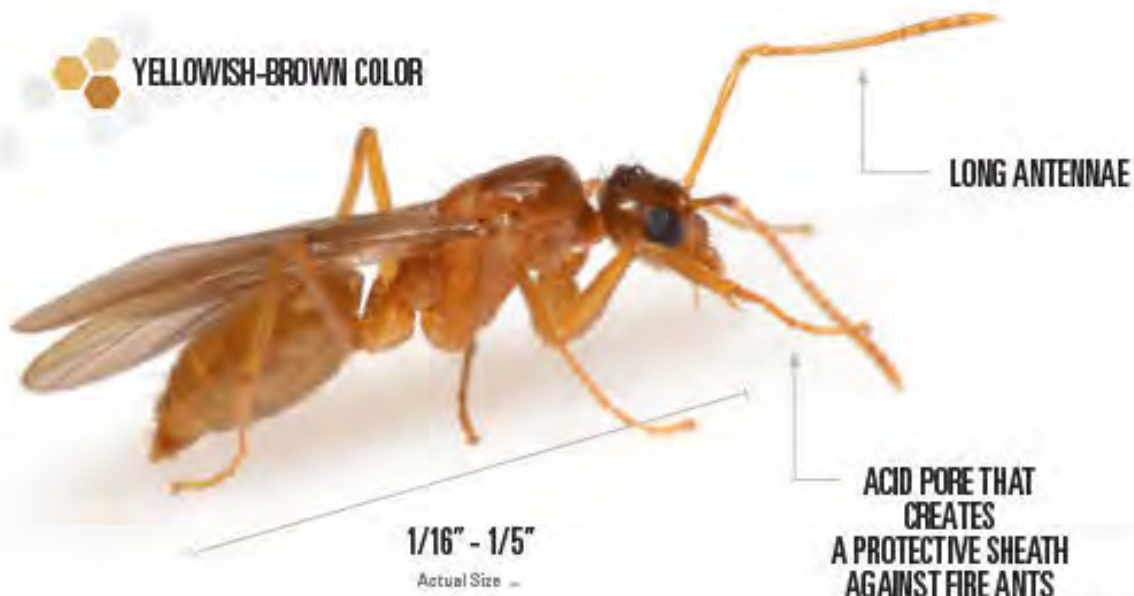
- Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, mealybugs and scale insects.

- Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas. If this occurs, remove dead ants to keep the pesticide barrier maintained.

- Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners for tawny crazy ant treatment and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

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.urbanipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urbanipm.blogspot.com)

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# Around Circle C

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

*Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center*

*Photography by Wildflower Center (sand palafox), Ray Mathews (yellow bells) and Joanna Wojtkowiak (MITW)*

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!

### **SAND PALAFOX** (PALAFOXIA HOOKERIANA)

If Jimi Hendrix had been a plant enthusiast, perhaps he would have written "Pala-foxy Lady" instead of "Foxy Lady." OK, maybe that's more Weird Al territory, but sand palafox is undeniably cute and covetable. Think of it from a gardener's perspective and sing it out: "I wanna take you home / I won't do you no harm, no / You've got to be all mine, all mine / Ooh, palafoxy lady." See what we mean? This drought-tolerant annual looks at brutal summers through rose-colored glasses — or shall we say rose-colored petals? Both ray and disc petals of this member of the Aster family are a lovely sweetheart pink. Known to spruce up Texas sand dunes (and used ornamentally in meadows and rocky areas), Palafoxia hookeriana provides nectar for butterflies and blooms from June through October. Find them turning heads (but hopefully not breaking hearts) in our Theme Gardens.



### **YELLOW BELLS** (TECOMA STANS)

Yellow bells are an unsung neighborhood superstar. You've certainly seen them adding sunny yellow beauty to yards across Texas, and that's something to sing — er, ring — out about! This perennial shrub, which is also known as esperanza (Spanish for "hope"), grows in full sun with little water and blooms from April through November. It brings a pleasant pop of color to hillsides and canyons in the wild, but it's probably best known as a common landscaping plant in Texas, the Southwest and parts of Florida. Replace non-native hedges with this bright and cheerful alternative that's likely to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Or use Tecoma stans to add feathery foliage and height (up to 12 feet!) to rock gardens. This is one versatile native; let it ring freely throughout the land.

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



## **MOVIES** **IN THE** Wild

Make the end of summer a lot cooler with our August movies series, presented in collaboration with Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Pack a blanket or enjoy the soft grass of the Family Garden Play Lawn and watch fun feature films under the open sky. Aug. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Entry included with admission; admission is free for members. More info at [wildflower.org/featured-events](http://wildflower.org/featured-events)





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# News You Can Use

## Tips for Packing a Healthy School Lunch

by Stephany Pando, [cooksmares.com](http://cooksmares.com), edited for space

Packing lunches for your back-to-schoolers is no easy task. It takes time and planning. Plus, every parent knows that just because you pack it, doesn't guarantee your kids will actually eat it.

However, this doesn't mean you have to fill your kids' lunchboxes with pizza and cookies everyday. Below we offer 5 tips for how to pack a nutritious lunch that your kids will look forward to eating and you'll feel good about giving them.

### Tip #1: Get Your Kids Involved

- Give your kids healthy food options from each food group and let them make the final decisions on what goes in their lunch.
- Take your child grocery shopping with you and let them have a say (to a certain extent) in what goes into the cart. This promotes feelings of responsibility and empowerment.
- Designate a part of your kitchen as the "lunch packing station" and spend some time there with your kids the night before to get lunch ready for the next day.

### Tip #2: Turn Healthy Foods into Fun Foods

- Use cookie cutters to make shapes out of bread, deli meat, cheese, or a melon-baller for fruit.
- Use kid-friendly skewers to make colorful food kebabs.
- Create a theme for the day and have all of the foods in their lunch relate to the theme

### Tip #3: Make Your Own Snacks – and limit processed ones

Kids rely on snacks to keep their energy up, but the type of snack is important to consider. Packaged snacks tend to lack important nutrients and can be high in sugar, sodium and saturated fats. Take control of what is in your kids' snacks by making them yourself!

### Tip #4: Incorporate All Food Groups

A balanced diet includes all of the food groups. Luckily, there are so many different ways to enjoy each food group:

- Fruits: fresh, frozen, dried, canned, baked (think apple chips!) or pureed.
- Vegetables: fresh, frozen, or baked (think kale chips!)
- Lean protein: baked chicken, deli meats, hard boiled eggs, beans or nuts (be aware of nut allergy regulations at your child's school).
- Low-fat dairy: milk, cheese or yogurt
- Whole Grains: pita, sandwich bread, tortillas, wraps, and pastas

### Tip#5: Encourage Hydration

It's recommended that school-aged kids drink between 6-8 cups of water a day (even more in hot weather or if their activity level is high).

- Let your child pick out their favorite water bottle and encourage them to drink the whole thing at least twice at school. They'll be more inclined to do it if they feel like they are completing a challenge!
- If the "flavor" of water is too boring for them, throw in a few pieces of frozen fruit to sweeten it up – and keep it cooler.

With these tips in mind, you and your child are ready to start out the school year on the right foot. Good luck – and happy packing!



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## Blackberry-Oat Crumble Bars Recipe

### Ingredients

#### CRUST

- 6 cups regular rolled oats
- 2 1/4 cups packed light brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups unsalted butter, melted, plus more for pan
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

#### FILLING

- 9 cups fresh blackberries
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (from 3 lemons)
- 1/4 cup cornstarch

### How to Make It

**Step 1** - Prepare the Crust: Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together oats, brown sugar, flour, butter, salt, and baking soda. Remove 3 cups of the oat mixture, and set aside. Press remaining oat mixture in an even layer in an aluminum foil-lined and buttered 12- x 17-inch rimmed baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

**Step 2** - Prepare the Filling: Stir together blackberries, sugar, lemon juice, and cornstarch in a large saucepan. Cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until syrup thickens and is bubbly, about 8 minutes. Pour over prepared Crust, and crumble reserved 3 cups oat mixture evenly over Filling. Bake at 350°F until topping is golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely, about 2 hours. Cut into 24 pieces.



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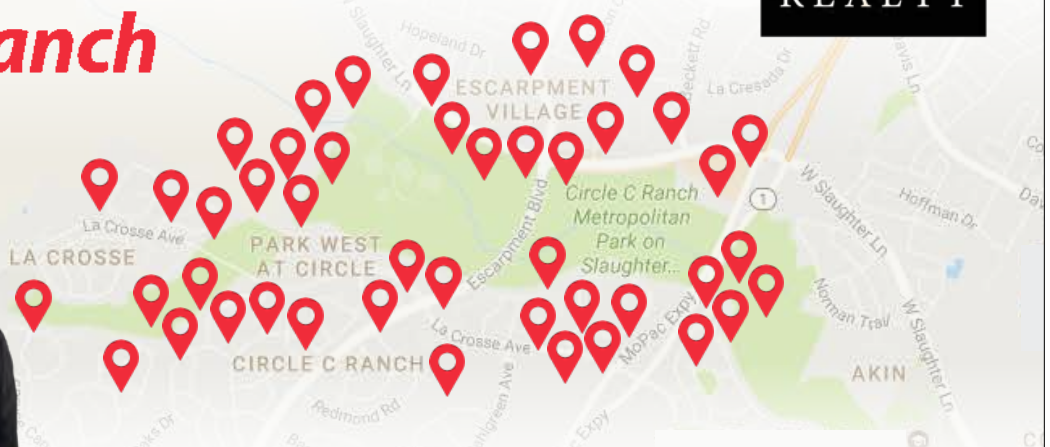
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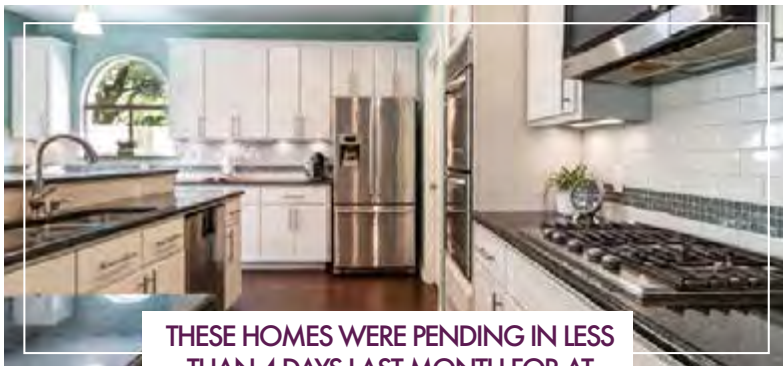


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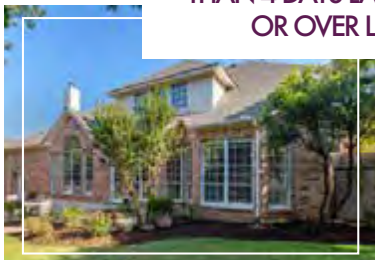
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