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## HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Saturday, November 16**

Holiday Market

**Tuesday, November 26**

CCHOA Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29**

HOA Offices Closed

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Friday, December 6**

Adult Holiday Party & Casino Night (7pm – 10pm)

**Saturday, December 14**

Children's Holiday Party (10am – 1pm)

**Tuesday, December 24 – Friday, December 27**

HOA Offices Closed

### Annual Meeting & Election

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the two open board seats through Friday, January 10, 2020. You can download a Candidate Questionnaire from the News and Announcement page on our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) under the Stay Connected tab. The nominating Committee will host a Candidate Forum in February; the date will be posted on the website and in the February newsletter.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Circle C Community Center (7817 LaCrosse Ave). Your ballot and proxy will be printed on the back side of the first 2020 CCHOA dues assessment invoice (which will be mailed Feb 1st and due March 1st) or you will be able to vote online using your "unique" voting code.

### Wastewater averaging begins in November

Lower your wastewater costs for the next year by conserving water starting mid-November and ending mid-March.

November marks the beginning of Austin Water's annual wastewater averaging period. The wastewater averaging period spans three consecutive billing periods beginning in mid-November and ending in mid-March. The water used during the averaging period will determine wastewater charges for most customers for the upcoming service year.

#### **Lower Your Wastewater Costs**

You can lower your wastewater costs for the next year by conserving water during these billing periods. To help you conserve water in the winter months and lower your wastewater average, follow these basic water-saving tips:

- Check your irrigation system for leaks and turn them off during the fall and winter months
- Fix all leaky faucets and toilets

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### Not receiving the HOA Blast Emails

If you're not receiving the blast emails the CCHOA sends out periodically, you're probably not registered. To register for the website, go to [www.circlecranch.com](http://www.circlecranch.com). Once you are at the website, click the member log-in at the top right corner of the page. Here you will register and create a user name and password for your profile; once registered you can access the resident only portions of the website which includes important documents and the member directory.

### Winter Pool Hours

Winter hours started on October 14th. The hours of operation will be reduced and the facility will be open for lap swimming only. Recreational areas will not be accessible.



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(Announcements, Continued from Cover)

- Sign up for the free Dropcountr app and get home water use reports
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only with a full load
- Take shorter showers – place a timer in your bathroom
- When buying new water-using appliances, look for the Watersense label
- Visit [WaterWiseAustin.org](http://WaterWiseAustin.org) for water conservation tips and to find out about rebate programs

#### About Wastewater Averaging

Wastewater averaging is calculated during the winter months when most residential water goes directly into the sanitary sewer system versus being used for outdoor watering. This measurement determines the cap on the volume of wastewater you will be billed for each month for the next year. If there is outside watering during the wastewater averaging period, that water volume will also be included in the wastewater average. Avoid this by making sure your irrigation systems are turned off.

Visit [www.austintexas.gov/wastewateraveraging](http://www.austintexas.gov/wastewateraveraging) to find the dates for your wastewater averaging period and for tools to help you estimate your wastewater average.

## Holiday Lights and Décor

This is a friendly reminder that holiday lights and décor should not be installed until the week before Thanksgiving and must be removed no later than January 15.

## Oak Wilt in Circle C



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 signs of oak wilt are veination in the leaves as they die and fall off the trees. Here is an article that has been printed in past newsletters 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

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## CCHOA NUMBERS

HOA Mgmt Office ..[info@circlecranch.info](mailto:info@circlecranch.info) or 512-288-8663  
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Circle C Café ..... 512-288-6058  
Circle C CDC..... 512-288-9792  
Circle C Swim Center ..... 512-288-6057  
Circle C Community Center Pool..... 512-301-8259  
Grey Rock Golf Course (*City Owned/Operated*) ..... 512-288-4297  
Grey Rock Tennis Club ..... 512-301-8685  
Circle C Grey Rock Pool ..... 512-291-8398

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Spectrum Management ..... 512-834-3900

#### Enclave off La Crosse (Streetman)

Plateau Property Management..... Rosalyn Peterson, 512-441-1041

#### Fairways Estates

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Dead Animal Collection..... 512-974-2000

Abandoned Vehicle..... 512-974-8119

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Stop Signs ..... 512-457-4885

Street Light Maintenance ..... 311

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Mills Elementary..... 512-841-2400

Cowan Elementary..... 512-841-2700

Bailey Middle..... 512-414-4990

Gorzycki Middle School..... 512-841-8600

Bowie High School ..... 512-414-5247

### UTILITY PROVIDERS

Electric Pedernales Elec. .... 512-219-2602

City of Austin. .... 512-494-9400

Texas Gas Service ..... 800-700-2443

Water City of Austin ..... 512-972-1000

MidTex Water Company..... 866-654-7992

Solid Waste City of Austin ..... 512-974-1945

Post Office Oak Hill Station ..... 800-275-8777



# SAVE THE DATE

## Children's Holiday Party

Saturday December 14, 2019 10am to 1pm  
Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue)

**Join us for a fun filled morning with Santa, face painting, arts and crafts, train, pony rides AND a petting zoo**

This event is open to residents only.

Admission per child is 1 AWESOME new, unwrapped, unopened gift for our toy donation drive to lift the spirits of children in need through our partnership with Partnerships for Children's Holiday Wishes program.



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beloved oaks have been lost to the infectious and deadly oak wilt disease.

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 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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## Masters

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## Private Lessons

Private lessons, in the winter? Yes! Circle C offers private lessons year round for all swimming ability. We have morning and afternoon slots open. Have a swimmer who needs to work on dives or do you need some help with some stroke technique? Sign up for private lessons today!

## Contact Us

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

## Winter Pool Hours

Oct 14th – Dec 18th

Swim Center

Monday- Friday:

6a-10a

Lap Swim Only

4pm-7:30pm

Lap Swim

Saturday:

8am-1pm

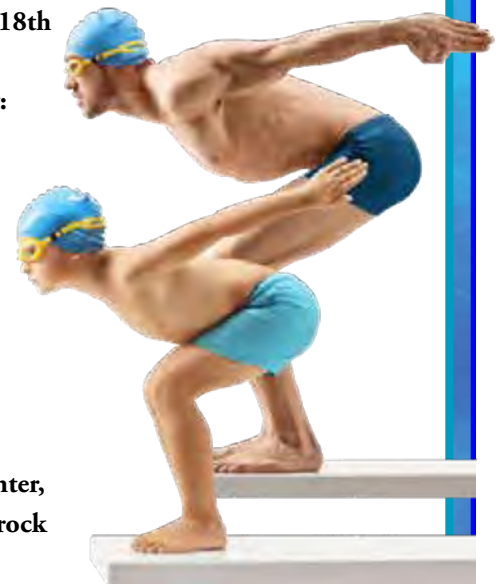
Lap Swim Only

Sunday: closed

Community Center,

Avaña and Greyrock

closed



# Adult Holiday

## AND CASINO PARTY



Break out your poker face for this year's Holiday & Casino Party! Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, casino tables, raffle drawings and, of course, music and socializing with great company!

Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, November 4, 2019 through Monday, December 2, 2019. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased from the HOA office Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Location: Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue)

We are currently accepting donations for casino prizes! If you or someone you know has a business or company that would like to help out, give us a call at 512-288-8663 or email [assistant@circlecranch.info](mailto:assistant@circlecranch.info).



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# Around Circle C

## WILDFLOWER NOTES

*Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
Photography by Marilyn Kircus (bald cypress) and Ray Mathews (plateau goldeneye)*

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!

### **BALD CYPRESS** (**TAXODIUM DISTICHUM**)

Nothing says "Texas fall" like a stripe of copper-colored bald cypress trees along a river. Named for its atypical habit of shedding needles (yes, this is a deciduous conifer), bald cypress trees are known for many other traits as well: that noteworthy orange fall color, those knobby "knees" decorating the edges of area waterways (think Central Texas mangrove), those cute spherical cones that turn from green to brownish-gray, that feathery foliage, and those buttressed trunks from which many a rope swing has been swung. *Taxodium distichum* gives our state character; it's bold, bald and beautiful; and it supports fauna from birds to squirrels. Its heartwood (aka "the wood eternal") is strong and resistant to decay, and so is our affection.



### **PLATEAU GOLDENEYE** (**VIGUIERA DENTATA**)

No, this is not a desert-themed remake of the mid-'90s James Bond movie; rather, plateau goldeneye is a not-so-secret agent of beautiful, xeric gardens. This yellow perennial catches bad guys off guard with its cheery color, late-season blooms (typically showy during October and November), extreme tolerance to drought, and its ability to support butterflies. In fact, it's especially important to cassius blue and bordered patch butterflies – both of which rely on *Viguiera dentata* as a larval host. It's great along the edge of a flowerbed, can handle difficult soil types (including those heavy with clay and caliche), and even feeds finches (and other birds) once it's gone to seed in winter. Bet you Pierce Brosnan can't do all that.

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



## FANTASTIC FORTS & FESTIVE LIGHTS



**Fortlandia is back** with a collection of 10 new interactive forts — on display through Jan. 26, 2020, in our Mollie Steves Zachry Texas Arboretum. Entry is included with regular admission, and admission is always free for members. Visit [wildflower.org/fortlandia](http://wildflower.org/fortlandia) for more info.

**And Luminations is coming!** Our signature winter event returns, featuring dazzling lights throughout the gardens and aerial dance by Blue Lapis Light. Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 5 – 8 & 12 – 15. Thursdays are for members only. Visit [wildflower.org/luminations](http://wildflower.org/luminations) for details.



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Hey Southwest Austin, the holiday season is starting to get underway and we are still seeing new listings continue to come on the market. Home purchases have remained steady, just like last year, as there are still many buyers coming through our homes for sale during our open houses. The new buyers are more cautious and are looking for homes priced to sell or what they may consider a better option than purchasing brand new at a much higher price point for less square footage. With all this in mind it is still a great market to list, as clean, properly-priced homes are still selling well. We had 16 couples through our new listing at 6516 Nusser Lane this month during our open house. Call me if you would like to speak about the market, interest rates or timing in general. I work by appointment and will provide you with a free, no obligation market analysis 7 days per week and any evenings at your convenience. Thanks! John Squires



Below and on the next page is the recent activity of the John Squires in Southwest Austin, working with sellers and buyers. Listing prices are notated to show value in the area of the neighborhoods being sold in.

Call John's sell phone at **512 970-1970** anytime.



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6516 Nusser Lane is **"SOLD"**. John just listed this stunning little Streetman, chopped white stone home backing to greenbelt. It received multiple offers and was listed at **\$469,000**.



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6438 Old Harbor Lane John's new listing is **"SOLD"**. This listing was retained from another brokerage after they had it listed for 121 days on the market. John listed the home and sold it in 7 days for full price. Nice 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath close to Kiker. **\$479,000**.

10807 Redmond Rd. John's listed this David Weekley model home and it **"SOLD"** this week. Listed at **\$499,000**. VERY high sale for this property.

5601 Van Winkle John's listing is **"SOLD"** On the Park! Nice David Weekley model with Brazilian Cherry wood floors, soaring ceilings and pool at **\$629,000**.



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Lewis Mountain Ranch

8332 La Plata Loop is John's listing in Lewis Mountain Ranch and is **"SOLD"** at **\$619,000**. Views for 15 miles! Call John to find an acreage property for you too!





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**8301 Siringo Pass** in Legend Oaks. John's listing is **"SOLD"** Gorgeous Scott Felder custom home with soaring ceilings and beautiful architectural designs throughout. Listed at **\$425,000**. It's a rare find!



**10621 Pinkney Lane**— John's new listing is a *STUNNING* 1-story completely renovated! Granite, stainless, LED lighting, bamboo floors, new roof, new A/C, HUGE lot, etc. Call John! **\$479,000**. **"SOLD"** with multiple offers!



Call John Squires' direct 'sell' phone at **(512) 970-1970** at any time. **#1** realtor in Circle C Ranch real estate with over **585~** homes sold to date. Over **1100~** homes sold in the entire Austin area. **#1 agent** in all of Southwest Austin according to Austin Board of Realtors statistics over the last 23 years. Over 720 homes sold in Southwest.

**6803 Breezy Pass** in Legend Oaks John just listed this gorgeous Wilshire home, sitting high upon a hill with views. Listed at **\$398,000**. **"SOLD"** with 3 offers in 2 days on market!



**8507 Lewis Mountain Drive** John's new listing. 4,000+ sq.ft. home on 1.5 acres at **\$619,000!** **"SOLD"** in 2 days with 4 offers!



**11101 Cusseta Lane**— John's buyer is **"CONTRACT PENDING"** on this gorgeous, former model home from D. R. Horton. Listed at **\$749,000**.

**11109 Claro Vista Cove**— John's buyer is **"CONTRACT PENDING"** on this beautifully upgraded D. R. Horton home. Chopped white stone on a huge lot! Listed at **\$555,000**.



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