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**November 2020** 

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### Circle C Newsletter: November 2020

#### Important Dates in November:

#### Sunday, November 1, 2020

Daylight Savings Ends: Set Clocks Back One Hour

Día de los Angelitos

#### Monday, November 2, 2020

Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Day

#### Saturday, November 7, 2020

Community Wide Garage Sale

(Shredding at the Community Center)

#### Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Veterans Day

The Circle C HOA would like to thank our resident veterans for their service to our country.

#### Thursday, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

#### Friday, November 27, 2020

Black Friday

#### Monday, November 30, 2020

Cyber Monday

#### Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Circle C HOA Online Board Meeting 6:30pm via Zoom\*\*

#### \*\*CCHOA Board Meeting

The Circle C HOA Board of Directors meets the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. With November 25 being the day before Thanksgiving, the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 2020 via Zoom. Links to the ZOOM meetings and meeting agendas may be found on the www.circlecranch.com website under

the "Resource" tab. Homeowners must be logged onto the site to view agendas and find the link to the Zoom meetings. Homeowners may sign up to speak at the meeting by calling the HOA manager at 512-288-8663 or emailing info@circlecranch.info.

#### Call for Nominations for the Circle C Board Member Positions

Are you looking for a unique leadership opportunity? Well, look no further! Circle C is looking for leaders like you to join the board of directors.

To facilitate the preparation of the nomination slate and to ensure that the process is open to all members, the Nomination Committee is calling for nominations for the open board positions. The elected Candidates will sever for a 3-year term starting Mach 2021.

#### Characteristics of a Good Director:

- A member of Circle C HOA
- Willing to commit time
- Rational, prudent and practical
- Supports proper financing
- Listens, takes duties seriously
- Honors rules, regulations and procedures
- Fulfills responsibilities

#### Commitment

- Typically two hours per month for monthly board meetings via Zoom and various email communication.
  - Attending in-person board meetings if scheduled
  - Report any potential conflicts of interest
  - Maintain confidentiality
- Ensure the organization and the board are complying with all legal and regulatory requirements.
  - Participate in the recruitment of new board members
  - Keep up-to-date with issues that affect the organization

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#### How to Request a Candidate Questionnaire

Residents who are interested in running for a board position can do so by submitting a Candidate Questionnaire which can be found on the website at www.circlecranch.com under "News & Announcements" under the Stay Connected tab or by emailing info@circlecranch.info.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Ave). Your ballot and proxy will be printed on the back side of the first 2021 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 cost 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 you're 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
  - 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 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 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 15th.

#### **CCHOA NUMBERS**

| HOA Mgmt Officeinfo@circlecranch.info or 512-288-8663      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| HOA Financial Officetgiles@mgilescpa.com or 512-451-9901   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aquatics Director director@ccswim.net or 512-288-4239      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Circle C Amenities   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Circle C Café512-288-6058                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circle C CDC512-288-9792                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circle C Swim Center512-288-6057                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circle C Community Center Pool512-301-8259                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grey Rock Golf Course (City Owned/Operated)512-288-4297    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grey Rock Tennis Club                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circle C Grey Rock Pool512-291-8398                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CIRCLE C GATED COMMUNITIES                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enclave off Spruce Canyon (KB)                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spectrum Management512-834-3900                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enclave off La Crosse (Streetman)                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plateau Property Management Rosalyn Peterson, 512-441-1041 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fairways Estates   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spectrum Management512-834-3900                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Park West  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goodwin Management Marilyn Childress 512-502-7509          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Muirfield  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real Manage Tom Ramirez-Boldo, 866-473-2573                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avana Estates  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Relevant ManagementKim Todd, 512-580-4212                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

| Ī | Russ Hodes             | President      |
|---|------------------------|----------------|
|   | Natalie Placer McClure | Vice President |
|   | Michael Chu            | Treasurer      |
|   | Steve Urban            | Secretary      |

Kim Ackermann, Alton (A.E.) Martin, Jason Bram, Board Members

Contact the Board at: directors@circlecranch.info

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#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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| 512-974-8750 |
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| 512-414-0040 |
| 512-841-2700 |
| 512-414-4990 |
| 512-841-8600 |
| 512-414-5247 |
|              |
| 512-219-2602 |
| 512-494-9400 |
| 800-700-2443 |
| 512-972-1000 |
| 866-654-7992 |
| 512-974-1945 |
| 800-275-8777 |
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### Your Neighborhood Needs Your Help!



Let's be frank. Your neighborhood community needs you.

With over 5,600 homes in Circle C, we have a plethora of talent here: people with a wide variety of backgrounds and specialties. Those different backgrounds are needed for different perspectives on decisions that affect our neighborhood.

Our current Homeowners Association board members have served multiple terms and are ready to step down. We need new bodies on board. We need good people with fresh ideas and visions for our neighborhood.

AE Martin, a retired Chemical Engineer with Dow Chemical, graduated from the University of Texas in 1965. He began serving on the board in 2003 as a secretary. "That was a fascinating time," he says, "Circle C had just gone from being controlled by the developer to being controlled by the homeowners". Gary Bradley, the developer of Circle C Ranch, had written in our CCRs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) that he would receive "Class A" votes and homeowners would receive "Class B" votes. Class A votes counted for 90% of the voting rights, so all of the homeowners together only accounted for 10% of the vote.

"This is typical for a new development," AE Martin tells us, "developers have a vision for the neighborhood and want to keep it a certain way until it is fully developed." At a predetermined date, control of the neighborhood then transfers to the homeowners. "I believe that date for Circle C was December 31, 2002," says Martin. "When that date arrived, we experienced a polarization in the neighborhood. Some wanted our neighborhood to remain managed the way that Bradley had managed it, while others felt it was time for changes. A lot has changed since then."

Martin was part of a team that worked to expand the number of HOA board positions from three people to seven. "There was a lot of anguish by people in Circle C thinking things weren't managed properly from a financial standpoint. People thought that those serving under Bradley were taking advantage of the positions. So, my neighbors and I worked together to expand the number of board members. That was when I first got involved."

Now? Our neighborhood needs more people to get involved.

Martin has served in three different positions on the board: Secretary, Treasurer, and is currently serving as a Board Member. He has a message for our homeowners: "People need to know that we are run by volunteers. We work together to keep the area nice for all of us. And we need help."

"All the people serving today have been on the board multiple times," he states. "We are getting tired. We need for people to get involved."

Kim Ackerman, another board member, agrees.

Ackerman has served on Circle C's HOA board for a total of nine years. She's served as President, Treasurer, and Vice President.

"I originally started when Circle C had just finished building the community center." Ackerman tells us, "I was amazed that this \$4 million project was run by the efforts of volunteers in our community. A \$4 million project! That's impressive. We worked to pay that off in just seven years."

"Circle C continues to be an outstanding neighborhood because residents are willing to step up and volunteer to run the business of the neighborhood. There is so much more we can do, but we are limited by a lack of volunteers. If you have time and want to help, please volunteer and run for the board. I can say it will be an interesting and enriching experience and you'll meet some great folks along the way."

Ackerman would like to see more diversity on our HOA board. "As a community, Circle C Ranch has a vibrant, diverse group. Our HOA board needs to be more reflective of this community."

These board members and several others have continued to volunteer long past their allotted time for a board member to serve because, despite a population of over 12,000 residents, nobody else is volunteering to help out.

"We need people that care about our neighborhood," reiterates AE Martin. "We manage \$5 million. That's a big chunk of money. We need people that know how to manage this."

Who would that be?

AE Martin responds. "We need a wide spectrum of backgrounds. Engineering, schoolteachers, stay-at-home moms. People with different and fresh views."

If it takes a village to properly accomplish complicated tasks, like raising a child, then it also takes a village to manage \$5 million and a neighborhood of 5,600 homes and growing.

We have a small village here in Circle C. All we need now is people that care enough to help out.

### **AQUATICS NEWS**

Swim Center is open for resident lap swimming by reservation only.

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday 6 am – 10 am Saturday, Sunday 8 am – 1 pm We are continuously monitoring the ongoing public health situation and will make adjustments to our operations as needed.

For more information on Lap Swim reservations including policies and instruction on how to make your reservation, please visit our Aquatics home page at www.circlecranch.com

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### **ArborView Active Adult Living in Circle C**



It is almost here folks. By March of 2021, Circle C Ranch will have its very own Active Adult Living for ages 62 and better called ArborView.

This community was the vision of two men, Bob Ruggio and Curtis Davidson, who own and run a real estate development company called Cadence Multifamily. Both Bob and Curtis lived in Circle C for years raising their children. They loved and enjoyed the Circle C area so much they wanted to build a community here for the next stage of life. Area residents will now discover a new four-story building completing construction just passed the entrance to Grey Rock Ridge and slightly to the right.

Residents moving into ArborView will have a wide array of amenities

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at their fingertips. These include a resort style pool surrounded by cabanas and outdoor entertaining areas. ArborView will also offer a demonstration kitchen, lounge area, tropical fish tank, and a craft and game room for socializing and meeting new residents.

For those who love the outdoors, ArborView is conveniently located next to miles of hike and bike trails and features an onsite community garden. The community has also not forgotten about our furry little friends with their large pet park, pet washing spa, and pet yards on select units.

If fitness is your thing, ArborView has you covered. They have a state of the art fitness center, outdoor yoga area and exercise class offerings. If leisure is more your style, they have an on-site salon, movie theater and putting greens.

ArborView will be offering a wide variety of floorplans to meet your lifestyle needs, with one and two bedroom residences. The community will be managed by the warm, friendly and knowledgeable Erika Lopez, from Capstone Real Estate Services. If you would like more information about this upcoming community, please reach out to Erika at 512-883-8478, she would love to help you with your future home.

Circle C Cafe

Phone: 512.288.6058

Hours: Monday - Friday 11am-7nm

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| Ę      | Sunday       | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday            |  |
| & Menu | 1            | 2<br>Artichoke Chicken w/<br>Pasta and Asparagus  | 3 Pot Roast + Mashed Potatoes and Veggies                | 4<br>Chicken Piccata<br>Pasta + Veggies                   | 5<br>Coconut Shrimp<br>Pineapple Fried Rice<br>Veggies           | 6<br>Spaghetti and Meatballs<br>Garlic Bread<br>Caesar Salad      | 7<br>CLOSED         |  |
| Flyer  | 8<br>CLOSED  | 9<br>Fried Shrimp + Slaw<br>and Fries   | Deep Eddy Orange<br>Glazed Chicken + Rice<br>and Veggies | Beef Stroganoff Egg                                       | Grilled Chicken Citrus Beurre Blanc Rice Pilaf + Roasted Veggles | 13<br>Chicken Fried Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes +<br>Veggies         | 14<br>CLOSED        |  |
| Cafe F | 15<br>CLOSED | 16<br>Veggie Lasagna w/<br>Spinach + Shroom<br>Caesar Salad   | Thyme Roast Chicken Polenta + Veggles                    | Seared Tuna w/ Avocado Salsa + Green Rice and Black Beans | Pomegranate Chicken Roasted Corn Salsa— Rice Pilaf + Veggles     | 20<br>Beef Tenderloin +<br>Truffle Mac + Green<br>Beans           | CLOSED 21           |  |
| O      | CLOSED       | Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin + Polenta + Veggies   | <b>24</b><br>Chicken Parm<br>Pasta + Salad               | Shrimp Creole Dirty Rice + Salad                          | 26<br>CLOSED<br>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!                              | 27<br>CLOSED<br>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!                               | 28<br>CLOSED        |  |
| Circle | 29<br>CLOSED | Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Veggles   |  |   |  |   | CLOSED              |  |
| - 0    |              | Café is Open Mon—Fri<br>from 11am—7pm for<br>Curbside Pick-up.<br>Dinner Specials are served<br>from 5pm –7pm | \$11.95 per<br>serving                                   | Include: Full Name  | Number of Meals  | or month Café@Circle<br>Date + Menu Item  <br>w/ CC or Venmo @pri | Vehicle Description |  |

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### **Around Circle C**

ONLINE FACEBOOK SHOPPING EVENT

SUPPORTING LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS



### Starting, Dec.

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### Circle C Community Center Annual HOLIDAY TIMES MARKET

is going virtual

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Artisan Market

or go to: www.lalunaglass.com

#### **For More Local Shopping**

Join Austin Craft Lounge On

Saturday, Dec. 12th, 10am - 5pm

For Outdoor & In Person ~ Artisan /Local Fair

12919 Nutty Brown Rd. details: www.austincraftlounge.com

### \*\*Amended\*\*

Last month's article should have read:

IN THE YARD
Submitted by Jackie Rollins

Staying at home in the **Park West neighborhood** can be lots of fun when
you have a playscape like this in your
backyard! Oliver, 6, and Henri, 4, the
sons of Sara Roesler and Emmanuel
Durand, didn't have to pose for these
pictures - they just kept on playing.
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### WILDFLOWER NOTES

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 and perhaps in your own backyard!



#### **ILLINOIS BUNDLEFLOWER** (DESMANTHUS ILLINOENSIS)

If you're familiar with the Wildflower Center as a member or guest, you might not realize that we're pretty famous outside of Central Texas. People from across the country (and beyond!) use our Native Plants of North America database to identify plants and learn about preferred conditions, planting recommendations, bloom times and more. It's a fun place to poke around, to be sure, and the site of many discoveries. Take Illinois bundleflower, an absolutely fascinating perennial that's native to a number of states (including Texas) but that you just might not have come across before. It blooms earlier in the year (May to September) and shares many common traits of the pea family: feathery bipinnate leaves and pale little firework-style flowers (think mimosas). But the twisted, leathery seed pods are definitely its coolest feature. Like pinecones of the prairie, these bundles of joy prove there are amazing things out there yet to discover — whether you're wandering in person or online.

#### **BIGTOOTH MAPLE** (ACER GRANDIDENTATUM)

Big cities are full of transplants, and goodness knows Texas has plenty of both. So it's not surprising that, come fall, some of us miss the sight of bright red, orange and yellow sugar maple leaves, which are common in the forests (and landscaping) of Midwestern and Northeastern states. That's where the bigtooth maple (sometimes refered to as "western sugar maple") comes in and comforts nostalgic hearts. A drough-tolerant and simply gorgeous tree, Acer grandidentatum is perhaps best known to Texans thanks to Lost Maples State Natural Area, where a thriving island population thought to be a remnant stranded after the last ice age — draws droves of visitors every fall. They even publish a fall foliage report. Bigtooth maples enjoy the moist, cool environs of mountain canyons (don't we all?) and, though generally smaller than sugar maples, they can reach upwards of 40 feet. And when it comes to memories, size doesn't really matter so much as substance.



Submitted by Amy McCullough, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Photography courtesy of the Wildflower Center.

### **FORTS, LIGHTS & NATIVE PLANTS**

As our neighbors, you've surely heard that Fortlandia is back with a whole new batch of fantastic forts. Check them out in our Texas Arboretum while the weather is wonderful. If gardening is your passion, don't miss our Fall Native Plant Sale, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 22. Plus, Luminations, our winter lights festival, is just around the corner and moving into our spacious arboretum this year. Opening night is Friday, Nov. 27 — get your tickets now!

Find more details at wildflower.org.

### Spotlight on a Circle C Teen



In honor of Veterans Day this month, we would like to recognize a future veteran, an enlisted teenager, in our Spotlight on a Teen story.

Lukas Bastian graduated from James Bowie High School in May 2019 and currently serves in the United States Marine Corps (USMC). He is stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center where he works on Assault Amphibious Vehicles.

He was honored to be featured in our Circle C Newsletter but had some communication troubles with receiving emails, texts, or phone calls from his location. As a result, some of the answers are short.

Lukas also wanted the following disclaimer to be attached to this interview:

"These statements are my own and do not reflect the official position of the DOD or the USMC."



### Q: How old were you when you moved to Circle C? Where did you live before that?

I moved here from Tacoma, Washington when I was 9 or 10 years old.

### Q: What grade were you when you started at Kiker? What were your first experiences with Kiker? What were your first impressions?

A: The people at Kiker were very understanding and welcoming to me when I moved here from Washington State in the

third grade. The teachers were willing to go the extra mile to help me succeed academically.

### Q: How was Gorzycki? Did you enjoy middle school or was it difficult?

A: The teachers there had a lot of patience for students going through big life changes and they were willing to work around that and actively seek out kids who needed more help.

### Q: What was the ROTC like at Bowie? Did you feel supported? Would you recommend it to other high school students?

A: JROTC at Bowie was great - the most important things are life skills and discipline.

Q: What are your parents like? Could you tell us about your mom?

A: My mom has a hard working, can-do attitude. She's the exact definition of a strong, independent woman. She started her own business, not once, but twice and is active in her community. She's also been active in me and Sophia's lives through booster clubs and PTA.

#### Q: Could you tell us about your father?

A: My dad was the inspiration to be the man I am today. No matter how many times he's been kicked down by life, I've seen him get up smiling, like nothing fazes him. He's excelled as a businessman, as a Marine, and most importantly as a father.



### Q: Did either of your parents influence you in any way to join the military? What led you to that decision?

Neither of my parents influenced me to join the Marine Corps. My dad tried to talk me out of it several times. I've always wanted to protect people, so I joined the best branch to do it.

#### Q: Are there any other career paths you considered?

A: I never thought about other career options besides the Marine Corps - this has been my life goal. I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to be the best. They are able to push me to my limits and beyond. It's not just about earning a title - you have to earn it every single day and have high standards every single day.

### **Q:** What are the hardest and the best parts about being a marine? A: Toughest parts - breaking through mental barriers

Best parts - relationships, networking, making best friends from every corner of the US even if we didn't have common backgrounds we come together like we have known each other for years.

**Q:** Could you teach us a little bit about Amphibious Vehicles? What are the main differences between the LVTP-7 (Landing Vehicle Tracked Personnel-7), the AAV (Assault Amphibious Vehicle), the AAVP-7A1 (Assault Amphibious Vehicle Personnel), and the ACV (Assault Combat Vehicle)?

A: The LVTP-7 has no armor and is incredibly slow. The AAV is faster and has heavy machine guns.

### Q: What is your role on the amphibious vehicle? What are the best parts and the worst parts of working on the vehicle?

A: I am a driver of the Assault Amphibious Vehicle. I like working on the AAV because there is always something to work on. It's never boring. The worst part is riding in the back.



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### News You Can Use

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You can feel every single bump and get thrown around like a rag doll on the turns. Also, you end up inhaling the exhaust.

### Q: In your opinion, who would be a good candidate for joining the military?

A: Someone with the right mindset; someone who wants more out of life; someone who wants to use the military to jumpstart their career; someone who is a patriot and wants to serve their country.

### Q: Do you feel that the military is preparing you for a good career? A: Yes.

### Q: Do you feel that the military will take care of you? A: Yes.

#### Q: Where are you stationed now? What is it like there?

A: I am stationed at Marine Corps Ground Combat Center about 100 miles NE of Palm Springs in 29 Palms. There is about a 1-mile strip where everyone lives, and the rest is very desolate and used for training. It can be extremely hot - up to 110 degrees during the day and cold at night, down to 50 degrees.

#### Q: What is your typical day like? Could you describe it?

A: Typical Day: 0500- wake up

0600 - 0645 - physical training

0645 - 0700 - inspection

0700 - 0710 - formation

0710 - 0750 - eat

0750 - 0800 - get to the ramp/vehicles

0800 - whenever the tasks are done - work with vehicles

On evenings, I work out in the gym for 1-2 hours, then watch Netflix or play video games in my bunk.

### Q: How often can you go to your home in Circle C? Do you miss home?

A: I have the option to go home but it depends on the schedule. I haven't been home since Jan 1st. I don't miss home because I am here for a reason - to do a good job and serve my country.

### Q: How many days off do you get in a year? Are any holidays guaranteed for you?

A: We have every federal holiday off, but nothing is guaranteed in the military.

### Q: Are you worried about the U.S. engaging in a war? Do you feel properly prepared for that?

A: It's not my place to worry or decide whether we are prepared. It's my job to do the best I can for the Marine Corps and for the USA.

### Q: Are you worried about COVID on the base? Have you had any personal experience with COVID? Would you care to share them?

A: No comment on COVID.

Q: Where do you see yourself a year from now?

A: Still here at 29 Palms.

#### Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years? In 20 years?

A: That would depend on our economy then and where opportunities are found.

### Q: Thank you for your service to our country, Lukas. Do you have anything you would like to say to your neighbors back in Circle C? In your opinion, what is the best way for neighbors/friends/acquaintances to thank you for your service on Veterans Day?

A: The best way to thank a veteran is to be a good person. Be someone worth fighting for. Stay compassionate, caring, and loving.



### National Charity League, Inc.

### NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE, INC., SOUTH AUSTIN WILDFLOWERS CHAPTER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Austin, TX (September, 2020) – The South Austin Wildflower Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. (NCL), the nation's premier mother-daughter volunteer organization, has announced its Annual Membership Drive and has begun accepting applications from women with daughters currently in 6th through 9th grade. The South Austin Wildflower Chapter is comprised of nearly 230 members who reside in or attend school in Circle C, Sunset Valley, Bear Creek, Southside Barton Creek, Dripping Springs, and the Southwest Austin area.

The South Austin Wildflowers Chapter mother-daughter teams have already volunteered 3300 philanthropy hours in 2020 for 13 philanthropic organizations.

"We are excited for the opportunity to welcome new mothers and daughters into our Chapter as we continue to create life-long philanthropists who graciously serve the community," said Mollie Cullinane, South Austin Wildflowers Chapter President.

For more information, prospective members are encouraged to visit the South Austin Wildflower Chapter's website:

https://www.nationalcharityleague.org/chapter/southaustinwildflowers/ or send an email to Kristy Attaway or Leslie Alvarado, VPs of Membership, nclsouthatxmembership@gmail.com.

Membership Drive Details:

- Timeline: Applications for membership are only accepted during the Annual Membership Drive from October 1, 2020 to January 15, 2021.
- Eligibility: A prospective member shall reside within the reside in or attend school in Circle C, Sunset Valley, Bear Creek, Southside Barton Creek, Dripping Springs, and the Southwest Austin area and have a daughter currently in (6th through 9th grade).
- Prospective Member Meeting: Interested mothers are encouraged to attend one of the prospective member meetings. To receive an invitation, please contact the Chapter at nclsouthatxmembership@gmail.com.
- Applications: Completed applications are due by January 15, 2021. About National Charity League, Inc.

Established in Los Angeles, California in 1925, and incorporated in 1958, National Charity League, Inc. is the nation's premier mother-daughter non-profit organization. Through mission-based programming, National Charity League develops socially responsible community leaders and strengthens the mother-daughter bond. The core program includes leadership development, community service, and cultural experiences.

Currently, the philanthropic organization, which has grown by nearly 82 percent in the last decade, has over 70,000 Members in hundreds of Chapters across the nation. Last year, those Members contributed more than 2.7 million volunteer hours to more than 4,000 local philanthropy partners and their Chapters, resulting in a \$66 million fiscal impact. National Charity League will proudly celebrate its 95th anniversary in 2020.

For more information or for Alumnae interested in reconnecting, visit www.nationalcharityleague.org to find a Chapter in your area.



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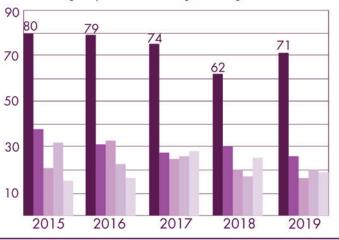




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Listed below is the number of homes I've represented for my sellers & buyers in Southwest Austin since 2015, compared to the other known agents you'll see advertising in our neighborhood.



MY NEIGHBORS deserve the best. No other agent comes close to buying & selling as many homes in Southwest Austin, year after year, than me. Backed by years of proven experience in this market, I continue to buy & sell more homes for my neighbors & friends than any other agent in the area, including agents in some of the largest national brokerages fighting to be the best. 2020 is on pace to be no different, even with anticipated shifts in the Austin market.

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Hey Southwest Austin, the market is extremely active right now, as buyers are making a mass-exodus to the suburbs and surrounding hill country from the downtown area and other large cities in Texas. Yes, many of our latest clients have moved from cities like Dallas and Houston to be closer to their adult children living in southwest Austin. Of course, we still have the usual migration of friendly newcomers moving from out-of-state also. If you would like to speak with John Squires to list your home for sale or help you in the purchase/build of your next home, please

Below is a home like no other that you have ever seen. This hill country custom was built "light years" ahead of any other property I've been in. The entire home has full automation, fully disappearing sliding glass doors to the outside, 11.2 "experience" surround sound, white oak hardwood floors and ceilings and commercial HVAC. The professional chef's kitchen features waterfall quartz, pencil-beam LED lighting and custom lighting that matches throughout the home. Water faucets are inside the exterior walls. Outside misters and bug repellant is all automatic, as you lounge in your custom pool with LED lighted fountains squirting to your favorite dance music. If you would like John to find you a little piece of land to build your dream home on, just give him a ring and he can do the same for you! These photos were taken at 95%~ completion. Approx. \$1.95M.



Call John Squires' real estate 'sell' phone at (512) 970-1970 at any time or text for a quick response. Thanks!













11111 Readvill Lane in Circle C Ranch is John's new listing that went under contract and "Sold!" with multiple offers over the weekend. John had this home professionally staged at his expense, lawn manicured, professionally painted (touched up) and brought to market. John entertained 4 offers and sold the home for approx. \$25,000. over list price. Properly listed, properly staged, properly marketed, professionally sold! Give John an opportunity to do the same for you.

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11111 Readville Lane in Circle C Ranch is "Contract Pending" John listed and brought this stunning Doyle Wilson custom home to the market and it received multiple offers. This RARE floor plan was Doyle Wilson's attempt at a split-level plan and although people loved it, the slab was too complicated and expensive, thus they canceled it after a few lucky buyers were able to obtain the homes already built. The home features 3 or 4 large bedrooms, separate office, game room and a HUGE master suite with completely renovated bathroom. The kitchen has been updated and the back yard is a manicured park. Multiple decks, fire pit, flora fauna and a private hot tub round out this hidden gem within walking distance to Kiker Elementary. Call John for more information. Listed at \$559,900.



Thinking of moving closer to the city and paying *LESS* taxes? Look no further than 1015 Sunflower Trail! This gorgeous opportunity was just listed by John and is perfect for those wishing for a easygoing lifestyle in Sunset Valley. This 3230 sq. ft. home features 3 large bedrooms, 3 full baths a game room loft (easy 4th bed) and a huge master suite. This area is Sunset Valley and not the City of Austin, thus your tax rate is 1.7%! This property is located close to entertainment, Central Market, shopping, hi-tech corridors and downtown is less than 10 minutes away. Call John for more information on this incredible home. Listed to sell at \$589,000.



6813 Hansa Loop in Circle C Ranch is "Sold!" John was approached by a private party to sell their rent home on the Circle C 'silent market', whereas qualified buyers were contacted to preview the property and bid on it, if desired. It was an investment property purchased with a short-term tenant intact with the lease conveying. Sold in the low \$500's. John has used the silent market over many years when listings require special showing conditions and it has been quite useful during Covid-19. Call John with any questions on how it may be implemented on selling your property.







Call John Squires at (512) 970-1970 to list your house for sale and/or buy another.

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