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### HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager*

#### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Circle C HOA Annual 4TH of July Parade is scheduled for Wednesday July 4th at the new Circle C Community Center. Gathering time is set for 9:30 AM. Come with your bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, and strollers pre-decorated or decorate in the parking lot when you arrive. The parade will step off at 10AM, led by Travis County Sheriff Officers and Engine 43 of the Austin Fire Department, if our amazing firefighters are not out saving lives and protecting homes. After the parade returns to the CCCC, there will be a Best Wheels judging and prizes awarded. We are still in the planning stages as we finalize plans for the event. We hope to have face painters and balloon twisters to entertain the kids. We are trying to arrange for Kona Ice to provide mini shaved ice cups to cool you off. We are hoping to find a mobile food truck to be in the parking lot to sell lunch not only to parade participants but also to the residents enjoying the swim center before and after the parade (maybe burgers, or subs sandwiches, or amazing hotdogs and fried pickle chips).

We are in desperate need of volunteers; participate in this fun-filled event and give back to your community with just a short commitment of your time. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, help the children decorate, judge the Best Wheels Contest, and clean up. Depending on your volunteer job, we would need you any time from 8:30am-11am. The HOA will provide volunteers with food. Grab your friends, grab your family, grab your neighbor, and come help your neighborhood by volunteering for this fun event!

Contact the HOA at 288-8663  
if you are interested in helping.



#### NEIGHBORHOOD MEET & GREET SPONSORS

Would you like to get together and meet some of your neighbors? We thought that it'd be a great idea to host some neighborhood meet and greets at the new Community Center. Since the neighborhood is so big, we will have the break it up into roughly 10 sections. We plan on hosting one per month, and each one will include a specific area of the neighborhood. We are hoping to have food, drink, and even possibly door prizes and special guests. First and for most, however, we need to send out direct mail flyers to invite everyone. We are looking for local neighborhood businesses that are willing to sponsor our event by compensating the flyers. The flyers would be post card size. The front would have all the information about the event, but the back would be available for advertising the business(es). If you are interested in promoting your local business to Circle C residents, please email [ashley@circlecranch.info](mailto:ashley@circlecranch.info) or call 288-8663 for more information.

#### CIRCLE C WELCOMES OUR NEW AQUATICS DIRECTOR!

We are excited to announce the hiring our new Aquatics Director, Brody McKinley. He's very excited to bring his knowledge and experience to Circle C. Drop by either pool to welcome him to the community. See page 15 to learn more about Brody.

#### CCCC PARKING LOT

We have noticed that many people visiting the Community Center Pool are speeding through the parking lot. Please keep your speeds low in this parking lot. There are many walking pedestrians, most of whom are children. We would hate for an accident to happen,

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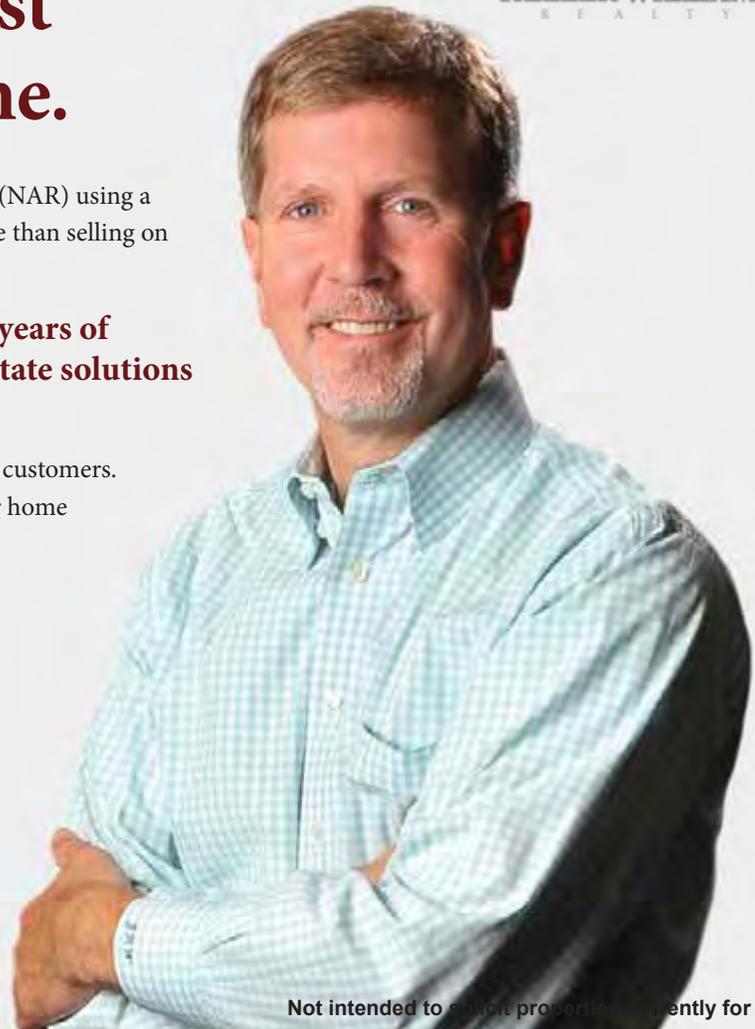
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# CCHOA News

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so please be safe by driving cautiously through the parking lot. We have also noticed that students from Clayton Elementary are using the parking lot as a cut through. Bikes, scooters, skate boards, etc. are not allowed in the parking lot. Please talk to your children and let them know that the parking lot should not be used as a cut through. Cars backing up may not see them. They should walk along the sidewalks with the crossing guards.

## COMMUNITY CENTER POOL RULES

Dear Neighbors,

We are all so excited that the new pool and community center is open! It has been many years of hard work for the HOA staff, former and current board members and our volunteer pool committee. I want to personally thank all of those who have been involved.

I wanted to address several issues concerning the new pool. There are some rules that are outside of the HOA staff and board's control. The fire marshal has set a limit on the number of people who can be in the water at one time at 210. The first few days that the pool was open there was a bit of a line to get in. I know this was frustrating to some of the homeowners. The fire marshal is the one who set the capacity limit, so please be patient and respectful to the staff. They are required to enforce this rule.

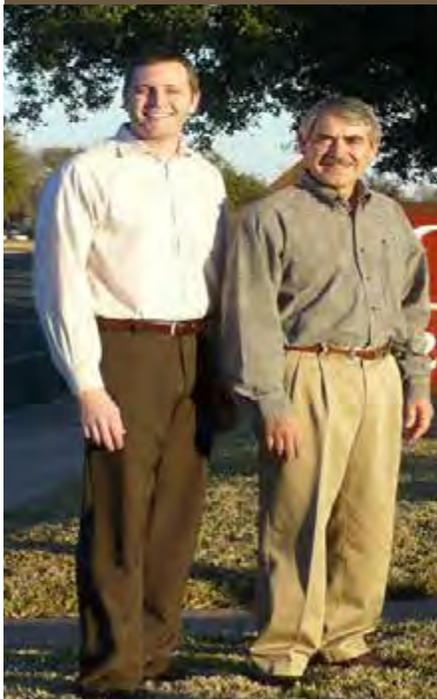
The slide has some rules that the slide manufacturer set. We would lose our warranty and perhaps have insurance/liability issues due to safety, if we do not adhere to these rules. First, there is a 48" height requirement. If you are not sure about your child's height, please measure your child at home first. We had several children that

were quite disappointed when they got there (including mine), because they were not quite at 48" yet. Second, only one rider can ride at a time. Children cannot ride on their parent's lap. Finally, the slide manufacturer also has a rule about no medal on bathing suits. Please check your suit and your child's suit before you leave the house. In the first few days, we had many parents using scissors to remove medal things on their child's bathing suits. Please be understanding and courteous to the pool staff, as they cannot make any exceptions.

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*All the best, Chris Poyner  
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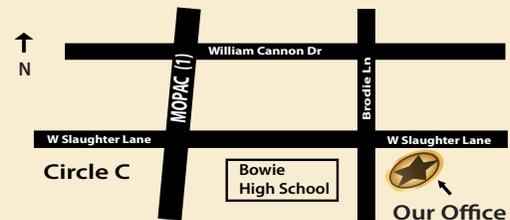


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# HOA Announcements

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, HOA Manager

## COMMUNITY CENTER SEPARATE FROM COMMUNITY CENTER POOL

The Community Center and the Community Center Pool are being run as two completely separate facilities. Just because you are visiting one facility, doesn't mean that you have access to the other. Therefore, just by reserving the Community Center, this does not mean you and all your guests have access to the pool. This also means that if you are visiting the pool, you may not enter the Community Center building. Often times, especially on weekends, there are special events being held at the Community Center. Please do not disturb these special events by coming inside the building.

## HOA OFFICE DOES NOT MAKE POOL ID CARDS

Please remember that the HOA office, now located at the new Community Center, does

not make the pool ID cards. If you need to get a pool ID card made, you need to visit the Swim Center. You may contact the Swim Center at 288-6057 for more information.

## NEW COMMUNITY CENTER POOL PHONE NUMBER

If you need to contact the new Community Center pool, their new phone number is 512-301-8259. The Swim Center pool phone number is remaining the same, 512-288-6057.

## SPEEDING ALONG LA CROSSE AND SPRUCE CANYON

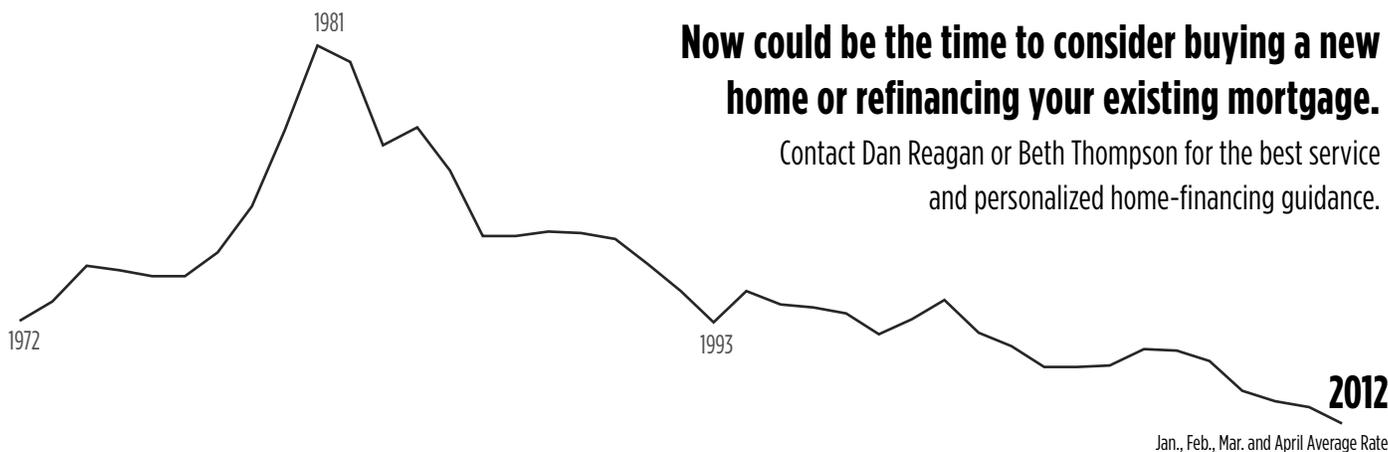
Slow down! We have heard multiple reports of cars speeding as fast as 65 mi/hr along Spruce Canyon and La Crosse. Spruce Canyon's speed limit is 30 mi/hr, and La Crosse's speed limit is 40 mi/hr. There are two schools along La Crosse, not to mention multiple walkers, bikers, and dogs. Because

of all the recent reports, we have requested for officers to come out more frequently to patrol the traffic. If you happen to see one of these speeders within our neighborhood, try to get their license plate number and report them to the police. Please drive safely in our neighborhood by keeping your speed within the speed limit.

## DEED RESTRICTIONS

As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drives at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) parked in the driveway. The HOA is required by state

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# CCHOA News

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law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info).

## GENERAL YARD MAINTENANCE DURING STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS

We understand that it is sometimes difficult to maintain your yard during the hot summer months, especially during the Stage 2 Watering Restrictions. Due to the City of Austin Stage 2 Watering Restrictions, now is not the time for installing new plantings, but we still expect homeowners to maintain their yards to their best abilities. Until the watering restrictions are lifted, there are a number of things that you must do to keep your property looking tidy and maintained: (1) mow and edge at a minimum of every two weeks, (2) removed all dead shrubbery, (3) trim all shrubbery (4) trim trees (5) clearly define and clean bedding areas, (6) re-mulch bedding areas, (7) remove, treat weeds, (8) sweep up and remove dead vegetation and leaves from lawn area, driveway, and walkways.

Besides just maintaining your yard by performing the above tasks, you can also make your home look beautiful by performing the following things: (1) power wash your home, driveway, and garage, (2) repaint your trim and shutters, (3) remove and dispose of all debris (4) replace or repair your window screens, (5) replace or repair broken fence pickets, (6) store all items and clutter in garage or out of view from the street. Please do your part to make Circle C a beautiful place to live!

## LEASH LAWS

Don't forget to keep your dogs leashed at all times. It is city ordinance to keep dogs on leashes at all times anywhere and everywhere outside of your property. This includes the commons areas and the greenbelt areas within the neighborhood. You can visit the City of Austin's website to see a list of unleashed dog parks in Austin. With the exception of these parks and your own personal property, dogs should always remain on leashes at all times.

## SNAKES IN CIRCLE C

Because of our vast amount of greenbelt space, Circle C is bound to see snakes and other wildlife. In fact, a resident has already reported seeing a 4 ft. rattlesnake in his back yard, which backs up to undeveloped area. Spring time is when we will see the most snakes in Austin. They are just coming out of hibernation and looking for food, plus it is their mating season. Last summer, we didn't see as many due to the drought, but because we keep getting rain, you need to be on the lookout! The best way to keep snakes out of your yard and home is to de-clutter. Snakes love having places to hide, so make sure to remove piles of rocks and debris and keep your lawn mowed. Keep your garage doors closed. Garages tend to be dark and have a ton of hiding places for snakes. Luckily most snakes in our area are harmless.

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If you find yourself face to face with a snake, especially one of the four venomous ones, walk away! Do not mess with them! Like most creatures, snakes only strike when they feel threatened. Make sure to keep your four-legged friend away from them too! This is a good reason to keep your dog on a leash at all times. If you see one of these venomous snakes in the neighborhood, call 311 to get ahold of Animal Control. If you are bitten by a venomous snake, seek medical attention immediately!

## NO POULTRY ALLOWED IN CIRCLE C

We have recently been receiving a lot of calls about chickens in our neighborhood. Sections 3 (a) within the CCHOA Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions states, "No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes, and further provided that they do not become an annoyance or nuisance to other property owners." Please contact the HOA at 288-8663 if you have any questions about this restriction.

## NO ABOVE GROUND POOLS IN CIRCLE C

Article IV, Section 9 (b) vi of the Covenants states, "No above ground level swimming pool may be installed on any lot, and any swimming pool shall be designed and engineered in compliance with the City of Austin Building Code." This does not apply to the blow up kiddie pools that are filled on a daily basis.



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Trash containers and recycle carts are permitted to be at the curb only on your scheduled collection day from 6:30 am until 10:00 pm. This is a requirement of the City of Austin. Trash containers and recycle carts are to be stored where not visible from the street at all other times.

### ***Are basketball goals allowed in Circle C?***

Permanently installed goals are not permitted in Circle C. The deed restrictions state that basketball goals are to be stored out of the view of neighbors when not in use. City of Austin code states that only motorized vehicles are allowed to be parked on public streets and all sidewalks must remain clear and open for pedestrians.

### ***Are cars allowed to be parked on the street?***

The CCHOA does not have jurisdiction over the streets in Circle C; they are the responsibility of the City of Austin. Obviously inoperable vehicles may not be parked or left on public streets for more than 72 hours. Please call 974-8119 to report an abandoned or non-operating vehicle. Expired tags (inspection or license) do not make a vehicle inoperable and vehicles with expired tags are allowed to remain parked if that is the only issue. Please call 311 to report illegally parked vehicles. Illegally parked cars are handled by the Austin Police Dept.

### ***What should I do about barking dogs and stray animals?***

Stray Animals may be picked up by animal control by calling 311. The City of Austin states it is unlawful for dogs to make frequent noise disturbing to persons in the neighborhood and violations should be reported to the City. You may also call the CCHOA office at 288-8663 with specific date and time for excessive barking. The staff will send a cooperative letter to the homeowner. Call 311 for information on how to have a dog registered with the City as dangerous or vicious.

### ***How do I report a street light outage?***

Every light pole has an assigned number mounted on the pole. Jot down that number and call the City of Austin 311 non-emergency number to make the report.

### ***Are boats, trailers and recreational vehicles allowed in Circle C?***

The Deed Restrictions require that any vehicle or trailer other than a conventional automobile be stored, placed or parked in an area concealed from view of other Homeowners. Our restrictions only apply to boats, trailers, and RVs on private property. The CCHOA has no authority over what might be parked on the public street. A boat or trailer in the street, not attached to a vehicle to pull it, should be reported to CoA Abandoned Vehicles, 974-8119.

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**What are the rules on maintenance?**

Homes are to be kept in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. Lawns and garden areas should be kept alive, free of weeds and attractive. Lawn mowing is required on a regular basis. Litter, trash, dead vegetation and debris should be promptly removed. Trees and shrubs are to be pruned. Public right of way and sidewalks should be clear and unobstructed. All shrubbery should be trimmed away from street signs and from corner traffic sight line obstructions. Trees are to be pruned to a height of 14' over the right of way.

**What are the rules in Circle C on walking with your dog off leash and what about picking up after your dog?**

Both of these issues fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Austin. It is against CoA ordinance to have a dog off leash except on your private property. It is also a requirement by the City that dog owners pick up and properly

dispose of their dog's feces. In this regard, we recommend dog walkers carry a plastic grocery bag or newspaper sleeve. Slide it on like a glove, pick up the offensive matter, pull the bag back over your hand, knot it and throw it in your trashcan when you return home. Please keep our landscaped commons areas beautiful and clean for the enjoyment of all.

**Do I have to submit plans for improvements and/or additions to my home?**

All improvements such as changes in paint or roofing color, decks, patio covers, pools, change in fencing or any other permanent structure must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. You may download an application form as well as a fee schedule on our website at [www.circlecranch.info](http://www.circlecranch.info) under the "ACC" quick link section.

**What do I need to visit the Swim Centers?**

All residents must possess and show their swim center ID card to enter the facilities. ID cards are available at the aquatic office. Contact

288-6057 for information on what is required to obtain an ID. Guests of Circle C residents must pay a \$3 entrance fee and sign a liability waiver before entering the facility. Children under 3 are free.

**Are door to door solicitors and door flyers allowed in Circle C?**

Both of these issues are governed by the City of Austin. By City ordinance, solicitors must abide by "No Soliciting" signs on private property. Some neighbors have had success in placing a small "No Soliciting" sign near the doorbell and/or a small staked sign near the front porch.

**What do new Texas residents need to know?**

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety ([www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)) a new Texas resident is required by state law to obtain a Texas driver's license, get a Texas vehicle inspection and a vehicle title/registration within 30 days of moving to Texas to legally operate a vehicle.

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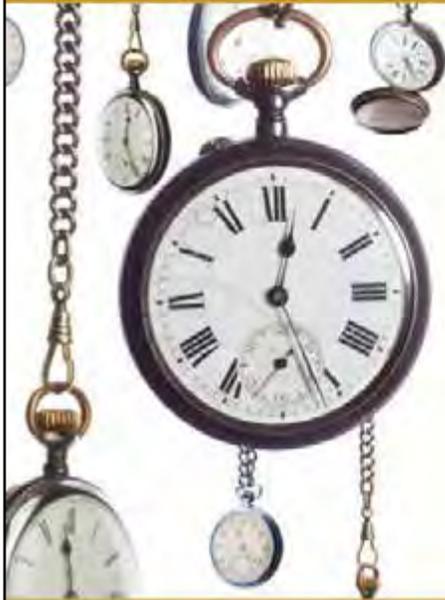
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## Swim Center News

*Submitted by Sammie Surguy*

### COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER

The Community Swim Center is now open and made a huge splash the weekend of May 5th and 6th. Just a reminder that at the Community Swim Center the Facility's Capacity is only 210 people, at our busier times you may be asked to wait to enter the premises. Also if your swim suit has any metal on the sides or back of the swim suit, you will not be permitted to go down the slide. The height requirement to ride the slide is 48 inches. For your safety, please do not distract the Lifeguards while they are doing their primary duty, which is guarding the pool. If you have any questions or concerns while visiting either of our wonderful pool amenities, please look for a lifeguard that is not on stand or go to our front office. Please remember that our lifeguards do not make the pool rules, they are here to enforce the rules and to keep everyone safe.

### GROUP SWIM LESSON

Group Swim Lessons are going on and filling up fast! The first two-week sessions for the month of June will begin on June 5 and will be ongoing through the summer. All swimmers must complete a required swim evaluation prior to enrollment. Evaluations will be held every Sunday by Coach Amanda from 4-6 p.m. There is no appointment necessary for evaluations, just show up anytime between 4-6 p.m. on Sundays. Coach Amanda will also be holding swim evaluation the first Friday of every month from 6-8pm. Let the front desk know you're here for a swim evaluation, and we'll direct you to the testing area. The swimmer will be in the water for less than five minutes and Coach Amanda will let you know which class will be most beneficial for the swimmer. Full details can be found in the online activity guide, [www.ccsim.net](http://www.ccsim.net).

### Summer Swim Center Hours May 31 - August 26, 2012

<b>Monday</b>	..... Closed
<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>	..... 6-10am Lap Swim Only
	..... 10am-8pm Recreation & Lap Swim
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### Summer Community Swim Center Hours May 31 - August 26, 2012

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Mr. McKinley's passion for Aquatics continued on into college. There he worked at the Miami University Aquatics Recreation Center while also managing the lifeguard staff at a local country club. After moving to Austin, Mr. McKinley continued in the country club



field. It was here that he began implementing his own programs in the areas of lifeguard management, training, emergency planning and preparedness, swim lessons, and other Aquatic Programming. He then moved in to the commercial pool management industry. He acted as Aquatics Director, managing a Commercial Pool and Lifeguard Management company, before coming to Circle C.

Mr. McKinley holds current American Red Cross certifications at the Instructor Level for Lifeguard Instructing (LGI), First Aid Instructor, CPR-AED Instructor for the Professional Rescuer, Administering Emergency Oxygen Instructor. He is a Certified Pool Operator (CPO). Mr. McKinley is also certified in Open Water SCUBA, and Texas Food Handling.



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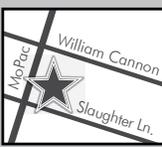
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# Clubs & Announcements

## Circle C Landscape Oak Wilt in Circle C

*Submitted by Susan Hoover*

*The City Forester has recently diagnosed oak wilt in two areas of Circle C.*

- **Circle C North.** Two trees located adjacent to the east mail center behind the new wall have been diagnosed with Oak Wilt. The trees are receiving a permit for removal. As a preventative measure, the CCHOA has treated the nearby surrounding oaks with a fungicide to hopefully stop the spread of oak wilt.
- **South Bay Greenbelt between Gorham Glen and Back Bay.** One tree in the greenbelt located approximately 800 feet north of the South Bay post office has been diagnosed with oak wilt. The CCHOA will be having the tree removed, and treating nearby trees with fungicide.

If you live in close proximity to either of these areas, it is advisable to have a certified arborist take a look at your live oaks. If you believe you have oak wilt, please contact the City Forester for our area, Chris Dolan at 974-1881 and he will take a look. If you have a tree that has died and needs to be removed, please be aware that you need a tree removal permit from the City of Austin for any trees greater than 19" in caliper.

For more information on oak wilt, you can access the City of Austin website at [www.austintexas.gov](http://www.austintexas.gov) and search under trees. Another good resource is the Texas Forest Service's [www.texasoakwilt.org](http://www.texasoakwilt.org). Both sites will give recommendations about tree pruning and other practices that are critical in saving your trees.



### Additional Tree News

There is a group of trees located west of the monument at Slaughter and Escarpment. These have not been diagnosed with oak wilt, but they do show the signs of hypoxylon, another fungus that kills trees. Arborists are noticing an increase in hypoxylon in our area. Hypoxylon primarily attacks trees that are stressed or injured. Our recent drought has brought on more cases of hypoxylon, although it generally does not infest healthy trees. One of the tell tale signs of hypoxylon is the bark of the tree falling off.

### Taking Care of Circle C Trees

In the commons areas of Circle C, we have approximately 2200 shade trees. These are monitored on a regular basis, and most of the trees along the major boulevards have received a health prune. In Circle C we do have oak wilt centers in various areas. We have been aggressive about treating trees adjacent to oak wilt diagnosed trees with the fungicide and it has worked well in many cases. We cooperate with the City of Austin and the Texas Forest Service in prevention and treatment of oak wilt in surrounding areas. All of the tree treatment and major pruning in Circle C is performed by a certified arborist. The Circle C Landscape crew trims branches that are less than 1" in diameter over the pedestrian areas. All of the applicable procedures for trimming and pruning of live oaks are followed. In addition, we promote planting more trees, and tree diversification to further improve the health of our urban forest.

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# Clubs & Announcements

## Park West HOA News (Specifically for Park West Residents) *Submitted by Dorian de Wind*

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

While the Park West Homeowners Association provides front lawn mowing and trimming, owners are responsible for adequate watering to maintain a green lawn and landscape area. Please make sure that your irrigation system is set to water your lawn on just one day -- between midnight and 10 am on Saturday (houses with odd addresses) or Sunday (houses with even addresses). The City of Austin allows more than one watering cycle during this time period and many homeowners have asked Pearson Landscape Service to program their sprinkler systems to run twice on Saturday or Sunday to provide adequate watering. You can request a free sprinkler check by contacting our Landscaper Liaison Jackie Rollins at 940-5745.

We are searching for owners to be on the following HOA volunteer committees: Gates and Infrastructure, Landscape and Rules. Participating on a committee is a good way to meet your neighbors as well as to contribute your talents to the community. Please see the notice at the mail centers to contact a board member to get further information and/or sign up for a committee. Please ask a neighbor for assistance if you are going away and want to have your garbage and recycling carts put out at the curb for Monday collection. Carts should not be out prior to 5 pm on Sunday and should be returned to the garage (or other hidden storage area) by Monday night.

With summer coming and school out of session, please observe the 20 mile per hour speed limit on our streets. We have many families with children and the little ones can often be seen riding their scooters and bikes in the street and on the sidewalks. Parents, thank you for watching your pre-school age children when they are out playing.

And of course, if you have a dog, be a good neighbor and SCOOP THE POOP! Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers living in Park West!

### LANDSCAPER NEWS

April was very dry with no measurable rain. I requested more watering time, under Circle C landscape's control, for the west mail center, and eventually more time was added to the zones. In the meantime, we watered the long curb strip and the flowers by hand and continue to do so until the grass in the strip fills in to adequate density. Hand-watering the flowers has taken place almost daily (when we are there) for several years in order to promote flower health and beauty at the entrances. We regularly spray the flowers with a balanced liquid organic fertilizer to promote blooming and bloom longevity.

Irrigation checks have become quite numerous as Arelin is checking from between three and seven systems a week. Our K-mag and gypsum treatments made quite a difference in getting the grass to become denser. And the pre-emergent has, for the most part, kept the

number of weeds way down. We mowed Lot 103 and the east and west mail centers. An area that was missed in back of the east mail center was quickly noted and mowed to the specification of the PWHOA board.

*Thank you. Scott Smith,  
Pearson Landscape Service.*

### A NEIGHBOR'S TIES TO AN AUSTIN HISTORICAL SITE

I am sure many Park West residents were recently as pleasantly surprised as I was to see one of our neighbors prominently featured on KXAN-TV talking to Jim Swift about one of Austin's historical sites, a "hidden historic jewel." The program addressed the ongoing restoration and "the salvation" of the Zilker Park caretaker's cottage, a picturesque little house located on the grounds of the park, by the Barton Springs Pool, separated -- and hidden -- from the rest of the park by an 8-foot privacy fence.

**The Zilker Park Caretaker's Cottage**  
**Photo: PICA 27728, Austin History Center**



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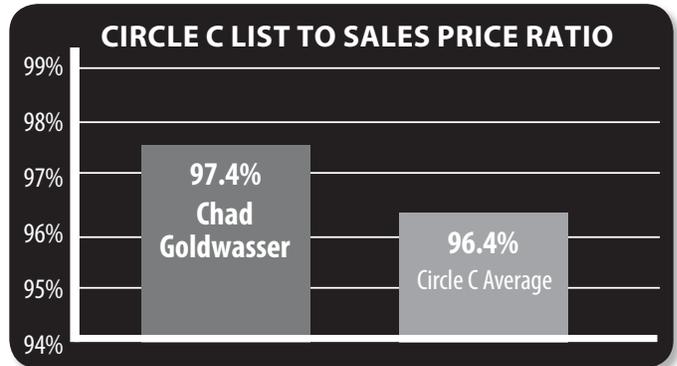
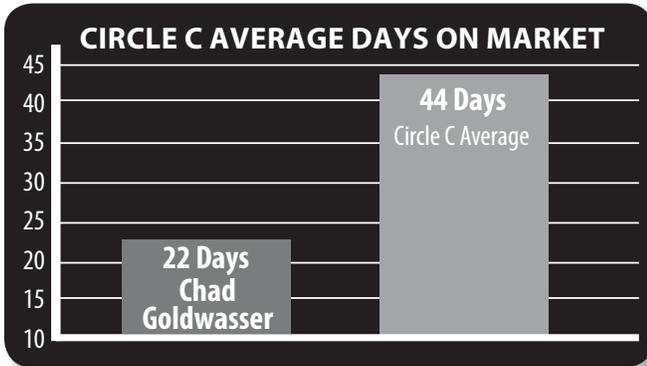
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Thanks John!" Matt and Shelley Jackson

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# Park West HOA News

*Park West HOA News- (Continued from Page 18)*

KXAN could not have chosen a better person than our own Jack Robinson to reminisce about and bring life to the now-empty house, for Jack and his family -- the former Jan Hatley and their three sons -- called that cottage home for a decade starting in 1964. But the Robinson family's ties to that Austin landmark -- Swift calls it "a historic Austin treasure" -- go back even more. You see, Jack's father -- they called him "Buster" Robinson -- who had moved to Austin from Bastrop in 1928, just as the Great Depression was beginning to take hold, went to work for the Austin Public Works Department building the rock wall that was to transform a popular swimming hole to an even more popular swimming pool and recreation area.

In 1935 the then-caretaker of Barton Springs Pool became ill and Buster Robinson was promoted to Zilker Park caretaker and moved in with his family into the caretaker's cottage. The family included Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and five children. The youngest of the children was Jack Robinson.

Jack would live in the historic caretaker's house with his parents and four siblings until he joined the Navy in 1953, managing the pool for his father while attending the University of Texas and doing one of his favorite things, swimming in Barton Springs Pool, of course.

But not everything was idyllic in the Park. Jack remembers the almost annual floods that washed away parts of the rock wall and created all kinds of havoc. He especially remembers the big flood of 1935 that brought 5 foot and 8 inches of muddy Colorado River and Barton Creek water pouring into their home. Fortunately, the Robinson family had received advanced warning and had been able to move most of their belongings to higher and safer grounds. Nevertheless, when the waters receded, "you have never seen such a holy, slimy mess," Jack says.

As fortune and Jack's education and experience would have it, in 1964 the City of Austin hired Jack into his father's job -- Manager of Zilker Park -- and with the job came the cottage and another ten years of living in an Austin landmark for Jack and his family. After holding several positions with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR), Jack would go on to become its Director in 1973, a position he held until 1978.



**"Buster" Robinson navigating a canoe on the Zilker Park parking lot during 1935 floods (Barton Springs Pool bathhouse in background) Photo: Jack Robinson**

During the time with the Austin PARD and into the mid '80s, Jack served as one of the founders of the National Wildflower Center and served on its Board until 1986. He worked with Lady Bird Johnson on this project and on the beautification of the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail, which Jack considers to be the highlight of his professional career. Jack continued to serve the people of Texas and our parks and recreation areas well into the '80s both as Director of the Dallas Department of Parks and Recreation and as member, president and chairman of various state and national recreation and park associations and institutes.

Most of us in Park West know Jack as a great neighbor, an outstanding former member of our HOA Board of Directors and a great all-around person. Now you know the rest of the story. To read and view Jim Swift's program on the Zilker caretaker cottage and his interview with Jack Robinson, please go to <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/hidden-historic-jewel-to-be-uncovered>. You'll enjoy it.

**Jack Robinson with former Zilker Park cottage caretakers Sarah Macias (left) and Jim Rodgers (right) Photo: Courtesy Austin History Center**



## HELPING OUT A NEIGHBOR VETERAN

In the last column we mentioned the response by "The Neighborhood" group headed by Park West resident Don Busby to the call for help for disabled Vietnam War veteran Allen Hancock.

The Neighborhood has graciously offered to build a ramp and a covered walkway at Allen's home so that the wheelchair-bound veteran can exit his home through the back door in case the front door is blocked or inaccessible in an emergency. The organization is also planning to build a hard surface at the end of the existing ramp to prevent his wheelchair from sinking into the ground in wet conditions.

The Neighborhood is coordinating with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4443 in Oak Hill to accomplish the work.

Additionally, The Neighborhood is hoping to assist the veteran in dealing with the Veterans Administration in order to be fitted with a new prosthetic leg to replace the present one that does not fit properly. The Neighborhood is still collecting summer men's clothing for the homeless. If you would like to contribute, please contact Don at [dbusby@commercegrp.com](mailto:dbusby@commercegrp.com).

Finally, the Busby (ALS) Foundation will hold a fundraising event -- a Rock and Roll Golf Tournament with live bands spaced throughout the golf course -- in September at the Grey Rock golf course. Stay tuned for additional details.



## SEE YOU IN JULY

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# Clubs & Announcements

## Grey Rock Tennis Club Manager/Director of Tennis Gives Advice on How to Play Tennis

*Submitted by Fernando Velasco, General Manager, Grey Rock Tennis Club*

In the previous issue, I answered questions about beginning to play tennis, how to select tennis equipment and clothing. In this issue, I will answer questions regarding how to begin playing with friends and family.

**Q: I have taken some beginner lessons and I am ready to start practicing. What is the best way?** A: Starting to play tennis, is like learning to swim or riding a bike. You need to start slowly and gain confidence over time. I suggest acquiring some used tennis balls from a club (we have plenty at our club), and start hitting them back and forth from the service line to service line. New balls are much too lively and if you only use three balls, you will end up spending more time chasing them than hitting them.

**Q: What about playing with my children?** A: If your child is between ages 4-11 and has taken some tennis lessons in an organized program, more than likely they were accustomed to playing with softer "QuickStart" balls and transitional rackets. Children need to learn to execute the stroke properly without thinking about the court and the net. I usually begin with children of these ages, stroking a ball against a fence or windscreen. Later on once they learn to make

contact with the ball, I bring them close to the net onto the actual tennis court, and I have them hit the balls being fed.

**Q: If I am the feeder of the balls, where should I stand?** A: Most tennis coaches now, spend a great deal of teaching standing next to the players feeding them balls from both behind and from the side, next to the player. This way, the player hitting the ball, learns to adjust to the ball without having to do a great deal of running. When I see a player becoming more confident with making contact with the ball and clearing the net, I will begin feeding the balls to them from the other side of the net. The player should start hitting the balls from the service line, and move further towards the baseline as he succeeds hitting the balls with more control.

**Q: When is time to rally back and forth?** A: Once the player is adept to hit both forehands and backhands with consistency, when the ball is being fed from the opposite side near the service line, I then will move back to the baseline and start to rally back and forth. I normally let the student start the rally, making sure that he is executing the stroke properly. Also, safety calls for the basket or

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extra balls to be clear his path on his side of the court.

**Q: How should I practice the serve?** A: One of the most difficult shots of tennis to master is the serve. Also, it is the easiest one to practice, because a player can practice it alone. I suggest using many tennis balls and begin by first serving from the service line and proceed to move back toward the base line until success is achieved with getting the ball in the proper service box. If practicing with a partner, one can be serving, while the other practices returning serve.

**Q: How about playing points?** A: If players are familiar with the traditional scoring system, I suggest playing regular games. For practice purpose, I encourage my students to play using the table tennis scoring system. Serve five balls, and then allow the opponent to serve five. Change sides every 10 points. This way, a player learns to play the point, rather than the game. First to achieve 21 points wins.

In the next issue, I will answer questions regarding the rules of tennis and how to become involved in a league. Until then, proceed to the nearest the tennis court, wear light clothes, drink lots of fluid and have a great time learning and practicing the “game of a lifetime”

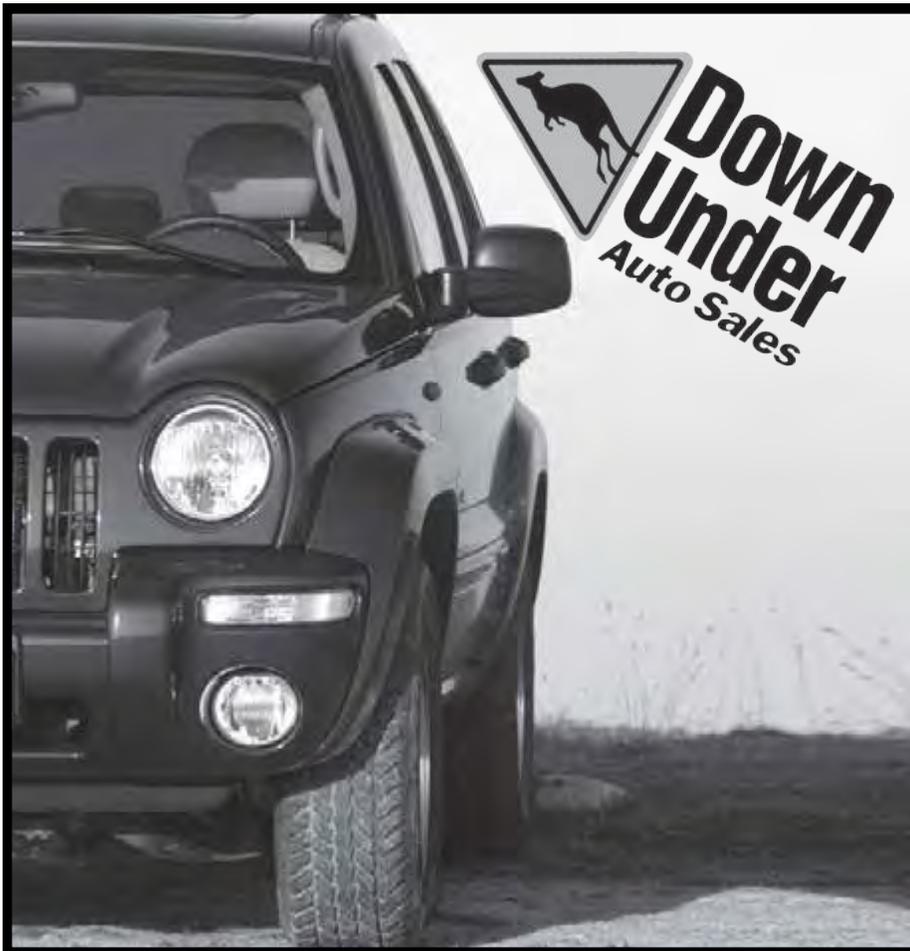
You also may have noticed that we have changed the name from “Circle C Tennis Club” to “Grey Rock Tennis Club”. New name, but same service and programs.

## Congratulations to our Circle C Tennis CATA Winners

The players below received the Most Valuable Player awards during the CATA Junior Awards Banquet. They all represented their respective schools and clubs. Some of these players have been with our programs for the past 10 years and we are proud to see them being selected by their peers, coaches and pros as the leaders of their teams. Congratulations to all!



**Left to Right: James Bronson, MVP Anderson High School; Jacob Belanger, MVP Bowie High School; Jason Alexander, MVP Circle C Tennis Club; Jackson Cobb, MVP Bailey Middle School, and Swati Yarlagadda, MVP Circle C Tennis Club. Back row: Coaches Darin Pleasant and Mandon Maloney. Not in picture: Paige Johnson, MVP Bowie High School and Adolfo Gonzalez, MVP Lehman High School**



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## Gorzycki Middle School News

*Submitted by Mary Jo Wood, Gorzycki Middle School PTA Historian*

Gorzycki Middle School tiger parents are raising givers! During Gorzycki's spring Community Outreach Program, tiger families pounced on service opportunities from Keep Austin Beautiful, Goodwill, Capital Area Food Bank and The Austin Animal Center, donating their time and talent to give back to causes larger than themselves.

During the volunteer drive, Gorzycki tiger students and parents teamed up on March 31 at the Austin Animal Center, the largest municipal shelter in Central Texas, to help socialize and train ready-to-adopt animals. The goal of the center is to place homeless animals in adoptions, foster care, or rescue partner groups, and Gorzycki tigers were RARING to go to help shelter dogs needing "forever homes," briefly liberating them from behind bars to play, go for walks, and receive treats.

After attending a brief orientation at the center's attractive new location, each student/parent team leashed and exercised up to eight dogs for 15-minute stretches during a

two-hour time period. Some teams walked pairs of dogs if the animals were brought in together and shared a pen. The dogs were well-behaved, highly sociable, and joyfully exuberant to be freed from their pens. One friendly pit bull mix was so excited he jumped and twisted his body in the air before proceeding on his walk. Another mixed breed was so hungry for treats he ate the plastic bag and all-- everything but the label!

By mid-April every available space in the near 695-capacity center was full, and the shelter waived the adoption fee for all ready-to-adopt pets, which are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and given a collar, tagged and micro-chipped to encourage placements and help the center move toward its "no-kill" status. Due to capacity issues, the selection of pets available for adoption is incredible. "Summer is the busiest time of year for pet adoptions," said Marisa from the Animal Center. "We are in the midst of a campaign to encourage pet owners to micro-chip and spay or neuter their pets to address the capacity issues that arise at this time," she added.

For those ready to adopt or foster a "gently used" pet or just wanting to spend some time befriending loving animals needing care and attention, the animal center is the go-to place for a wonderful learning and bonding experience. The shelter is located at 7201 Levander Loop in east Austin near Highway 183 and Cesar Chavez, and is about a thirty-minute drive from southwest Austin.

**To view all pets available for adoption, as well as lost pets, log onto [www.austininanimalcenter.org](http://www.austininanimalcenter.org).**

**Donations are welcomed & appreciated.**

**Gorzycki tigers believe these Austin-surrendered animals are worth giving to & worthy of a second look & a second chance for love!**



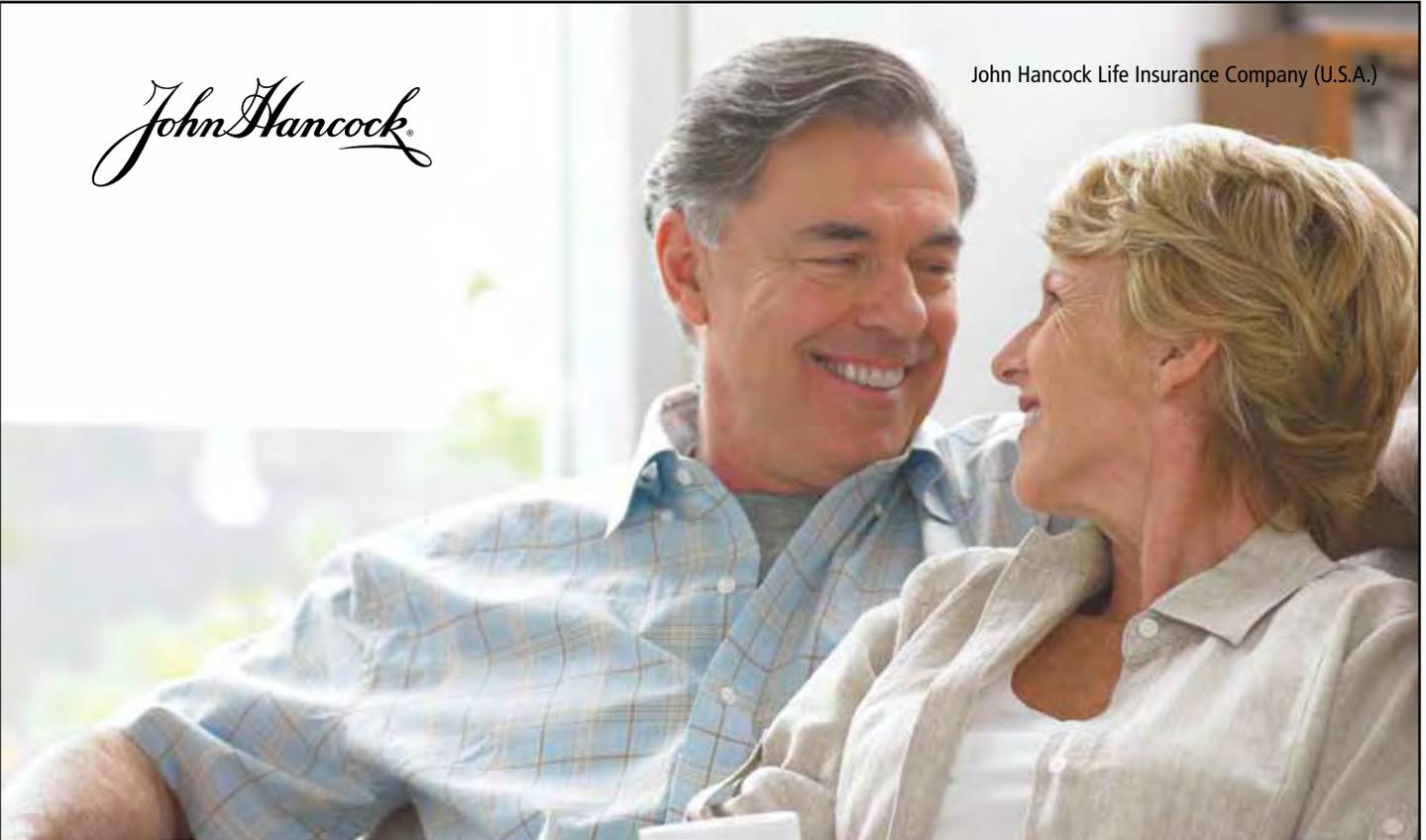
*Twelve-year-old German Shepherd Mix "Cheyenne" gets a big hug from 8th grade Gorzycki tiger Meredith Wood to cheer her up. (Cheyenne's story had a happy ending: she was adopted out of the shelter shortly after our visit.)*



*This majestic Rottweiler mix stands to attention in the hands of Tiger Dad Derek Castillo.*



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*Submitted by Susan Haddad*

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*Submitted by Lisa Williams*

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*Submitted by Melinda McKenna*

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## Austin Newcomers Club JUNE LUNCHEON

*Addie Broyles – Food Editor for the  
Austin American-Statesman is the guest speaker.*

Hailing from the Missouri Ozarks, Addie Broyles expanded her cooking (and eating) skills on the West Coast and Spain before settling in Austin, where she is the food writer for the Austin American-Statesman. Addie, who was named the top food writer in Austin by the Austin Chronicle in 2011, is a founder of the Austin Food Blogger Alliance and has spoken at conferences around the country, including here at South by Southwest Interactive. Her speaking topics include, How Technology Is Changing The Food World. When she's not wrangling her two young sons or her three backyard chickens, she also writes about women and food on her blog, The Feminist Kitchen. Addie's will be describing the details of her position at the Austin American Statesman.

### WHEN & WHERE

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant,  
811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00  
Reservations are required.

### TIME

11:30 a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon  
For Luncheon Reservations: Email:  
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## We Live in Tornado Alley, "Don't Use Your Head"

Submitted by Dorian de Wind

The last few years have seen some of the most active tornado seasons in history. In 2011, there were at least 1,600 tornadoes in the U.S. and approximately 550 fatalities, making it one of the deadliest years on record. This year, with tornado season only beginning as of this writing, already 63 people have died, and it could be another record year if trends continue. While we live in the southernmost edge of what is called "Tornado Alley," the danger is still real and significant. There are many ways to improve your chances of survival and to minimize injuries should the unthinkable happen. Some of these measures, such as building or purchasing a shelter, can be impractical and run into several thousands of dollars.

Listening to National Public Radio (NPR) a few days ago, I heard of a readily available, easy to use, relatively cheap and effective protective measure that made me wonder why I had not heard of it before. It is the use of safety helmets -- a simple bicycle or baseball helmet -- especially for our kids. NPR gave the example of an 8-year-old boy caught up in a violent tornado last year in Alabama, whose life was saved because he was wearing a baseball helmet -- the kind used in Little League with a strap and face guard.

Why is such head protection so important, especially for children? According to the doctor who treated the Alabama boy: *Children's heads are relatively large compared to the rest of their body. So during a tornado, where they're thrown by the wind or an object is thrown into them or a building collapses, it is most frequently the head that is injured.* Many other safety advocates are now urging families to have children wear helmets as part of tornado preparedness. If you don't have helmets, get them and know where they are so that if and when a tornado threatens in our area, you can take them immediately to your place of shelter.

As Russ Fine, at the Injury Control Research Center (ICRC) at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, says: "Will it 100 percent absolutely, positively save your life? Probably not. But it's a whole lot better than having no helmet on, and that's a no-brainer." Another simple but valuable suggestion: Have shoes available in your place of shelter, since we are often barefoot in our homes and tornadoes cause dangerous debris.

Please read more about this subject at [http://www.buffingtonpost.com/dorian-de-wind/tornado-safety\\_b\\_1459863.html](http://www.buffingtonpost.com/dorian-de-wind/tornado-safety_b_1459863.html)

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## “Shock of a Lifetime”

Submitted by Jennifer Hawkins

During a seemingly normal weekday morning in February of 2009, my two children and I woke up to the shock of a lifetime. My husband Mark, had passed away unexpectedly in his sleep. Our lives were instantly turned upside down and inside out.

Through the love and support of our incredible neighbors here in the Woods of Circle C, and countless friends and family, we made it through the hardest months of our lives. Our neighbors brought us food, babysat, helped me with errands, and most importantly...offered a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, and a warm smile to brighten our days.

Mark was loved deeply by those who were in his life. He was a warm, loving man who waved at everyone he knew. He even waved at people he didn't know, just in case they were someone he did know. He was full of joy and he spread it around liberally. He was a loving and kind father, as well as a gentle and supportive husband.

It has now been over three years since he passed away and our lives are very different, yet in ways, thanks to our neighbors, still the same. We still hang out in the cul-de-sac, go to parties, laugh and enjoy life. But, Mark is not here.

Yet at times... it's as if he is. After Mark died, many of our friends told us stories of coincidences and dreams where Mark was involved. So many coincidences popped into our lives, that I started to take notes so I could share the incredible stories with our children one day.

Those notes turned into a book called “The Gift Giver.” In it I share the events, emotions, shifts and lessons our family experienced as a result of losing Mark. I also share times when I believe Mark was communicating with me. During the year after his death, there were many instances where Mark seemed to be sharing his knowledge, spreading his warm love around us, and even helping us survive and move forward.

In closing, I want to say thank you. Thank you to our wonderful neighbors who have made this very different and unexpected future a gift, rather than a drudgery. Circle C is a very special place to live. The people here are the most loving and caring I've ever run into. We feel blessed to live here.

*Jennifer Hawkins and her family have lived in Circle C since 2004. For more information about her experience please visit, [www.thegiftgiverbook.com](http://www.thegiftgiverbook.com).*

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They often invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population breeding on the outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations of these home invaders, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are flowerbeds by the foundation, turn the mulch to allow it dry out to make the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup near the foundation. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture. The pests can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum and disposed of. Outdoors, you may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that may be harboring large populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs or isopods.

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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North	17	2,018	\$ 131	\$ 264	1996	25	3	8
On The Park	4	3,466	\$ 115	\$ 398	1997	9	3	3
Wildflower	12	2,277	\$ 122	\$ 279	2001	95	3	2
Park West	7	2,282	\$ 134	\$ 306	2001	52	2	1
Vintage Place	2	3,184	\$ 106	\$ 337	2003	77	0	3
Hielscher	13	2,859	\$ 124	\$ 354	2004	27	6	3
West	17	3,563	\$ 118	\$ 420	2004	32	5	6
Park Place	7	2,562	\$ 126	\$ 322	2005	53	0	3
Muirfield	3	3,612	\$ 139	\$ 502	2005	34	4	2
Enclave 1 & 2	4	2,764	\$ 123	\$ 340	2006	63	2	1
Lacrosse	3	2,977	\$ 116	\$ 345	2007	56	2	0
Alta Mira	9	2,855	\$ 124	\$ 353	2008	73	1	4
Fairway Estates	2	4,704	\$ 124	\$ 585	2009	63	0	0
Enclave Estates	1	4,423	\$ 119	\$ 525	2009	7	2	0
Avana-Esquel	7	2,600	\$ 132	\$ 342	2012	42	1	1
<b>Circle C Ranch Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>\$ 124</b>	<b>\$ 342</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>54</b>
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