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CLUBHOUSE AND GOLF COURSE RENOVATIONS**

River Place Country Club is celebrating the anniversary of their \$2 million dollar renovation to their clubhouse, as well as the \$750,000 renovation of their golf course. "Our Membership and community as a whole has embraced and enjoyed all of the updates and upgrades we worked so hard to complete. It is great to see the excitement over the last year, as it has truly revitalized our Club," said Steven Held, President and CEO of The Dominion Golf Group. The Dominion Golf Group purchased River Place Country Club in 2003. The group has 3 owners in total, and six golf clubs including Onion Creek, Twin Creeks, The Dominion in San Antonio, with the Dallas area being served by the Lantana and Bridlewood Golf Clubs.

"Our staff, both inside the Clubhouse and out on the course, were fully dedicated and committed during the sometimes grueling process of renovations. Looking forward, we continue to focus on our Vision of being the Best Family Club in Austin," said Held.

The Grand Re-Opening Celebration will take place on Sunday, October 4th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and will include both Golf and Tennis Clinics, Food and Drink, and family activities, ending with a 9-Hole Golf Scramble at 3pm.

The process of the physical changes at River Place started over two years ago, although plans for renovations began in 2008, but due to the recession, were put on hold. Years later, the parameters for renovations had changed, with the need much greater, especially due to growth in the community. River Place's vision is that the Club is an extension of the community's homes. Held's goal is for River Place Country Club Members and the surrounding community to be as proud and comfortable to entertain at the Club, as they would be in their own homes. Held said, "Anything short of a full renovation would not have serviced our needs and taken us closer to our vision." With the relocation of the fitness center and locker rooms, the newly expanded family dining room, pro-shop relocation and a new adults-only "19th Hole" Bar, the overall traffic flow and usability of the Club as vastly improved.

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To submit an article for the River Review please email it to riverreview@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

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“Having served the Four Points area for several years, we recognized the unparalleled growth, and understood the importance of growing along with the community. While assessing the Clubhouse upgrades in progress, the decision to further invest and renovate our golf course seemed exactly on the right track,” stated Held. “Our pride in this flourishing Club is evident and we are thrilled to have taken this course to the next level.”

The \$750,000 golf course renovation included replacement of turf on all 20 greens (18 on-course greens and 2 practice greens) with the ultra-dwarf hybrid, Tiff-Eagle, and expanding the size of each green. Included in the course renovation was rebuilding all sand bunkers featuring the same best-in-class sand used at their “Sister Properties”, Twin Creeks Country Club, Lantana Golf Club in Flower Mound and The Dominion Country Club in San Antonio, and included all new drainage work and new state-of-the-art liners to prevent future contamination of the bunkers.

Austin’s own Tom Kite, Champions Tour professional and World Golf Hall of Fame member, designed the course with help from local golf course architect, Roy Bechtol. Both Kite and Bechtol were consulted and worked closely with the River Place team on the recently completed improvements.

“Historically, the River Place course has had the stigma of a difficult course. The changes included increasing the overall green size by 20%; the bunkers have been modified to make the contours softer and some shallower. We have taken one of the most scenic courses in Central Texas and made it much more playable, more Member friendly which will significantly improve the Golfer’s experience overall,” Held said.

Now that River Place is celebrating the anniversary of renovation completion, the Club hopes to share their excitement and invite Members, Guests and the Four Points Community to their October 4th Open House Celebration. “This could not have been possible without the Members’ and the community’s support throughout the entire renovation process. We would like to thank them by including them in this fabulous event. We are thrilled to be showcasing and sharing the new amenities of our Club,” said Raquel Hebben, Membership Director at River Place Country Club.”

“If you haven’t visited River Place Country Club lately, we certainly think you will be impressed,” said Brad Roumaya, General Manager. “You can feel the pride and excitement of both our Membership and Staff. We hope the Four Points community will come out on October 4th to see all that we have to offer!”

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ABOUT RIVER PLACE COUNTRY CLUB

River Place Country Club (www.riverplaceclub.com) is set in the rolling hills of Northwest Austin and celebrates the cerebral and the physical challenges of golf for players of all skill levels. Its demanding layout features more than 6,600 yards golf on spectacular terrain, set around twisting creeks and secluded canyons, it possesses some of the most scenic views of any course in Texas.

The club has strong ties to the Texas Capitol city. Austin's own Tom Kite, Champions Tour professional and World Golf Hall of Fame member, designed the course with help from local golf course architect, Roy Bechtol.

River Place Country Club, Austin's premier family-oriented private club, is owned and operated by The Dominion Golf Group. With unforgettable golf, tennis, fitness, swimming, dining and social activities, River Place is a Hill Country haven.

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Filled with humor, romance, drama and nonstop melody this title is a thrilling celebration of life and the fighting spirit that keeps the audience going. From Cabaret to Chicago, the hit parade features unforgettable gems including "Mr. Cellophane," "Maybe This Time," "Cabaret," "New York, New York" and many others seamlessly interwoven into a passionate, harmonious, up-tempo evening of musical theater.



The audience will be treated to some fabulous new talent from the stages of New York and Chicago, as well as many returning favorites from previous Players' shows. Pick a show date of November 5th, 6th or 7th to hear some of your favorite Broadway songs. Tickets will go on sale the first week in October at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway, TX. Call 512-261-1010 for tickets, and as usual, seating will be at tables of 10 to allow you to bring lots of friends to complete your special evening out. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and that includes soft drinks and snacks. The doors open at 6:30, with the show starting at 7:30, and don't forget, you can bring your own food and any kind of beverage (adult beverages allowed) you desire. See you at the show!

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Our 2015 Fall Giving Campaign is in full swing. Your donation helps PREPARE your children for college, INSPIRE them to find their passion, and ENGAGE them in learning through tools, technology and programs for our local schools. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 from the community to support our teachers and students with advanced academic programs.

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Rock on and play hard for a good cause this fall at the second Battle of the Youth Bands and Family Fun Fest on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at The Rusty Mule, 9201 Hwy 290 in Austin. Produced by Hope4Minds with Strait Music and Austin School of Music, the Battle of the Youth Bands and Family Fun Fest is a high octane day of live music, a silent auction and activities including gyroscope, rock wall, food trucks, face painting, redneck games knockdown, carnival games and much more. Youth bands will compete before and during the event to raise money. Proceeds benefit Hope4Minds, a 501 3(c) public charity that's fostering hope and enriching the lives of Texas children with an acquired brain injury. For more information or to donate, visit www.hope4minds.org.

Bands are competing both on and off stage by raising money for Hope4Minds, with two winners earning a gig at Stubb's Bar-B-Q on Dec. 6, 2015. In addition to their Stubb's show, the first place winner will receive six hours of recording time at Austin School of Music.

Brianna, an 8 year old singer in one of the participating duos, suffered a traumatic brain injury when she was 12 months old and has physical disabilities as a result of her injury. Brianna said, "I want to help other kids get help like I did so they can get better."

Ronda Johnson, executive director for Hope4Minds, is especially impressed by the bands' enthusiasm to support other kids. "These young

musicians from all over Austin are coming together to support our kids and families, and there's something really special about that."

Admission is \$5 a person with free admission for children 2 or under. Tickets are available online at Hope4Minds.org and at the event. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs/blankets due to limited seating.

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Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

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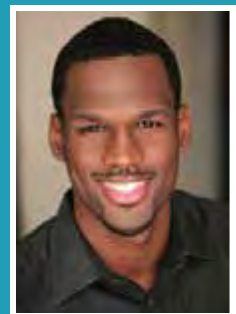
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FLU SEASON

It's that time of the year when hand sanitizer, tissues and "vampire sneezes" are the talk of the town. Influenza is a serious, potentially life-threatening disease that begins to show up between October through March in the U.S. Flu can cause absences at school and result in lost production at work.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), estimate that in the United States, each year on average 5% to 20% of the population get the flu and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications. Flu seasons are unpredictable and can be severe¹.

So, who should get the flu vaccine?

Anyone over 6 months of age should get a flu shot yearly, especially those individuals at high risk for flu including:

- Children younger than 5 (especially those younger than 2 years old);
- Adults 65 years and older;
- Pregnant women and
- Residents in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

People with the following medical conditions are considered at high risk for flu and should also be immunized yearly:

- Asthma;
- Neurological conditions;
- Heart disease;
- Blood disorders (like sickle cell anemia);
- Kidney and liver disorders;
- Metabolic disorders;
- Weakened immune systems;
- People who are younger than 19 on aspirin therapy and people who are morbidly obese.

Are there people who should not get a flu shot?

Talk to your doctor if you . . .

- have had a past reaction to the flu shot;
- are recovering from a moderate to severe illness, or
- have a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

When should you get vaccinated?

Flu season usually runs from October through May. Doctors recommend you get the vaccine as early as September to maximize protection for you and your family. It usually takes two to four weeks for the vaccine to give you immunity.

Can I get the flu from a flu shot?

No. The *injection* you will receive is a dead virus - it cannot give you the flu. However, you may experience side effects such as a sore arm, mild fever or achiness that may last up to two days.

Some people may choose the flu vaccine *nasal mist*. The nasal mist is a live, weakened flu virus that is squirted in your nostrils. It cannot give you the flu. Side effects are minimal and include a runny nose, headache, sore throat, or fever lasting 1-2 days. It can only be given to people from 2 years of age up to the age of 50.

What is the High Dose Flu Vaccine or Fluzone High Dose?

The high dose vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen (which prompts the body to make antibodies) as the regular flu vaccine. The high dose vaccine is approved for use in adults 65 years and older. As we age our immune systems weaken and immune responses decrease. A recent study² indicated that a high-dose vaccine was more effective in preventing flu in adults 65+.

What is the difference between the flu and a cold?

A cold may begin gradually and develop over several days. The flu comes on suddenly and is accompanied by some or all of the following symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

The Austin Diagnostic Clinic, will offer flu shots for adults 18 years and older at all doctor's offices, including Steiner Ranch, during regular business hours. Parents should contact their pediatrician or family doctor to schedule flu shots for children under 18 years old.

- Flu shots \$40 (or will file insurance)
- High Dose Flu Shots \$60 (will file insurance)

For additional hours and information please visit ADClinic.com/flu or call our **Flu Hotline at 512-901-7117**.

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- ★ Available during regular business hours Monday- Friday (check adclinic.com)
- ★ Flu shots after-hours and weekends at ADC Urgent Care in North & South Austin
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