



# TC NOTES

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## Travis Country ... Neighborhood or Community?

A community is distinct from a neighborhood. The latter denotes location. The former suggests those intangible qualities reflected in movies such as "Mr. Holland's Opus" or the timeless classic, "It's a Wonderful Life". Travis Country is a community. Our reputation throughout Austin as a great place to live and raise children is no accident of geography—it's the result of the service and commitment of each of our residents. Our strong Neighborhood Association and our vibrant community is fruit borne of community involvement.

Two evils threaten to erode our beloved TC culture: apathy (oh, someone else will do it) and busy (I'd like to help, but I don't have the time!). Well intentioned neglect erodes the values that Travis Country represents. Each of us has a responsibility to create the community of our dreams. Service offers many gifts as well. Among them, the gift of belonging, of friendship, of making a contribution.

Everyone is busy. Make time to nurture the community that nurtures you. Find an avenue of service suitable to your talents and your schedule.

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## Construction & Safety Reminders

**Construction:** Travis Country Circle between Blue Valley and Canyonwood Drive will be closed for up to six weeks for the City to make improvements to the bridge over Sycamore Creek. This

work should start very shortly.

Fall brings school and buses both a.m. & p.m.

Residents have reported vehicles passing buses while loading and unloading. Slow down and talk on your cell phone. It's not worth risking injury to a child to pass illegally. Please **STOP for school buses**.

TC **Resident Stickers** available free at the TC Office. Make your car easily identifiable as a TC Vehicle.

Car burglaries and vandalism are on the increase in Southwest Austin. **Parking on the street** makes your car vulnerable to vandals. If street parking is unavoidable, remove your valuables.

**Call 311:**

To report a property crime no longer in progress  
 Animal control problems  
 Illegally-parked vehicles  
 Information about the police department

**Call 911 to report:**

Fire and medical emergencies  
 Violent crimes  
 Domestic violence  
 Intruders  
 Gunshots or a person with a gun  
 Property crimes still in progress  
 Major vehicle accidents



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## News from the TCCSA Board of Directors Meeting

At the September 18, 2003 meeting the Charles Draper, Alan Lish, Anthony Peterman, Janice Smith, and Jules Weldon.



The Board took the following action or accepted the following reports:

- Elected Paul Pinigis to fill out Chris Hugman's term
- Approved design and plants for the beds at main entrance signs as recommended by the Grounds Committee; also approved scattering wildflower seeds in selected common areas
- Asked Grounds Committee to identify trails and trailheads in the community
- Asked the Fiscal Committee to work with insurance agent to investigate association property values and adequate coverage and to analyze office expenses
- Approved \$300 for production of the newsletter for October
- Approved new contract with Aquatic Features for maintenance of the pond
- Asked the Pool and Grounds committees to work together to replace trees in BV pool area
- Sanctioned the Master's Swim Program with conditions
- Committee chairs should receive copies of email discussions among Board members that deal with relevant issues; Committees could put relevant information about their activities on the web site
- Alan Lish is investigating issues involved with the possible sale and use of some TCCSA common areas
- Tabled discussion of special meetings notice and faster invoice payments until October meeting

### Homeowners Comments

- Shouldn't we clean the wall at the Overlook and at the Retreat?
- No action taken since last meeting concerning lights around the BV pool being turned off after 11pm as they are unnecessary and waste of our money
- Should people be allowed to have Support our Troops and President in their yards during non-election times?

### Travis Country Homeowners Association

Travis Country Office (9 a.m.-6 p.m.).....892-2256  
 Travis Country Office (After Hours)..... 413-3967  
 Travis Country Fax.....891-9554

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### TC Community Service



The **Architecture Committee** needs a volunteer. Call Cammi Klier, the chair, to find out how you can help keep TC beautiful.

Join the **Security Committee** and contribute to the pool of solutions for vandalism in Travis Country. Call Janice Smith for more information, 892-0114.

Excited about lap swimming hours? Shoulder seasons for pool play and options of solar heating? The **Pool Committee** needs a new member. Attend their 10/13 meeting.

The Communications Committee continues its search for a **TC Notes Editor**. Learn Microsoft Publisher. Work with the fabulous Bonnie Grobar and the talented Claire to create our stellar monthly publication. (email tcnotes@traviscountry.com)

### Party Planner Needed! Don't Let TC's Halloween Celebration go the way of the Do-Do Bird

Each year the TC Halloween Party is a delight for all our little ghosts and goblins before they go trick or treating. The Pumpkin Carving Contest adds to the festive fall atmosphere. Both these events will be cancelled without volunteers. Grab a friend and plan for the Great Pumpkin to visit this year. Sound intimidating? Call the office or Alan Lish. 892-2256 for the wisdom of previous year's planners.

# CLUB AND COMMITTEE NEWS

**Book Club**



**RULES OF SILENCE**

by David Lindsey.  
Meet the author at Dan and Debbie's, 4706 Red Stone Court, 7PM, Wed. Oct. 22. Know your local authors.



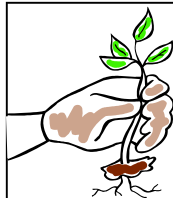
**Garden Club**

No regular meetings till spring. Calendar **Tues. Nov. 11** for the **Annual Party**. 2244 Eagles Landing, at 7PM with snacks, dessert and drinks. Door prizes!!!! bobstree@io.com



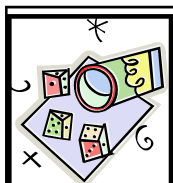
**Scrapbook Club**

Join us at the TC office on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7pm. October 9th and 23rd. klworman@aol.com

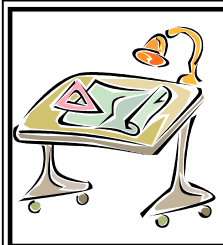


**G**rounds Committee. The Board approved plants and design for the beds at the main entrance signs. Planting will begin once the irrigation issues are resolved and the plants and other items are purchased. Several common areas will also be seeded with wildflowers.

**TRAILS.** Familiar with the trail between Blue Valley and Hilltop? The Grounds Committee is gathering information for the Board. Contact fkrystopher@austintx.net



**B**UNCO CLUB meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the TC Office. Come join in the fun! leelindy@earthlink.net

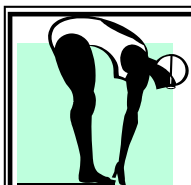


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**Recreation Committee**



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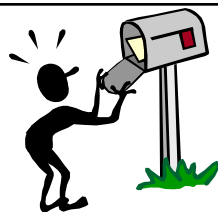
**Pool Committee**

**N**ow meeting the second Monday of each month, 7:00pm., at the TC office. There is an opening on the committee. If you would like to join us, attend the 10/13 meeting where we will consider applications for the vacant posi-

**Yard of the Month**

**Congratulations Alex and Tom Jordan!**  
4801 Dawn Song Dr. has been chosen as Yard of the Month for October. Be sure to go by and see this lovely yard!





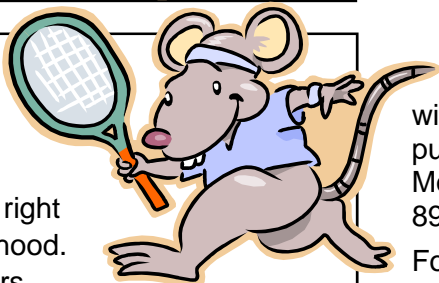
**MAILBOX**

**THANKS.** We would like to thank the Zierer, Trocino, and Pickard families for organizing the Magdalena/Sendero Block Party that took place on September 13th. Your efforts and generosity were certainly appreciated. Thanks so much for having the Austin Fire Department come out. The kids had a blast! Brad & Michelle Booth

**TC Pet Registry?** A resident has suggested that we start a pet registry for Travis Country. His daughter was bit by a cat and they had to go door to door to find its owner. He thought it might be a good idea to set up some kind of log where residents could call the office with the type of pet they have. It would be useful for lost and found pets as well.



SCOOBY, JOHNNY BRAVO, and THE POWER-PUFF GIRLS have started a tennis club right here in the neighborhood. This club is for players ages 5-10 who have not taken many tennis lessons. Available to Travis Country residents only, it is sponsored by USTA, USPTA, and Brian Smithart Instructional Tennis.



Sign up day is **Saturday November 1st from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Blue Valley (6 court). Can't make it? Call 444-7040 and leave a message for Brian to arrange a time to sign up (late registration means your child may not get their stuff in time for the instructional classes). A \$10 late fee for late registration.

Cartoon Network Tennis Club meets on Sunday November 9th from 6 to 7pm and each Sunday until November 30th. Make-ups will be added to the end of the session.

Contact Brian Smithart at 444-7040 for the merchandise benefits of the Cartoon Network Tennis Club.

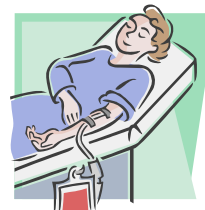
**NEIGHBORHOOD NOTICES**

**COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

Trot your sofa to the front yard. On **October 18th and 19th** from 8am to 5pm TC will host its semi-annual garage sale. An ad for the neighborhood will be placed in the Austin American Statesman; banners will be placed at the intersections in TC. Put your address on the TC web site! For information call the office at 892-2256.

**VAMPIRES 'R US or TC**

**BLOOD DRIVE.** (We really need your blood). Join the drive and save a life. Sign up for the Blood Drive held October 3 from 5-8pm. Call the Office 892-2256 for details.



**ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL**

**LOST CAT.** "Simple," smallish female, white with tabby-stripe spots. Funky-shaped left ear, purple collar w/tags. People-friendly. Missing from Moon Shadow Dr since September 1st. Call 899.3647 with information.

For lost and found pets you can also call the city at 972-6041 or 972-4PET.

Free to loving home: adorable gray and white male **kitten**. Call 892-3878.

If you have a baby who is beginning to scoot/crawl and would like to form a **TC playgroup**, please email [alee545@ix.netcom.com](mailto:alee545@ix.netcom.com) subject heading "playgroup" or call 892-6840.

**DEAD DUCKS AT THE BV POND.**

Let's face it ... dogs are well ... dogs and they love to chase the ducks at Blue Valley. It may be fun sport for the dog, but it all adds up to one dead duck! Curb your dog to prevent dead ducks!



On another duck note ... healthy ducks prefer dry dog food or even (yes) duck pellets. Bread is unhealthy for birds and ducks and other water fowl. It pollutes the pond (by decaying and forming unhealthy molds) that our dues pay to maintain.

## NOTICES CONT.

### KEEP TRAVIS COUNTRY BEAUTIFUL!

Please put your trashcan and recycle bins away before dark on Tuesdays. This is a city ordinance as well as a Travis Country covenant.



Speaking of Trash ... visit [www.austinrecycles.com](http://www.austinrecycles.com) to learn what can actually be recycled and what kinds of things cause the contents of your recycle bin to be tossed in a landfill to avoid having to separate out the "bad" stuff.

### WANTED

- Looking for nanny (or referral for nanny), to share a nanny, or private day care in Travis Country to begin in December or January for infant due 9/10/03. 358-8498; [jmwmomma@aol.com](mailto:jmwmomma@aol.com)
- Housesitting opportunity for my non-smoking German friends and their 9 month old baby for 3 weeks starting Nov 24th. 899-0604
- Looking for an original nintendo system. 892-2246
- SMC seeks TCF (Single Male Cat seeking Travis Country Family). Current family moved from TC greenbelt to 04-condo, my heart is broken. Want to return to TC home. Me: affectionate, neutered male, orange tabby, loves the outdoors, litter trained, get along well with other reasonable felines. You: TC family with food bowl, brush and willingness for occasional affection. Let's meet for tuna juice and see what develops. Call 916-0112.

### FOR SALE

- 1994 Ford Explorer, 4x4, automatic, leather, AC, PS, PB, PW, tilt, cruise, tow package, new tires, excellent condition, \$5395 (<http://cash33.com/explorer>). 899-9259
- Moving Sale: 4 yr. Kenmore side x side white Frig 25.9, door dispenser ice/water, \$800. Bunk beds with computer desk, side shelf, and dresser drawer, \$450 (set). Black leather couch, \$450; black chair and ottoman, \$150; black leather recliner, \$100. Full set for \$650. 899-3871
- Snowchains for compact size cars. Will fit tire sizes 195/70R, 205/70R, 215/70R. Just used once. Cost \$30, will sell for \$10. 892-2190

- Brentwood rocker, \$30; credenza, \$95. 892-3377
- 92 Full Size Chevy Blazer, 4x4 TM Lift Kit, Perf. Chip, BFG MT/Wheels. Great condition, all maintenance records, 233K. \$4500 OBO. 751-2057
- '98 Cadillac Eldorado, red w/grey leather, 65,000 miles, excellent condition, \$9490. Also, '96 Buick Regal, Gold Series, green w/grey leather, 60,500 miles, excellent condition, \$4490. 892-2938 (leave message).
- Exquisite family home in the heart of Travis Country - 4 bedrooms (master down), 3.5 baths. This home has been very well maintained and is in like-new condition. Excellent corner, cul-de-sac lot with plenty of trees. Approximately 2400 square feet. 5001 Calhoun Canyon Loop - \$269,900, a great buy! 329-5171
- 3' x 6' glass top for executive desk, \$10. 892-3286
- Nordic Track elliptical trainer cx920. Retail price \$799 - will sell for \$400. Used less than 10 hours. See more information at [sears.com](http://sears.com). 784-6789
- Glass bankboard w/ 10ft pole, \$100 OBO. 689-4850 (after 7pm)
- Fall hiking with the baby: Kelty kid carrier/backpack - excellent condition. Comfortable, well-padded, clean, and a great design. Stand springs into place when you take it off your back - stable with child in it. Easy off and on. Straps everywhere you need them. Also has a detachable kid-sized backpack and water (or baby bottle) holders. \$75 OBO. Refrigerator - white Westinghouse, \$125 OBO. 892-3265; [skosub@io.com](mailto:skosub@io.com)
- Rustic round Mexican table. Black iron base curls at each of the 4 feet. Four chairs to match are included. For set \$350 OBO. Recliner, light base color, \$60 OBO. Antique vanity - med to dark with trifold mirror, \$35 OBO. 731-9328, 740-6053, 891-7303
- 1995 Honda Odyssey EX- front and rear A/C, folding third row seat, timing belt, and water pump replaced at 92K miles, never wrecked, perfectly maintained with 3000 mile oil changes, perfectly clean inside and out, 115K miles, \$7500. 891-9845

### SPECIAL SERVICES

- Drew Johnson, 17. "Super Bob" the magician. \$60 show and \$10 extra for balloon animals. Visit us at [www.funwithbob.com](http://www.funwithbob.com) 892-2214 or [bobtheraccoon@hotmail.com](mailto:bobtheraccoon@hotmail.com)
- Do you need help setting up your tv, dvd, stereo or computer? Call Andrew's Link up service. If I can't fix it, there's no charge. Andrew Soja, 16. 891-9366
- PICK-UP-POO. A new kid-owned business in our neighborhood! Prices: one time request - \$8 for one dog (plus \$ for each additional dog); weekly - \$5 for one dog (plus \$2 for each additional dog). Let us "doo" the dirty work for you! Call us with your pet sitting needs as well. John and David Walter. 892-5531

**PET/PLANT CARE**

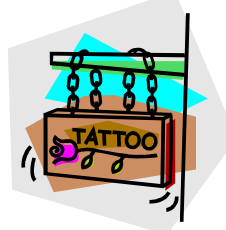
- Zack Vercher 14, will mow and will do any pet or plant care that you might need. For reasonable prices and great work call 892-4934.
- Abby Wetzel, 15, responsible and experienced with pets of all kinds, also plants. 892-1148

**BABYSITTING**

- Kathleen Bryant, 15, very experienced, oldest of 4, flexible hours, Red Cross cert., references available. 892-1176; kibby\_ib@yahoo.com
- Abby Wetzel, 15, responsible and experienced. 892-1148
- Belle Miller, 16, experienced. 899-0053
- Kaylyn Remsing, 12. Six years experience, parental supervision. 892-2246
- Rachel Roberson, 16. 5 yrs exp. (3 mo and up), CPR & 1st Aid Cert., responsible; References . 899-8418

**FEATURED SERVICE**

**Henna Designs** (temporary tattoos) for parties or individuals. Studied in India. For prices and availability call Prabha Donaldson (16) at 358-7798.



**REMINDERS:** Services are advertised ONLY for people **18 and under** in this community newsletter. You must let us know each month if you want your service advertised (tcnotes@traviscountry.com) Adult services may be posted on the Travis Country web site under Classifieds (traviscountry.com) and on the list maintained at the TC Office.

 **Calendar of Events**

| EVENT                   | DATE               | TIME   | PLACE                |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Bunco Club              | Mon. 10/6          | 7:30pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Fiscal Committee        | Tues. 10/7         | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Architectural Committee | Wed. 10/8          | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Scrapbook Club          | Thurs. 10/9, 10/23 | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Pool Committee          | Mon. 10/13         | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Board of Directors      | Thurs. 10/16       | 6:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| TC Notes Deadline       | Fri. 10/17         | 5:00pm |                      |
| Grounds Committee       | Mon. 10/20         | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Security Committee      | Tues. 10/21        | 7:00pm | TCCSA Office         |
| Book Club               | Wed. 10/22         | 7:00pm | 4706 Red Stone Court |