

# ⓐ Circle D Round-Up

**The Votes are in and we have a Winner!  
Our Quarterly Newsletter has a New Name!**

A few weeks ago we sent out an email requesting your opinion. We invited you to help us decide on a title for our newsletter. To those of you that responded and voted.....the Board says...THANK YOU!

We counted the votes and there’s a clear winner. The new title for the newsletter is Circle D Round-Up. The new name is at the top of the newsletter... duh! Although you may have voted for one of the other suggestions, I’m sure everyone will agree Circle D Round-up is very fitting for our publication.

Going forward, we will make every effort to publish the newsletter the first week of the second month of the quarter-November, February, May and August. If you have an idea or suggestion that is news worthy, please give Lana a shout at the office. This is YOUR Newsletter, so we welcome your ideas. I look forward to reading the articles and stories the Round-up will offer us in the future. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Jim Stephens - CDCA President

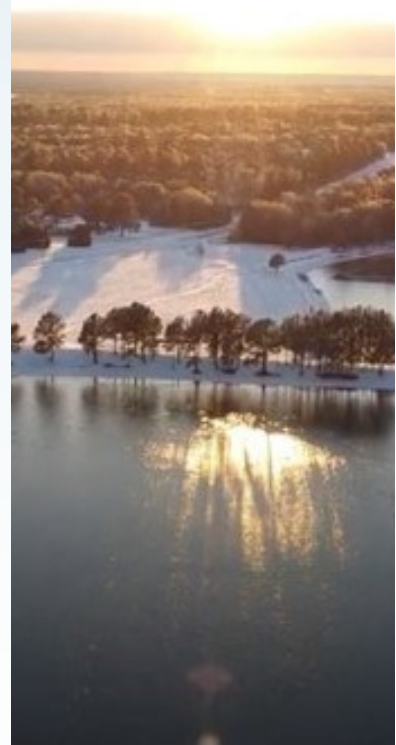


## November and December - Some of This and That!

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 am Sunday November 5th. Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and “fall back” Saturday night and set your clocks back one hour. You are going to need that extra hour of sleep because of all the activities in November and December. In addition to Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are several activities/events you can enjoy. Here are just a few...

**Day of the Dead – November 2nd.** (We are hoping to send this newsletter to you on November 1st.) Originating from Mexico ‘Día de Muertos’ is a festival that celebrates life and death, where people gather to honor the memory of their loved ones. Many people celebrate this day by visiting the graves of deceased loved ones and setting up altars with their favorite foods, drink, and photos.

**Veterans Day – November 11th.** This is a federal holiday to honor people who have served in the armed forces. In the UK and Commonwealth member states. Remembrance Day is celebrated on the same date to commemorate those who lost their lives in the military.



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### Future Newsletters

In our next newsletter we will be highlighting points of interest from the November, December, and February board meetings.

We invite all our members to attend Board Meetings so you may acquaint yourselves with the Board and voice your opinions on agenda items that are important to you.

CDCA Board of Directors

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**Black Friday – November 24th.** This is a day when many businesses offer big discounts and promotions. Black Friday is a great day to get out, walk off all that turkey, dressing and pie you ate yesterday and help support your local small businesses.

**Cyber Monday – November 27th.** After all that walking you did on Friday, you can still shop from your couch...even in your PJs!

November is also the month to observe the following month long celebrations:

**November** – Hosted by the Movember Foundation, this is an annual event where people grow mustaches to raise awareness of men's health issues, including prostate and testicular cancer and suicide.

**Native American Heritage Month** – This is a month long event that celebrates the diverse traditions, history, cultures and contributions of Native American people.

**National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)** – NaNoWriMo is where hundreds of thousands of writers aim to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days! It's said to be fast, intense and gets the words on the page. WOW!

**Aviation History Month** – This is the time when we recognize all things flying and the people who made it happen...from Wilbur and Orville Wright to Amelia Earhart.

**And now for December.....**I found WAY TO MANY activities and events going on in December. Here is a short list of just a few.

**December 1st** — National Christmas Lights Day and Rosa Parks Day. While not related, they are both good reasons to celebrate the first day of December.

**December 3rd** — Faux Fur Friday. Oh, the alliteration!

**December 2nd** — Global Fat Bike Day. There are no fat bikes. Only Fat Tires.

**December 7th** — National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance.

**December 9th** — Christmas Card Day. Whether you send snail-mail cards to your friends and family or send a virtual card to everyone on your list, don't forget the value of a heartfelt, personal card.

**December 12th** — Gingerbread House Day and National Poinsettia Day.

**December 15th** — National Cat Herders Day. If you know, you know.

**December 16th** — National Wreaths Across America Day.

**December 17th** — Festival of Winter Walks.

**December 21st** — Winter Solstice and World Snowboard Day. Bundle up, buttercup.

**December 24th** — Christmas Eve and National Eggnog Day.

**December 26th** — Boxing Day. Not just for gift boxes, this holiday is now associated with shopping and sporting events.

**December 31st** — New Year's Eve. Take a deep breath and lift a glass. The new year is coming.

Thanks for taking a few minutes to read through the first CDCA newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the articles and maybe it will inspire you to say hello to your neighbors or write a brief article for the next edition of the Circle D Round-up! On behalf of the entire Board and various committees, I hope you and your family stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

Be safe, talk soon.

Jim Stephens

CDCA President





Circle D Neighbors enjoying great company and good food.

## CDCA Neighborhood BBQ Party

The Welcome Committee hosted a successful Circle D Neighborhood BBQ Party on July 29, 2023 in honor of National Night Out, at the CDCA Park Pavilion. Approximately 50 neighbors attended. The Welcome Committee provided hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and water. Members generously provided baked treats. Kids played games while the adults enjoyed meeting and talking with their neighbors. No one left hungry!

Shout Outs To Residents:

JP Kessie and Troy Schlottman for donating their grills and propane

Committee member Liz Rainey for procuring event signs donated by Bastrop Signs

Committee member Starla Aylesworth and resident JP Kessie for their master grilling skills, cooking a total of 50 hamburger patties and 50 hotdogs

Everyone who stepped up day of and helped with set up and tear down, you came early, you stayed late

I'm honored to call you my neighbors!

A special thanks to our Board of Directors and office manager who have been so supportive in our efforts and attending events hosted by the Welcome Committee. We see you, and we appreciate you!

Jessica Haggarty

Welcome Committee Chair



## Is Your House Fire Wise?



Survivable space is your BEST defense against wildfires. All of our homes are in an urban wildland interface. Survivable space doesn't have to mean that the space surrounding your house be devoid of plants and vegetation. In fact...space around your home that uses select vegetation that is deliberately placed and maintained can help reduce the fire hazard vs. inviting a wildfire to attack your home!

## Helpful Tips For Landscaping Fire Safety

Select plants that are:

- \* Drought tolerant
  - \* High in moisture content
  - \* Easily pruned and maintained
- Select trees such as oaks and maples that have open branching, which can help retard fire spread.
  - Plant small trees and shrubs away from larger trees to avoid creating a 'ladder of vegetation' that could help a fire spread up into the tree crowns.
  - Plant the right tree in the right place. DO NOT plant large trees and shrubs under utility lines.
  - Try to avoid planting plants with high oil content, such as cedars and junipers. These types of plants burn at a much higher intensity and rate.
  - Try to restrict the use of flower beds and shrubs right against the house. Don't over crowd the flower beds. Think about using non-combustible mulches such as crushed rock or hardscapes.
  - We all remember what happened ten years ago. Let's work together to make sure it does not happen again.



## Holiday Cooking and Decoration Safety

Fall is here! Don't you just love Thanksgiving and especially "Santa time" next month? Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season with a four day weekend. We get to watch some good football and enjoy tons of GREAT food! It's a common practice for people to gather for in the kitchen during the holidays.

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during holiday gatherings. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. However, with the holidays comes more cooking and decorating the house. So as you prepare for the holidays, please keep fire safety in mind:

- \* Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button. Replace the batteries if needed.
- \* Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food. Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- \* Keep kids and pets at least three feet away from the stove. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- \* Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving your house to make sure the stove, oven and small appliances are turned off.
- \* Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.
- \* Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- \* Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- \* When decorating for the holidays, check your lights for frayed wiring and only use UL approved lights.
- \* If you decide to have a live tree for Christmas...**PLEASE KEEP it WATERED.** A dry tree can become a fire bomb in an instant.

## Important Upcoming Dates

### PLEASE JOIN US

The next Board Meetings will be:  
Saturday, November 11, 2023  
&  
Saturday, December 9, 2023  
at 8:30 am at the fire station  
1432 State Hwy 95.

### CDCA Fall Clean Sweep

When: November 4, 2023  
Where: 930 FM 1441, Bastrop  
Circle D Park Parking Lot  
Time: 8am until full

### New Circle D Member Meet & Greet

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Where: 930 FM 1441, Bastrop, TX - Circle D Park Pavilion

Time: 4:00 pm to Sundown

Welcome Committee invites all CDCA members to attend and meet our New Neighbors! Come One, Come All, but please leave pets at home. Refreshments provided.

## Board of Directors

From the By-Laws:

*SECTION 4.1: Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors, who must be members of the Association in good standing. State law prohibits the Association from preventing a delinquent member from running for the board, but does not prevent the board from requiring the individual to become current in order to serve.*

*SECTION 4.2: Term of Office. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation is seven (7), of whom four (4) directors shall be elected biennially for a term of two years and three (3) directors shall be elected for a two-year term in the intervening years.*

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