

Courtyard Homeowners Association, Inc.

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President's Letter

Greetings Members: This Month we would like to turn our attention to the progress we are making with our community tree maintenance and preservation program. First of all we want to thank each of the Sub Association Presidents. Tom Hoy, Ash Creek Villas Association. Alyson Davis, Centre Court Association. Allan Nilsson, Back Court Association. Tim Sullivan, Wolf Court Association. Each of these Presidents responded to our request for help with our community plan to maintain and preserve our trees. The results of their efforts have been outstanding. So far we have removed ball moss, pruned, trimmed, and preserved over 140 trees in our park and common areas. In addition, many members have requested tree work to be done on their private lots. The tennis club management noticed the quality of the work being done, and had all their trees cleaned and trimmed. The response that everyone is giving to the community tree program is very much appreciated. We think the results are well worth the effort. The next time you see a Sub Association President please tell them thank you for a job well done.

Thank You, Frank Apgar, President



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New Courtyard Residents Please welcome your new neighbors and be sure to add their names

Please welcome your new neighbors and be sure to add their names to your directory.

NAME	
Kelley, Michael T.	
Knight, Marc & Kristin	
Dhody, Paz Paramdeep Singh	

ADDRESS 5800 Courtyard Drive 5800 Harrington Cove 5217 Scout Island Circle South

Restrictions On Signs

Signs, mostly roofing contractor signs, seem to be pooping up all over our neighborhood. This has resulted from the hail damage that occurred on March 25, 2005.

Your Board of Directors reminds all owners and residents, however, that all signs, with very limited exceptions, are prohibited by our restrictions.

A construction site identification sign is allowed, but this is only during the time of active construction, including repairs. Owners are reminded that commercial advertising signs for contractors before or after active construction are not allowed.

And one For Sale or For Lease sign is allowed per residential lot that is for sale or lease, but owners are reminded that off-site directional signs are not allowed at any time.

Also, since the political campaign season is near, all owners and residents are reminded that political signs are prohibited at all times.

The restrictions on signs and exceptions thereto can be found on page 16 of our Second Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions in Article VIII Permitted Used and Restrictions, Section 18. Signs. If you have any questions regarding signs you can call any director or come to our Board meetings

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep the Courtyard a beautiful community.

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That the office building mailbox at the corner of Scout Island and Courtyard has a mail pick-up at 10:00 a.m. Mon-Fri?

The speed limit in the Courtyard is 30 mph? We need to be conscious of all the little ones in our neighborhood and drive carefully at ALL times.

If you don't receive the local paper, you must call before 10:30 a.m. to get same day delivery? Otherwise they will deliver the next day or credit your account.

That the Courtyard used to be a Box Scout camp out in the country?

Homeowners Be Aware of Our Safety

We as Courtyard homeowners are most concerned about the safety of everyone. Especially our children. It is so important that we be on the alert for children playing, running, darting, etc. in the streets. We all must observe the speed limit as one of many ways to keep our wonderful neighborhood safe and accident-free.



The next total solar eclipse viewable in the U.S. won't occur until Aug. 21, 2017. Its path of totality will stretch from Oregon to South Carolina.



"Don't worry, there isn't a steadier hand than Dr. Henpenny who shoots in the low 70's"

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

On a tree lined street somewhere in North Austin "Good Things are Happening". Your newsletter is the place to read all about these good things.

Today's subject addresses a large dog that waits daily in her yard for her friends to come by to walk her. Her ritual started quite a while ago and has become a lifestyle for this four legged creature.

Her yard is lovely, but she is by nature an animal that wants to walk and swim and run as much as possible. When her immediate family cannot fulfill her needs all the time, her extended family (the neighbors) have gladly filled in for them. And everybody is a winner. The dog has more exercise and love than she could ever want. The neighbors have a friend to walk, to talk and to play with and the family breaths a little easier knowing that their dog is always being attended to with loving care and the best dog cookies in town.

How lucky is she to live in such a wonderful environment? Well, I guess she is as lucky as we are.



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1-27—HONDO: South Texas Maize East of the Hwy. 173/Hwy. 90 overpass. (Began Sep. 24.) www.cornfieldmaze.com 830/741-3968

2—NEW BRAUNFELS: Comal Country Music Show Begins at 6 p.m. New Braunfels Civic Center. 830/629-4547

3—ROUND ROCK: Main Street Artisan Stroll Downtown Round Rock. www.mainstreetstroll.com 512/341-8788

3-19—KERRVILLE: M*A*S*H Playhouse 2000 Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. www.caillouxtheater.com 830/896-9393

4—BANDERA: 44th Annual Hunters Barbecue & Outdoor Expo Includes barbecue, exhibits, children's activities, entertainment and a Texas-sized auction. Mansfield Park Show Barn. www.banderahuntersbbq.com 830/796-3045

4—UVALDE: Hunters' Roundup Includes vendor booths, wild game dinner, live music and more. Uvalde Fairgrounds. 830/278-3361

4-5—INGRAM: Christmas Bazaar Features homemade items. Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5120

4-6—ROUND ROCK: Fossil Fest 2005 Features displays, demonstrations, hands-on examination of fossils, dealers and much more. Old Settler's Association HQ. www.texaspaleo.com/ctps 512/345-6718

4-12—NEW BRAUNFELS: Star Wurst This is a hilarious "mellerdrammer." Begins at 7:30 p.m. Circle Arts Theatre, Landa Park. www.circleartstheatre. org 830/609-3092

4-13—NEW BRAUNFELS: Wurstfest Families come to sample tasty sausage and strudel, pretzels and potato pancakes, and others come to polka and waltz to great oompah music. Wurstfest Grounds, inside of Landa Park. www.wurstfest.com 800/221-4369 or 830/625-9167

4-13—NEW BRAUNFELS: Wurstfest Conservation Plaza Tour Visit a restored 19th-century German pioneer village. www.nbconservation.org 830/629-2943 or 830/832-9699

5—AUSTIN: Austin Pow Wow & Heritage Festival A 10:30 a.m. special grand entry is held for children. Features dancers, singers and drummers from around the nation; arts and food vendors; storytelling; flute playing and more. The Toney Burger Center. www.austinpowwow.org 512/371-0628

5—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main Features cowboy entertainment — strolling singers, trick roper and trick horse. Main Street Bandera. www. frontiertimesmuseum.com 800/364-3833 Hill Country

5—BEND: Crawling Wild Cave Exploration Map and information provided. Reservations recommended. Colorado Bend State Park. 325/628-3240 Hill Country

5—DEVINE: Fall Festival Includes a carnival, parade, music, entertainment, dance, arts & crafts, chili cook-off, salsa contest, children's activities and plenty of good food. Devine Community Center. www.devinecoc.org 830/663-2739 Hill Country

5—LUCKENBACH: Hunters Ball www.luckenbachtexas.com 888/311-8990

5—WIMBERLEY: Market Day Includes more than 450 diverse vendors of antique, arts & crafts, and more. FM 2325 at Lions Field. www.visitwimberley. com/marketdays 512/847-2201

5-6—AUSTIN: Austin Celtic Festival Brings about 200 artists, musicians, actors and storytellers who explore the history and cultures of the modern Celtic nations. Fiesta Gardens. www.austincelts.org/festival 512/218-6973 5-6—AUSTIN: Fourth Annual Austin-American Statesman Snowfest Austin Convention Center. www.texassnowfest.com 800/831-3976

5-6—GRUENE: 22nd Annual Tour de Gruene Enjoy a leisurely ride through the Texas Hill Country or competitive time trails. A celebrity slow race and antique and classic bicycle show round out the events. Gruene Historic District. www.tourdegruene.com 210/828-6856

5-6, 12-13-NEW BRAUNFELS: Heritage Arts & Crafts Market Indoor

juried show with 50 vendors features handcrafted specialty items. N.B. Civic Center, 380 S. Seguin St. www.nbheritagevillage.com 830/629-6504

5-6, 12-13—NEW BRAUNFELS: The Wurstcraft Show & Sale in Texas Discover handmade items, woodworking, ceramics, stained glass, jewelry, Christmas decorations and more. N.B.U. Parking Lot, 263 E. Main Plaza. E-mail: boowitten@aol.com 830/629-3727

8—CANYON LAKE: Annual Wineless Cheese Party G.V.T.C. Auditorium. www.canyonlakechamber.com 830/964-2223 Hill Country

11—AUSTIN: Goran Krivokapic Austin Classical Guitar Society presents the latest winner of the Guitar Foundation of America competition. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. www.austinclassicalguitar.org 512/300-ACGS

11—FREDERICKSBURG: Veterans Day Offers a patriotic address, recognition of all veterans, joint color guard, music and 21-gun salute. Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site – National Museum of the Pacific War. 830/997-4379

11-12—WIMBERLEY: Art Show by the Wimberley Valley Art League Includes a display and sale of original works by Wimberley artists. Kicks off with a wine and cheese preview party on Friday. www.wimberley.org 512/847-2201

11-13—FREDERICKSBURG: Art Past Dark An Arts & Antiques Weekend Celebrates fine arts and antiques with local artists and art shows, a gala event and more. Hangar Hotel & Conference Center. www.artpastdark.com

12—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Features arts & crafts, plants and food booths. Houston Square on Angelo Street. 830/741-2321

12—FREDERICKSBURG: Johnny Nicholas All-Star Big Band Bash Features award-winning musicians. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Park. E-mail: carolr@fisd.org • www.hilltopcafe.com 830/997-7182 Hill Country

12—GEORGETOWN: Market Day Features arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles and festive foods. Historic Downtown Georgetown. www. downtowngeorgetownassociation.org 512/868-8675

12—ROUND ROCK: Rockin' Around the Holidays Bazaar Vendors display wares for holiday shopping. Clay Madsen Recreation Center. www.ci.round-rock.tx.us 512/218-3216

12—SAN MARCOS: Veterans Day Celebration Pays tribute to military war heroes. Begins at 9 a.m. Downtown. E-mail: cvb@sanmarcostexas. com 888/200-5620

12-13—FREDERICKSBURG: Fall Antique Show Includes more than 65 dealers. Gillespie County Fairgrounds. www.texasantiqueshows.com 830/995-3670

12-13—TAYLOR: Garden Club Christmas Bazaar Arts & crafts show is set in a holiday theme. www.taylorchamber.org 512/365-2955 or 512/352-3823

15—CANYON LAKE: Harvestfest Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. GVTC Auditorium. www.canyonlakechamber.com 830/964-2223

18-19—AUSTIN: The Austin Symphony www.austinsymphony.org 888/462-3787

18-19—WIMBERLEY: Holiday Home Tour Take a self-guided tour of about six homes. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. E-mail: chamber@anvilcom.com • www.wimberley.org 512/847-6260 or 512/847-2201

18-20—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days More than 300 vendors sell antiques, collectibles, ranch furniture, crafts, unique clothing, jewelry and more. Hwy. 290. www.fbgtradedays.com 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

18-20—NEW BRAUNFELS: Weihnachtsmarkt Patterned after the openair markets in Germany, this event has gifts, antiques, children's items, decorations and more. New Braunfels Civic Center. www.nbtx.com/ sophienburg 830/629-1572

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Texas Events - (Continued from Page 4)

18-Dec. 4-WIMBERLEY: It Could Be Any One of Us Shows are on weekends. Greenhouse Theatre, 25 Marina Circle. www.wimberleyplayers. org 512/847-0575

19-20-ROUND ROCK: A Sami Show Dell Diamond. www.samishow. com 512/441-7133

25-26—FREDERICKSBURG: Island Assault: 1944 Admiral Nimitz Museum Pacific Combat Zone. 830/997-4378

25-26—FREDERICKSBURG: TACEF Thanksgiving Invitational Art Show Marketplatz. www.tacef.org 830/896-5711

25-27—FREDERICKSBURG: The Peddler Show Gillespie County Fairgrounds. www.peddlershow.com 800/775-2774

25-Jan. 1-FREDERICKSBURG: Hill Country Regional Lighting Trail About 12 cities hold special events, displays, parades and other activities. Brochures are available. www.tex-fest.com 830/997-8515 or 866/839-3378

25-Jan. 1—JOHNSON CITY: Lights Spectacular www.lbjcountry.com 830/868-5700 or 830/868-7684

25-Jan. 1-WIMBERLEY: Bullockville Lighting Display Offers a charming Christmas village lighting display. RR 2325 at Bullockville. E-mail: chamber@wimberley-tx.com • www.wimberley.org/creeksidechristmas 512/847-2201

25-Jan. 5-WIMBERLEY: Cowboy Christmas at Pioneer Town Enjoy an old-time Hill Country Christmas with decorations, refreshments and music. 512/847-3909

25-Jan. 5-WIMBERLEY: Creekside Christmas Hill Country Trail of Lights Includes lighting displays, Santa visits, B&B holiday tour, live nativity, art, holiday exhibits and musical performances. On the square and throughout the village. www.wimberley.org 512/847-2201

26-AUSTIN: Chuy's Christmas Parade Procession of giant balloons, marching bands, vintage cars, celebrities and floats kick off the holiday season. Congress Avenue. www.chuysparade.com 888/439-2489

26—JOHNSON CITY: Christmas at the LBJ Boyhood Home Relive a 1920s small town Texas Christmas. www.nps.gov/lyio 830/868-7128 ext. 244

26—JOHNSON CITY: Lights Spectacular Wheels & Feet Parade www. lbicountry.com 830/868-5700 or 830/868-7684

26-LUCKENBACH: Thanksgiving Dance www.luckenbachtexas.com 888/311-8990

26-WIMBERLEY: Santa on the Square Features a tree lighting and Santa visit. Begins at 5:30 p.m. Wimberley Square. 512/847-2201

26-27—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

26-27-AUSTIN: Victorian Christmas on Sixth Street Enjoy parades, food, drink, handmade Victorian arts & crafts, and more. www.roadstarproductions. com 512/441-9015

26-Jan. 1-WIMBERLEY: EmilyAnn Tree Lighting & Trail of Lights Tree lighting is from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 26. EmilyAnn Theatre. www.emilyann. org 512/847-6969

30-Dec. 23-INGRAM: Top Ten in the Nation - Hill Country Arts Foundation Duncan-McAshan Visual Arts Center. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5120

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Pet waste is more than Whv smelly and unsightly: it is a health risk to pets, creeks, lakes, and people, especially children. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas are immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the water unfit for irrigation, recreation, or other uses. These bacteria and viruses can pose health risks to humans, such as Campylobacteriosis and Salmonellosis. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will speed up the growth of nuisance algae in lakes and rivers.

It's the law! Austin City Ordinance 3-3-7

DEFECATION BY DOGS OR CATS.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by a dog or cat on property, public or private, other than the premises of the owner or handler of such dog or cat."



Make a Difference.

The Watershed Protection and Parks & Recreation Departments have teamed up to help clean up parks and trails. Look for Mutt Mitt dispensers in many of your favorite parks including the Town Lake Hike and Bike trail. Mutt Mitts are designed to make scooping poop painless. Simply follow the directions on the dispenser box and throw the bag in the trash. The bags are biodegradable. If at home, your grocery bags will work.

Here are ways to keep pet waste out of local waterways.

1. Flush it.

2. Toss it. (in the trash)

3. Bury it.

(If you bury it, be sure that it is at least 6 inches deep, and away from gardens and water sources)



Heart Gallery Of Central Texas

Everyday 500 Central Texas children who were abused or neglected are waiting to be adopted from foster care. Each month, another 30 children currently living in foster care become eligible for adoption, which happens when a parent's or parents' legal rights are terminated. Many children are older or have special needs, are minorities or members of a sibling group. All are considered hardto-place children.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas creates a window into the worlds of these children's lives and aims to elicit public support for and interest in adoption from foster care.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a special project of the Adoption Coalition of Texas and CASA of Travis County. Both agencies share the common interest of finding "forever families" for children in foster care who are legally free for adoption. What does legally free mean? Legally free means these children have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, and their biological parents have had their parental rights terminated, and thus, these children are wards of the State of Texas.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is an art exhibit featuring more than 100 children who are waiting for adoption. These are children living in the foster care system, and are wards of the State of Texas. These are children longing to be a part of a family. In January of this year, the Parade Magazine published a story about a recruitment project in Santa Fe, New Mexico – called the Heart Gallery. Agencies across the country strive to find homes for waiting children. In Central Texas alone, there are 500 kids daily waiting for adoption. These are kids of all ages, ethnicities and about 50% are members of sibling groups. The Heart Gallery is an effort to humanize these children – putting a picture with a story. A recent survey conducted in the Austin area revealed that approximately 84% of those surveyed did not know you could adopt from the foster care system. In addition, there are a host of myths and misconceptions about children in foster care. These portraits are step one in the process of bringing these children to life.

Fifty-five photographers volunteered their time and talents to this effort – helping not only to photograph the children, but to join the effort in promoting the adoption of children in foster care. The goal of this project was to capture the personalities and characteristics of these children, offering a glimpse into their soul, and ultimately, prompting potential families to inquire about adoption. As you can see from the pictures, these are children with hearts, and most importantly, hope.

For more information about The Heart Gallery of Central Texas and waiting children, please contact Tracy Eilers, D.M., Executive Director, Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825. You can also visit www.heartgallerytexas.com or www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org.





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