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## 2006 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 15, 11:00 AM

Attention all Courtyard residents it's time to start thinking about the Easter Bunny and all the fun to be had at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join us in the park near the Playscape for cookies, punch and the great Golden Egg hunt. There will be age specific areas for the children and special prizes for the lucky kids that find the Golden Eggs. Mark your calendar and if you would like volunteer contact Michael Castanon at 231-9789.



## New Courtyard Residents

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

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
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Eric & Wendy Makowski	5912 Inter Council Cove	Unlisted
Mary Rosenfield	5726 Scout Island Cir N	663-3560
Greg & Laurilyn Wysoscki	5700 Sam Houston Circle	
Joseph Villani & Siew-Sim Cheah	5800 Tom Wooten Cove	unpublished

## Good Things Are Happening

Spring is here! Spring is here! Time for swimming, hiking, gardening, bicycle riding, dog walking, picnics and maybe just laying on a blanket and looking up at the clouds. This is the time that we Texans look forward to each year and while we are enjoying the wonder of it all, we are also actively forgetting how hot summer is.

Every year when we shop for clothing during the spring we buy garments that we could not possibly wear in the heat of the summer. We plant flowers that will surely perish in the 102 temperature, and we buy convertibles that the tops stay up on for at least 3 months.

We are optimists and experience teaches us nothing. We just keep thinking that Spring is here forever. Not so! However the positive aspects of these beliefs are that the outdoor activities that we all wish to indulge in are right here at our door step. We don't have to load up the dogs and the kids and head for various points of interest. We can do all the outdoor activities we want right here in our own backyard.

As for our fantasy shopping! There is always air-conditioning which allows us to wear inside what we can not wear outside in the heat. The flowers may perish but the nurseries stay open so that we can replenish the wilting plants with those that can make it through the summer.

So my point is, it's great that we are optimistic in the Spring of the year and even greater that we can live in a place that allows are fantasies to thrive. Spring in the Courtyard is special but keep in mind summer is on its way!

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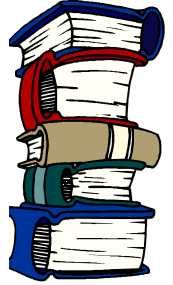
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## Courtyard Book Club

April 11th is the date and THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY by Luis Alberto Urrea is our selection. Yes, as you have recognized, this is the mayor's book choice that Austin is reading and we will be able to discuss in the neighborhood and with other Austinites. We meet at 11:45 a.m. at the Courtyard Tennis Club for a salad and drink (\$6.00 plus tip). We look forward to your presence!



## Courtyard Homeowners Garage Sale

Here is that date you want to know--the Annual Courtyard Homeowners Garage Sale! May 6<sup>th</sup> is the day, 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. will be the time as advertised in *The Statesman*. It's not too soon to get organized.

### HINTS for a successful sale:

- Signs will be placed at the entrances as usual .
- You can add signs as you feel will help (Home-Depot and others have them) Just be sure they come down after the sale is over
- Feel free to open earlier or later
- It is advisable to have prices on every item and be prepared to dicker.
- Have change - both bills and coins available
- Children's items are especially popular.
- No charge for this community project.
- A multi-family sale is always more successful, so get your neighbors to join in the fun. This will probably be your only message regarding the garage sale. GOOD LUCK!!



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## This news alert from the Northwest Austin Civic Association:

On Feb 12 around 1:00 a.m. a 10-point buck (deer) was shot with high powered cross bow and arrow in the front yard of a neighbor's house near Far Hills and North Hills. The arrow was later retrieved near the window of the house. Another neighbor walking his dog saw the incident, and reported that a dark blue Dodge Ram up with men sped away. The men in the truck displayed aggressive and intimidating behavior with their vehicle towards the witness. The neighbor called 911 to alert APD. Before APD arrived, the same group of men (believed to be in their 30's or 40's) were reported to come back to where the deer was killed in another vehicle, this time a Royal blue Chevy full size pick up, presumably to claim their prize, but left when they saw more people.

NWACA followed up with APD and Tx Parks and Wildlife to inquire about any investigation and possible solutions to end this dangerous activity. Game poaching is a violation of Tx Parks and Wildlife regulations, and "display of a deadly weapon causing alarm", as well as shooting wildlife inside City limits are Class C misdemeanors under the Austin Penal Code.

APD and Tx Parks and Wildlife do not have enough manpower to monitor our entire neighborhood for this type of activity. It is incumbent upon us as neighbors to keep a watchful eye for such activity, and if seen, report it immediately to 911. APD suggests that you record a license plate if possible, but do not approach such

individuals. An officer can make an arrest and seize the weapon, or issue a citation. If a suspect is not found, APD can issue a "Be on the Lookout" to other officers on duty in the area.

TX Parks and Wildlife will most likely follow up with an investigation for gaming violations.

This is apparently not the first time this type of illegal game hunting has occurred in Northwest Hills, but with a neighborly watch, maybe we can put a stop to them.

If you see any such activity, please report it to the Police first, then also let us, your civic association, know of future occurrences.

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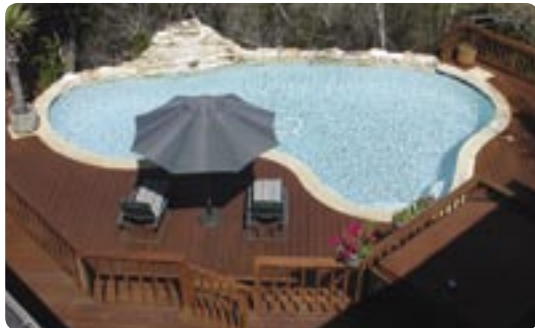
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**FROM YOUR CHA Board of Directors, Frank Apgar, President**

**This month we want to call to your attention a letter from the City of Austin. Please read the letter that the board has received. All "sub" boards should keep the directives in mind when making any paving decisions.**

**Thank you and have a great spring!**



## City of Austin

February 10, 2006

Dear Property Owners, Managers, and Administrators:

***Your organization has been identified as a potential user or representing potential users of pavement sealants.*** As you may know, on November 17, 2005, the City of Austin became the first city in the US to ban the use of coal tar-containing pavement sealants. The ban, which went into effect on January 1, 2006, is based upon research completed by the United States Geological Services (USGS) and the City of Austin.

The City has banned the coal tar-containing products because they are a potent source of PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), an organic contaminant known to be carcinogenic and toxic to aquatic life. For more information on this initiative and the research that supports it, please see our website at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/coalatar\\_main.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/coalatar_main.htm).

We are asking for your cooperation in the transition from coal tar containing products to alternatives by taking the following steps:

- Communicate this notification to your members or to pavement maintenance decision makers.
- Request Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) Sheets from any potential contractor or sealcoat applicator *before* purchase or application to verify the compliance with the new ordinance. Make sure that these sheets clearly state whether the product contains coal tar. The ban is for coal tar *containing* products, not just those with a higher percentage of coal tar. Blending coal tar with asphalt sealants will be deemed a violation of this ordinance.
- Be aware that the ban prohibits use of these products in the City of Austin and its planning jurisdiction. The planning jurisdiction applies to land near the city limits, but not in a separate municipality. You may determine whether a particular site is in the City's planning jurisdiction by calling our GIS Service at 512-974-2797.

Our in-house spills response team has been trained to use simple field tests to determine the presence of coal tar in sealants. Note that the use of banned products is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by up to \$2,000 for the initial violation. Each day a violation occurs or continues is a separate offense.

Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to protect Austin's waterways. If you have additional questions or comments regarding this matter, please call Tom Ennis at 974-2722 or our Spills Hotline at 512-974-2550.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy L. McClintock, Assistant Director  
Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

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## Texas Events - April

1—AUSTIN: Art After Dark Includes art for sale, live music, dance performances, culinary creations by Austin's most notable chefs and more. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Republic Square Park. [www.austinfineartsfestival.org](http://www.austinfineartsfestival.org) 512/458-6073

1—AUSTIN: Simon Diaz Acclaimed singer, songwriter, composer, comedian, author, actor and director has rediscovered the songs of the Venezuelan plains. Hogg Auditorium. [www.utpac.org](http://www.utpac.org) 512/471-1444 or 800/687-6010

1-2—AUSTIN: Jerry Jeff Walker's Birthday Bash Broken Spoke, Paramount Theatre and Gruene Hall. (Began Mar. 31.) [www.jerryjeff.com/BirthdayBash2006.htm](http://www.jerryjeff.com/BirthdayBash2006.htm)

1-2—AUSTIN: Muster Days Enjoy military exhibits, demonstrations and historical re-enactments. Features a parade, flyovers, band concerts and food booths. Admission and parking are free. Texas National Guard's Camp Mabry. 512/782-1032 or 512/782-5467

1-2—AUSTIN: Spamarama Everything Spam, including a cook-off, Spam Olympics and Spam Jam, comprises the 28th annual festival honoring this potted pork product. Waterloo Park, 403 E. 15th St. [www.spamarama.com](http://www.spamarama.com) 512/834-1827

1-2—AUSTIN: The Austin Fine Arts Festival Includes artist demonstrations, interactive art installations, live music, dance performances, kids art activities and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Republic Square Park. [www.austinfineartsfestival.org](http://www.austinfineartsfestival.org) 512/458-6073

2—AUSTIN: Charlotte's Web The miraculous Charlotte and the lovable Wilbur star in E.B. White's tale of bravery, selfless love and the meaning of friendship. The Paramount Theatre. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org) 866/443-8849

2—AUSTIN: Buglisi/Foreman Dance One World Theatre. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

2—AUSTIN: Capitol 10,000 Texas' largest race and one of the nation's top 10Ks draws about 10,000 runners. Congress Avenue to Auditorium Shores. [www.runtex.com](http://www.runtex.com) 512/472-3254

5-8—AUSTIN: Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays Brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from Texas, the United States and the world. Mike A. Myers Stadium, University of Texas Campus. [www.texassports.com](http://www.texassports.com) 800/687-8379

6-9—AUSTIN: Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival Texas chefs and wineries pair their culinary offerings and wine in one of the country's top food and wine events. [www.texaswineandfood.org](http://www.texaswineandfood.org) 512/542-WINE

8-9—AUSTIN: Beaucoup Boulanger This is the first concert in a two-part series exploring the Boulanger sisters' influence on 20th-century American concert music. Features Nadia's Three Pieces for Cello and Lili's settings of Francis Jammes' Clairieres dans le Ciel (Clearing in the Sky). [www.austinchambermusic.org](http://www.austinchambermusic.org) 512/454-0026

9—AUSTIN: Lang Lang This charismatic 22-year-old piano sensation captures the spirit of every piece he plays — from the vigorous Chopin

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10—AUSTIN: David Sedaris This best-selling author/humorist returns to Austin with his sardonic humor that includes some new and unpublished works, as well as recently published pieces from The New Yorker. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org) 866/443-8849

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15-16—AUSTIN: Bob Marley Festival Celebrates the king of reggae's birthday with music and food. Auditorium Shores. [www.austinmarleyfest.com](http://www.austinmarleyfest.com) 512/773-5177

20-23—AUSTIN: Austin International Poetry Festival This is the largest non-juried poetry festival in the United States. Enjoy live poetry at venues across the city or submit poetry to the AIPF anthology, di-verse-city, and Christina Sergyevna Poetry Award. [www.aipf.org](http://www.aipf.org)

20-23—AUSTIN: Old Settlers Music Festival Features Grammy-winning Americana music, 30 bands on five stages, arts & crafts, camping, food concessions and more. Children's activities include a talent competition, armadillo races, petting zoo, moonwalk, stilt-walking, doll making, face painting and more. The Salt Lick BBQ Pavilion and Camp Ben McCulloch. [www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org](http://www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org) 512/346-0999 ext. 3

21-22—AUSTIN: Swingin' Then & Now Louis Prima and friends provide a spunky dance ride of swing classics balanced with a contemporary and electronic rhythmic train into the future. The Paramount Theatre. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org) 866/443-8849

22-23—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Offers an antique, collectible and vintage flea market. Palmer Events Center. [www.cwgs.com](http://www.cwgs.com) 512/441-2828

23—AUSTIN: A. Mozart Fest Presents: "Legendary Pianist William Doppmann" Pianist performs Rachmaninoff's Corelli Variations, Debussy, Liszt, Shostakovich and Bartok. Begins at 3 p.m. The First Baptist Church of Austin. [www.amozartfest.org](http://www.amozartfest.org) 866/468-7621

29—AUSTIN: Eeyore's Birthday Party Celebration for the popular "Winnie the Pooh" character includes costume contests, games, face painting, music and more. Pease Park. [www.eeyores.sexton.com/06](http://www.eeyores.sexton.com/06) 512/448-5160

29—AUSTIN: Jorge Caballero (Peru) One of the youngest winners (and the only guitarist) of the prestigious Naumberg prize, Caballero closes the Austin Classical Guitar Society's season. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. [www.austinclassicalguitar.org](http://www.austinclassicalguitar.org) 512/300-ACGS

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