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## Message From Your President And Board

This month we would like to discuss the road work being done on our streets in the Courtyard and address some of the questions raised by residents. First, the process used by the City of Austin (City) this time is different from past years, and the material is supposed to be more environmentally sensitive. However, you may have noticed areas where oil is oozing up above the gravel, and members have complained that this oil is being tracked into their homes by way of tires and shoes. In response, your Board of Directors has been in communication with the City's Department of Public Works, and the Department is aware of the problem. It indicated that it plans to sand these areas then sweep it clean. Second, as many of you have noticed, the cul-de-sacs are not finished. The cul-de-sacs require a different process due to the tight turning radius within the cul-de-sac. This work is scheduled to be done around September. We hope this answers some of your questions. In case you would like to call about the work schedule, the Department's Public Works telephone number is 974-8777.

As long as we're talking roads and transportation, here's an update on our DRIVE SLOWLY IN THE COURTYARD campaign. You may have read that the City is proposing to lower the speed limit in neighborhoods from 30 mph to 25 mph. Maybe some one at the City is reading our newsletter? Whatever the City's reason to lower neighborhood speed limits, we think we're on the right track with our DRIVE SLOWLY IN THE COURTYARD campaign. Thanks to all your cooperation, the campaign is really working. Keep up the good work!

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## Play Group Time

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays  
9AM to 11AM  
At the Park



## Bull Creek Park News

The park has been getting a lot of use lately. The trails are all in good shape. There had been some trees and branches knocked down during a recent rain storm, but they were quickly removed, restoring the trails.

The Fourth of July picnic at the park was a huge success. After a nice parade through the neighborhood, everyone gathered at the park for a picnic. We had decorations, face painting, balloon animals and a moonwalk. In addition, hot dogs, (there is just something about a grilled hot dog on the Fourth of July in the park) with all the trimmings, lemonade and watermelon were served. There were over 200 people attending. With all generations enjoying the day and all it represents. There were many veterans in attendance who are always appreciated. Many thanks to the Board members and to the local fire department for making this event a huge success.

Thanks to everyone for using the trash cans, especially the one by the playscape, to help keep our park clean. Please also remember to clean up after your pets in the park and on our streets.

If anyone has suggestions for the park, please contact any Bull Creek Committee member. They are: Bob May, 345-1516, Ed Ueckert, 345-6137, Fred Wakefield, 343-6137, Larry Gonda, 342-1675, Michael Castanon, 231-9789, and Eddie Zamora, 502-9501.



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## NEW - Neighborhood Announcement - NEW

Your Courtyard neighborhood gets many, many compliments on how great we look. To keep that look requires the co-operation of all our residents. The Board has asked three of our residents to serve on a committee whose job it will be to call and remind residents who do not follow (or perhaps do not understand) the Homeowners' Guidelines. This committee is called the COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, and the Board hopes everyone will cooperate with members of this committee in the same spirit with which they make their request.

## Water Saving Tip

The City of Austin has asked residents for our help in saving water. That means everyone, not just a few. One suggested way to save water is to set those sprinklers to run after sunset (8:30 p.m.) or before sunrise (6:30a.m). The purpose is to avoid raising our water rates or, in the worst case, lead to water rationing!



## Book Club Meeting

**August 8 - Tuesday**

Here is a book for everyone! Why not join us August 8th at the Courtyard Tennis Club for lunch @ 11:30 a.m. and a discussion of this month's selection. How can you not want to read *Marley And Me* by John Groder. On the best seller's list for months, it is a winner for all you animal lovers. Look forward to seeing you (Yes, some people come and (shhhh)—haven't read the book.)

September choice is: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, another best seller.



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# Texas Events - August

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29—**BANDERA**: Open Rodeo Begins at 8 p.m. Includes a calf scramble for kids. Twin Elm Guest Ranch. [www.twinelmranch.com](http://www.twinelmranch.com)

1-12—**WIMBERLEY**: Shakespeare Under the Stars Two Shakespearean plays run consecutively. EmilyAnn Theatre. (Began Jul. 31.) [www.emilyann.org](http://www.emilyann.org) 512/847-6969

1-15—**CONCAN**: Hayride & Cowboy Sunset Serenade Enjoy a hayride to a scenic overlook in the park and entertainment by the Cowboy Sunset Serenade. This program takes a historic look at the origins of the American cowboy through songs and poetry. Begins at 7 p.m. Reservation only. Garner State Park. 830/232-5999 or 830/232-6132

2-27—**KERRVILLE**: Hometown Crafts Teachers' Art Show — Kerr Arts & Cultural Center Features art of Hill Country teachers. 228 Earl Garrett. [www.kackkerrville.com](http://www.kackkerrville.com) 830/895-2911

3, 10, 17, 24, 31—**KEMAH**: Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk. [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com) 281/334-9880

3-19—**INGRAM**: Harvey — Hill Country Arts Foundation Tells the story of Elwood P. Dowd and his invisible rabbit. Smith-Ritch Outdoor Theater, Hwy. 39. [www.hcaf.com](http://www.hcaf.com) 830/367-5121

5-6, 19-20—**PFLUGERVILLE**: "Another Man's Treasure" Flea Market Offers a variety of collectibles, vintage items, furniture,

antiques and uncommon objects. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. U-Haul Facility, 1617 Three Points Road & Vision. 512/636-2466

5, 12, 19, 26—**BANDERA**: Cowboys on Main Features cowboys on horseback, strolling musicians, storytellers and more from 1 to 4 p.m. Bandera's Main Street. [www.frontiertimesmuseum.com](http://www.frontiertimesmuseum.com) 830/796-3864

5, 12, 19, 26—**PIPE CREEK**: Open Rodeo Begins at 8 p.m. Includes calf scramble for kids. Lightning Ranch. [www.lightningranch.com](http://www.lightningranch.com) 830/535-4096

9—**NEW BRAUNFELS**: Comal County Music Show House band and featured artists perform country music. Doors open at 6 p.m. Civic Center, 380 S. Seguin Ave. 830/629-4547

10, 17, 20, 24, 31—**BURNET**: Devil's Waterhole Canoe Tour Take a guided canoe tour and see many of the unique geological and natural features of the Hill Country and the park. Participants are expected to have basic canoe skills or attend a canoe skills clinic prior to taking part in the program. Canoes, paddles and life jackets are provided. Reservations required. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

10-20—**KERRVILLE**: One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest — Playhouse 2000 Based on a novel by Ken Kesey. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. [www.caillouxtheater.com](http://www.caillouxtheater.com) 830/896-9393

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11—AUSTIN: Rippingtons Featuring Russ Freeman With some of the greatest instrumental melodies ever written, this band is one of the most influential groups in smooth jazz. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. [www.oneworldtheatre.org](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org) 512/329-6753

11-12—SONORA: Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo Includes arts & crafts, food, children's ride, parade and rodeo. Sutton County Park and Rodeo Arena. [www.sonoratax-chamber.com](http://www.sonoratax-chamber.com) 325/387-2880

11-13—AUSTIN: LoneStar Invitational This country-Western dance competition includes dancers from novice to professional. Includes dance workshops all weekend. Capitol Marriott. [www.lonestarcountrydance.com](http://www.lonestarcountrydance.com) 512/585-9409

12—AUSTIN: A Night of Rodrigo Concertos Come to an enchanting evening beginning with Joaquin Rodrigo's Fantasy for a Gentleman and ending with Concierto de Aranjuez performed by Austin's Orchestra of St. David's under the direction of David Stevens with award-winning guest soloist Andrew Zohn. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. [www.austinclassicalguitar.org](http://www.austinclassicalguitar.org) 512/300-ACGS

12—BURNET: Bluegrass in the Park Wayne Brooks and the Piney Grove Ramblers play toe-tapping, finger-snapping bluegrass music from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

12—CASTROVILLE: Market Trail Day Features craft, food and plant booths. Houston Square on Angelo Street. 830/741-2313

12—GEORGETOWN: Market Day Features arts & crafts, antiques,

collectibles and festive foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Georgetown. [www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.org](http://www.downtowngeorgetownassociation.org) 512/868-8675

12—KERRVILLE: Second Saturday Art Trail Features art galleries in Kerrville and Ingram. Includes special exhibits and receptions. [www.artinthehills.com](http://www.artinthehills.com) 830/895-5184

12—LAMPASAS: Indian Artifact Show E-mail: [lampasaschamber@thegateway.net](mailto:lampasaschamber@thegateway.net) • [www.lampasaschamber.org](http://www.lampasaschamber.org) 512/556-5172

12-13—BOERNE: Market Days Shop arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and food booths. Main Plaza. [www.mainstreetboerne.com](http://www.mainstreetboerne.com) 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193

12, 19, 26—BURNET: Go Fishing with a Ranger After a brief safety and basic skills instruction, families go fishing with a park ranger. A limited amount of fishing equipment is provided, or you can bring your own. Begins at 6 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

12, 26—BRACKETTVILLE: Bat Flights at Stuart Bat Cave Watch an estimated 500,000 bats emerge from Stuart Bat Cave in the evening. A program is held regarding bats, the environment and resources of the park. Tours subject to cancellation. Reservations required. Kickapoo Cavern State Park. 830/563-2342

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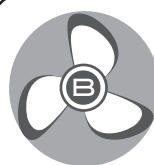
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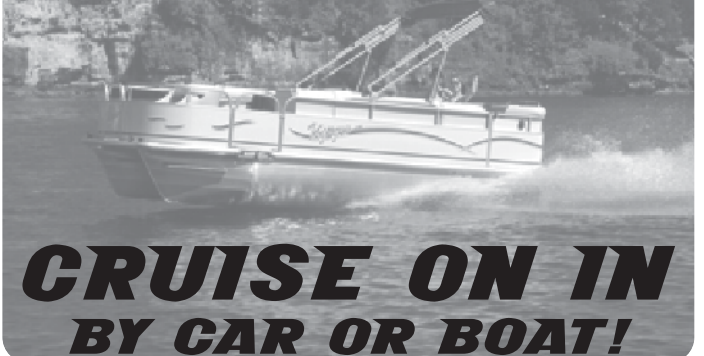
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15-Nov. 15—AUSTIN: Big Bugs This famous collection of larger-than-life garden creatures first visited the Center in 1997. The sculptures set the stage as visitors learn the roles of these intriguing "little" creatures through fun family learning activities, special events, guided tours and gardening classes. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) 512/292-4200

17-19—JOHNSON CITY: Blanco County Fair & Rodeo Includes youth rodeo, junior lamb show, queen contest, rodeo, rodeo dance, big street parade, junior steer show, washer pitching contest and more. [www.lbjcountry.com](http://www.lbjcountry.com) 830/868-7053

18—AUSTIN: Paula Poundstone One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

18-19—TAYLOR: International BBQ Cook-Off Includes barbecue cook-off, arts & crafts show, carnival, live music and Walter Gonzales Memorial Horseshoe Tournament. Murphy Park. [www.taylorjaycees.org](http://www.taylorjaycees.org) 512/365-1184 or 512/365-2677

18-20—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Includes more than 300 vendors, five barns, acres of antiques and more, biergarten and music. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms. E-mail: [fbg@moment.net](mailto:fbg@moment.net) 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

18-20, 25-27—JOHNSON CITY: Harvest Wine Trail 830/868-2321

19—BLANCO: Market Day [www.historicblanco.org](http://www.historicblanco.org) 830/833-2211

19—DOSS: Doss Community Fair Community celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Includes bread contest, exhibits of farm produce, antique equipment, memorabilia and entertainment. Doss Community Center. 830/669-2353

19—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Saturday Night: American Music in the Texas Hill Country Features a series of live Roots music concerts by emerging and established artists. Hours are 5 to 11 p.m. The Pioneer Museum. [www.pioneermuseum.com](http://www.pioneermuseum.com) 830/997-2835

19-20—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items, collectibles and packaged Texas foods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.gruenemarketdays.com](http://www.gruenemarketdays.com) 830/832-1721

19, 26—TOW: 17th Annual Grapestomp Festival Includes tours, tastings and live music. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fall Creek Vineyards. [www.fcv.com](http://www.fcv.com) 325/379-5361

22—MASON: Country Opry The featured artist is Frank Torres. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theater on the Mason Square. E-mail: [masoncoc@htcc.net](mailto:masoncoc@htcc.net) • [www.masontxcoc.com](http://www.masontxcoc.com) 325/347-5758

24-27—FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Fair Includes agricultural and livestock exhibits, Colgate Country Music Showdown, parade, dances, entertainment, mutton busting, horseshoe and washer pitching, arts & crafts, queen contest and more. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. [www.gillespiefair.com](http://www.gillespiefair.com) 830/997-2359

25—BURNET: Folk Music in the Park with JamisonPriest Folk/acoustic band performs. All three members of the group are singers and songwriters and play a variety of instruments. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Ink Lakes State Park. 512/793-2223

25-27—BLANCO: Heritage Day Includes dance, food booths, chuck wagon, blacksmith and music. Yett Park. [www.blancochamber.com](http://www.blancochamber.com) 830/833-5511

26—AUSTIN: Lannaya — Kids Series Explore the timeless rhythms and movements of West Africa with the Lannaya Drum and Dance Ensemble. 512/329-6753

26—ROUND ROCK: 5-K for Clay Run/walk is held in honor of Clay Madsen. Begins at 8 a.m. Clay Madsen Recreation Center. [www.5Kforclay.com](http://www.5Kforclay.com) 512/218-3217

26-27—AUSTIN: Austin Bamboo Festival Features tours of the Taniguchi Japanese Garden, traditional dances, bamboo crafts and flute music. Zilker Botanical Gardens. [www.bamboocentral.net](http://www.bamboocentral.net) 512/477-8672

26-27—JOHNSON CITY: Arts Encounters 2006 Series Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Benini Foundation. [www.artscountersatbeninis.com](http://www.artscountersatbeninis.com)

26-27—STONEWALL: Grape Stomp Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Becker Vineyards. [www.beckervineyards.com](http://www.beckervineyards.com) 830/644-2681

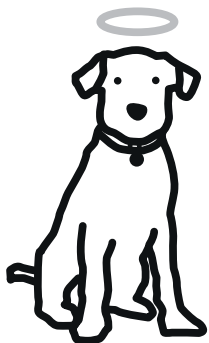
27—AUSTIN: Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival Amateurs and pros vie for the best hot sauce in this fun taste-off. Waterloo Park. [www.austinchronicle.com](http://www.austinchronicle.com) 512/454-5766

27—CASTROVILLE: St. Louis Day Includes barbecue plate, brisket, homemade sausage and all the trimmings. Koenig Park. 830/931-2826

27—STONEWALL: Lyndon Johnson Remembered Family and friends of the 36th president reminisce. Includes wreath laying, musical tribute and free ranch tours. LBJ Ranch — Johnson Family Cemetery. E-mail: [sherry\\_justus@nps.gov](mailto:sherry_justus@nps.gov) • [www.nps.gov/lyjo](http://www.nps.gov/lyjo) 830/868-7128 ext. 244

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