

# Courtyard Caller

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## Greetings Members

This month we would like to continue our campaign to promote and remind members of the importance of sending in their voting proxy for the Courtyard's next annual meeting. This meeting will be held the evening of January 21, 2007, at the office building on the corner of Scout Island Circle North and Courtyard Drive. As we stated in the November newsletter, it is very important that a quorum be present on January 21 that meets the Association's requirements to make this an official meeting at which decisions can be made and necessary Association business conducted. Sending in your proxy as soon as you receive it in the mail will help assure that a quorum will be present. Residents' timely efforts to return their proxies saves the Association the time and the costs of having to reschedule and hold a second annual meeting in the hopes of securing a quorum for business. Although we would like very much for everyone to attend the meeting, we know it is just not always possible. For this reason, please send in your proxy right away. It will make your vote count and support the required quorum.

We would also like to urge each Association member to consider volunteering to serve as an Association Board member and/or on one of the several committees that helps keep the Courtyard looking good and running smoothly. These positions are a mandatory requirement of the Association and are all performed by member volunteers. If each member would volunteer for one position just one time, you would be doing your neighborhood community a great service and doing your part to make and keep the Courtyard a great place to live. To offer your services just contact: (1) a member of this year's nominating committee, David Tait or Alys Honey; (2) any Board member; or (3) the Association's management company representative, Marilyn Childress. All the numbers are in your Community directory and in the Caller Newsletter.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Holiday season.

Your Courtyard HOA Board of Directors



## Book Club Meeting

Come join us at the Courtyard Tennis Club at 11:45 a.m. on December 14 for something a little different. Please bring a wrapped book whose story you would like to share with the other guests and be prepared to tell us why the book appealed to you. We will give you more details at the luncheon. The Courtyard management has graciously allowed us to order from the grill as you would choose.

Looking ahead: the January selection is "PALACE WALK" by Magueb Mahfouz.



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## Good Things Are Happening

Christmas in the Courtyard is lacking snow and freezing weather but every other element is present for a wonderful holiday experience. We have young children, teens, working age people and retired people.

This mix of young and old makes the season even more joyful because we can experience a virtual kaleidoscope of different colors and scenes. As we take our walks and drive our cars we see in this one area yards and houses decorated for the Season.

Years ago it was all red and green but today every color imaginable is displayed in every way possible. We live in a world where anything goes and Christmas is no exception.

Color is such an important contributor to our lives and to the holiday spirit that without it the scenes before us would seem bland. Creativity is everywhere to be found. We only need to look, see and enjoy.

So, when you are finished decorating go outside and enjoy what others have displayed. Sharing makes everything twice as good and so my hope for you is that this will be a twice blessed Christmas for all.

## Good Fences Make Good Neighbors . . . .

In his poem, "Mending Wall," Robert Frost gave us a peek into a New England ritual, in another time, when men would meet in the spring to mend the stone walls between their fields, walls that had been tampered with by Mother Nature:

*Something there is that doesn't love a wall,  
That sends the frozen ground swell under it,  
And splits the upper boulders in the sun;*

They would meet on an appointed date to set the wall up again.....

*One on a side. It comes to little more;  
There where it is we do not need the wall;  
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.  
My apple trees will never get across  
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.  
He only says, "Good fences make good neighbors."*

But here in Texas, where the walls are wooden boards, Mother Nature is the sun, hot and furious, and hard on fences. Check out your fences to make sure that they are not falling down, missing boards, and are not unsightly in other ways. We don't have to do the hard work of walking the fences and between us keeping them upright, but we are obligated to keep them in good condition. (Deed Restrictions XIII.9 Repair of Buildings and Structures; IX.1 General Maintenance)

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## Security Watch

December and the holiday season can prove very tempting for thieves and burglars. Don't forget to collect your paper and trash cans and turn the lights on so that your home has that "lived-in" look. The best defense against unwanted visitors is plenty of light and a watchful neighbor. Also, please be reminded that the Courtyard Neighborhood is a no-solicitation neighborhood. If any solicitors are seen in the area (as recently reported) please advise them to leave immediately and/or call the police. Have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Security Committee

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The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

4	6				7			
2		9	1			7		8
				5				
		6			5		1	7
						4		
					1			
	5	7		6	3			9
3					8			
		2		7		1		

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## Cartoon Corner



"Well, it balances - I'm overdrawn exactly what I'm short."



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## Holiday Sugar Plums That Dance On Your Taste Buds

These Holiday Sugar Plums are made with ruby-red Maraschino cherries.

(NAPSA)-The more the cherrier when it comes to holiday treats. And holiday sugar plums are no exception. These traditional treats are made with festive and fun Maraschino cherries.

Whether you are hosting a party or giving gifts to neighbors, these sugar plums are full of holiday cheer. And because they are so simple, the kids will have a ball helping you make them.

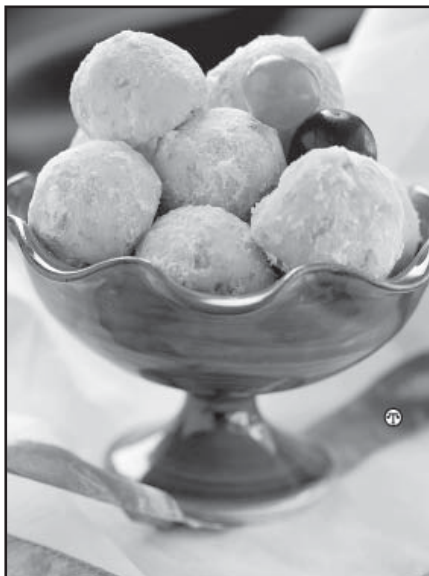
### Holiday Sugar Plums

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup quick rolled oats (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 48 Maraschino cherries (about one 16-oz. jar)
- Confectioners' sugar for finishing

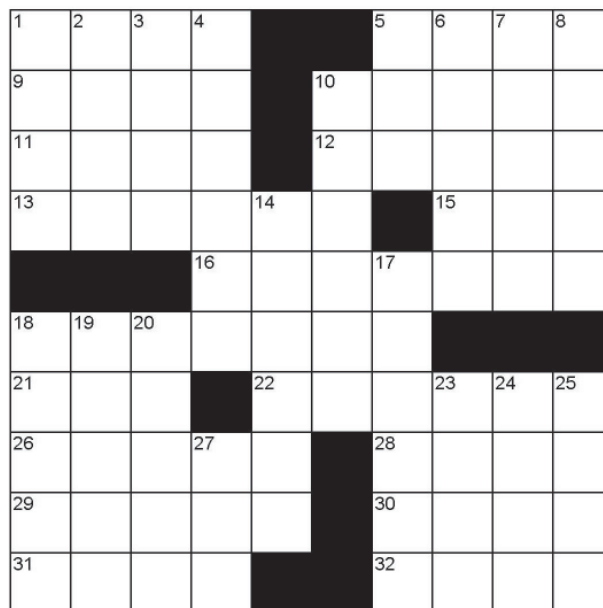
Drain Maraschino cherries thoroughly on paper towels and set aside. Put butter and 1 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed three to four minutes, or until well mixed. Stir in vanilla. Add flour, oats and salt; mix well. Stir in pecans.

Shape about 2 teaspoons dough around each cherry. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet about one inch apart. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until set but not brown. Roll in confectioners' sugar while still warm. Cool.

For a fun presentation, use cherries with stems. Remove stems, bake as directed and then insert stems in cookies while they are still warm but after rolling in sugar. Makes 4 dozen.



## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Abbreviate (abbr.)
5. Mom
9. Rubber cement, for example
10. Confuse
11. Snaky fish
12. To that time
13. Residential district
15. East southeast
16. Freedom
18. Firearms
21. Extra-sensory perception
22. Group of four
26. Ooze
28. Move gently
29. Singing voice
30. Level
31. Sulk
32. Marrow

### DOWN

1. Gets older
2. Type of cheese
3. Flower start
4. Ensur
5. Males
6. Not before
7. Slightly wet
8. Awry
10. What a gum chewer blows
14. Troublemaker
17. Believe
18. Vermin
19. Small island
20. Chine
23. Praise
24. Afloat
25. Indent
27. Cut grass

*\*Solution on page 9*

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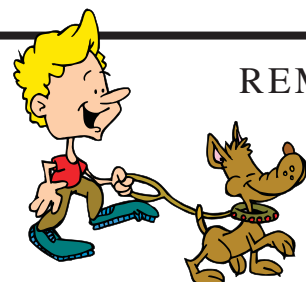
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## Cartoon Corner



"JUST HOW EARLY ARE YOU TEEING OFF?"



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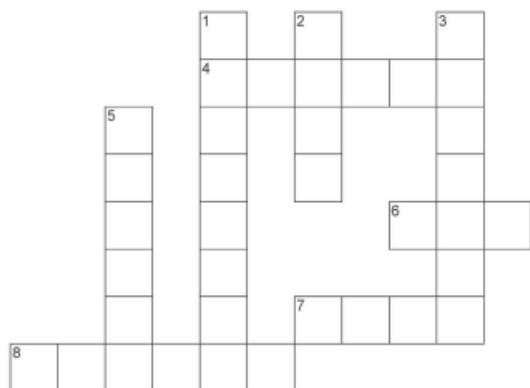
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## Kids Stuff

### Kidz Crossword Puzzle

**Instructions:** Match the correct answer with each clue to complete the puzzle.



#### ACROSS

##### Clue

4. Yellow & red make...
6. Hexagon has \_ sides
7. Holds paper together
8. Opposite of start

##### Answer

- Six
- Orange
- Finish
- Tape

#### DOWN

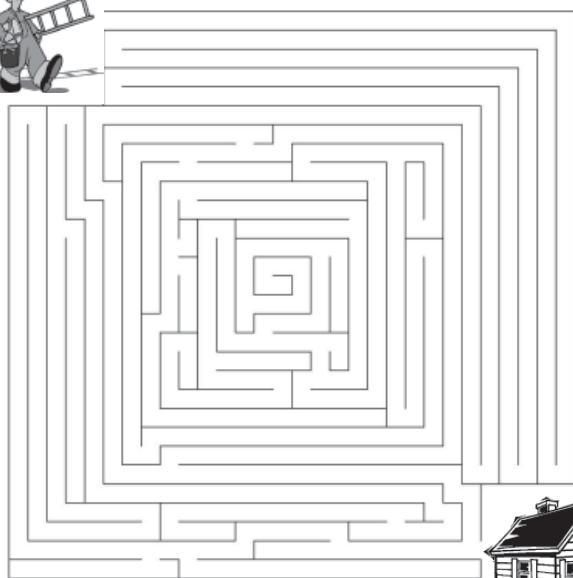
##### Answer

1. Capital of Ohio
2. 36 inches equal
3. What a snake is
5. Discovered the light bulb

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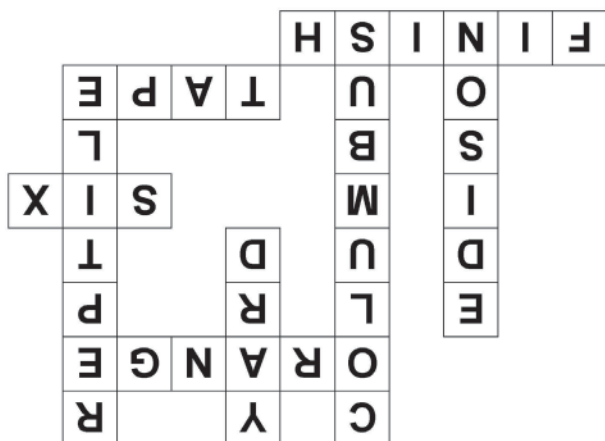
### Kidz Maze Mania

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Kidz Crossword Solution



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