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GREETINGS MEMBERS: LAST NOTICE

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 save and Happy New Year.

Your Courtyard HOA Board of Directors

Book Club Meeting

The Courtyard Book Club meets at the Courtyard Tennis Club, 12:00 p.m. on January 9 to review our January selection: "Palace Walk" by Magueb Mahfouz. Come join us for a good discussion over lunch and take this opportunity to meet your neighbors .

Looking ahead: February's meeting will follow a different format as we will be reading from the book galley of a soon to be published book. Contact Betty Marshall (343-8299) as to how to get a galley copy to read. We are flattered to have the author want to hear our comments.

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Potential Permanent Closure of Lakewood Drive at 2222

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be replacing the low-water bridge on FM 2222 over Bull Creek as part of its project to widen FM 2222 and keep this road open during even a 100-year flood event. TxDOT has indicated that the low water bridge fails its current requirements and is considered inadequate.

As planned, the new bridge will be nearly twenty feet above grade at its highest point over the existing low-water bridge. TxDOT proposes to raise Lakewood Drive, a city street, approximately sixteen feet with a gentle 7 1/4° slope to connect it to FM 2222 just east of the bridge at its current location.

This TxDOT project will be let for bid in August, pushing a construction start to late 07 or early 08. TxDOT estimates construction time to be fourteen months, during which FM 2222 will always be open, albeit with reduced lanes, but Lakewood Drive will be closed for eight months for the ramp construction.

Please remember -- the replacement of the bridge is not under discussion. It is going to happen. What is under discussion is what the City of Austin (City) should do with Lakewood Drive at FM 2222 - close it or ramp it up to the new height of FM2222. This could be decided as early as the regular City Council meeting of January 11, 2007.

Lakewood Club Homeowners Association wants Lakewood Drive permanently closed at FM 2222. The North West Area Civic Association also supports a permanent closure. City Staff and EMS officials, however, say that a closure would increase response times to Lakewood Club and oppose a permanent closure.

If you go to <http://www.nwaca.org/> you will find links to various positions, both pro and con. The link titled "Read First Concise Summary: City of Austin Staff Memo to Council" gives an excellent summary of the issues and contains the Public Works recommendation to keep Lakewood Drive open.

Our neighborhood issue, of course, isn't EMS response times, but it is connectivity. Lakewood Drive, an existing City street, is simply the easiest and quickest way for us to get to the services that are concentrated on Far West. Among many other services, our post office is there, along with the closest public library and full-service food market. Taking FM 2222 to Mesa, then over to Far West, is nearly twice as far and takes nearly twice as long.

Emails to the City Council will be very important in deciding this issue. If you want to see Lakewood kept open after construction or

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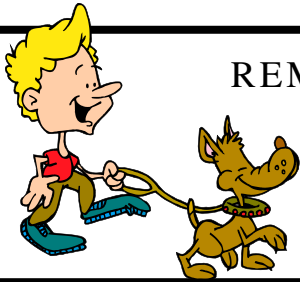
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Or you can go to <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/groupemail.htm> and use the fill in the blank form.

Please contact Bill Meredith at 345-0593 if you have any questions regarding the information in this article.

Directory Additions & Corrections

Kieschnick, Carol	5700 Jamboree Court	342-1770
Matthews, Charlaine	5805 Karankawa Cove	418-9405

Bull Creek Park - Vandalism

Just before Thanksgiving vandals destroyed the park restroom. They completely smashed the toilet, tore out all the plumbing under the sink and ripped off the paper dispensers. Such inexcusable and unthinkable vandalism will cost the Courtyard over \$1,000 to repair. These actions appear to have been done following a bout of drinking as there was an empty bottle of Crown Royal Whiskey outside the restroom area. Of further concern is the evidence that the perpetrators were smoking cigarettes and flipping them into the woods. Such careless actions could easily start a major fire that would be disastrous for homes along the Creek as well as any number of additional homes in the Courtyard to which the fire could spread.

This kind of activity is totally unacceptable to our community and all residents are asked, under the banner of neighborhood watch, to look out for suspicious individuals or groups of persons and, especially, unsupervised activities in the park. Neighbors who live adjacent to the park are asked to please call 911 when they hear or see anybody creating a disturbance, or participating in acts of destruction. This incident was reported to the police and there is a detective assigned to the case. We have been advised by the police department to call 911 when we see any illegal activity in our neighborhood.

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1—TAYLOR: Lights of the Blackland (Began Dec. 1.) www.taylorchamber.org 512/352-6364 Hill Country

1-7—FREDERICKSBURG: Eisbahn Kinderhalle. (Began Dec. 1.) www.eisbahnfbg.com 866/839-3378 or 830/997-5668 Hill Country

2-Feb. 25—AUSTIN: CASETA Art Exhibit Features creative works by early Texas artists, including, but not limited to, paintings, printmaking, watercolor and sculpture. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200 Hill Country

10—AUSTIN: Second Annual Gardere Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition www.gardere.com 713/867-3248

11-14—FREDERICKSBURG: Windows on Texas Celebrates Texas music. Activities, featuring live entertainment, are held. For more information, visit the Rebel Radio Web site. www.texasrebelradio.com 830/997-2197

11-21—GEORGETOWN: Steel Magnolias Palace Theatre. 512/869-SHOW

12—KERRVILLE: Camerata First Presbyterian Church, 800 Jefferson St. www.fpckerrville.org 830/257-3310

12-13—BOERNE: Kendall County Junior Livestock Show & Sale Kendall County Fairgrounds. www.kcfa.org 830/249-2948

12-13—FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Livestock Show 4-H and FFA youth of the community exhibit and sell their projects. Grand Champion Run is Friday evening. Sale is Saturday. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. 830/997-3452

12-13—OZONA: Crockett County 4-H Livestock Show FFA and 4-H kids show rabbits, sheep, goats and pigs. Begins at 8 a.m. Fair Park Convention Center. 325/392-2721

13—HONDO: Ed Fisher Memorial Auto Show Includes antique, unique, custom, low riders and trucks, plus parts, accessories and more. Downtown Old RR Loading Dock Area. www.hondochamber.com 830/426-3037

13-14—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828

14—AUSTIN: Clarke/Duke Project Reunites two of the most notable jazz musicians of the last three decades. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

14—KERRVILLE: Time For Three Features a trio of young string musicians who played together for fun in their spare time and have evolved into a charismatic ensemble. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. www.kpas.org 830/896-5727

19—AUSTIN: Jerry Jeff Walker One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

19-21—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days 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. www.fbgtradedays.com 830/990-4900

19-29—AUSTIN: Waiting for the Barbarians This is a dramatic allegory based on the novel by Nobel Prize-winning South African author John Maxwell Coetzee. Bass Concert Hall. www.austinlyricopera.org 800/316-7372

20—NEW BRAUNFELS: Jim Wilson He is one of the most popular new contemporary instrumental pianists. 830/627-0808

20-21—FREDERICKSBURG: 38th Annual Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show Includes jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, meteorites, gold panning, exhibits and demonstrations. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. 830/895-9630

21—AUSTIN: Roald Dahl's Willie Wonka Live actors, puppets and songs make this a musical treat for the entire family. Paramount Theatre. www.austintheatre.org 512/472-5470

21—FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Bach Choir Begins at 3 p.m. United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St. 830/997-5413

25—MASON: Country Opry Features Billy Mata at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theatre. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/597-2119

25-26—HONDO: Medina County Junior Livestock Show Medina County Fairgrounds. www.hondochamber.com 830/741-6180

25-27—JOHNSON CITY: Blanco County 4-H Youth Council Livestock Show Blanco County Show Barn. 830/868-7167

27—AUSTIN: TheatreworksUSA's Junie B. Jones A funny musical about first-grade angst-ridden situations. One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

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27—BANDERA: Wild Game Dinner Enjoy everything from venison chili to wild boar, bear and elk. Dining begins at 4 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church. 830/796-3091

27—FREDERICKSBURG: USO Hangar Dance This is a USO-style dance. Music is provided by The Flash Backs, a 14 piece big band. Includes a swing dance contest. Hangar Hotel. www.hangarhotel.com 830/997-9990

27-28—ELDORADO: All the King's Clones Festival Spoofs the Elvis impersonation phenomenon. E-mail: eoboc@hotmail.com 325/853-3678

28—AUSTIN: A. Mozart Fest Presents: Mozart Birthday Celebration Concert Three Mozart concertos featuring bassoonist Kristin Jensen, pianist Mary Robbins, and the A. Mozart Fest Chamber Orchestra. 3 p.m. First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity St. www.amozartfest.org 512/371-7217

30—AUSTIN: The American Twenties The exhibition explores race, religion, capitalism, love and modernism in the decade immediately following World War I through contemporary literature and art. UT Harry Ransom Humanities Resource Center. www.hrc.utexas.edu

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