



Courtyard Caller

OFFICIAL COURTYARD NEWSLETTER

Courtyard Homeowners Association, Inc.

May 2007

Volume 6, Number 5

Greetings Members

This month we would like to bring to your attention the needed improvements and projects that have either been completed or are planned by the Bull Creek Committee (BCC).

First, our thanks goes to Ed Ueckert, a member of the BCC and the Board of Directors, for leading the project to replace the dock at the community trailer storage area. (*See*, April edition of the Courtyard Caller) This project required a great deal of volunteer time and precise timing due to this year's lowering of the lake, which reduced the BCC's window of opportunity in which to complete the dock work. If you get a chance, visit Bull Creek Park or the trailer storage area and check out our beautiful new dock.

Second, the BCC, chaired by Eddie Zamora, has planned a community volunteer park preservation and clean-up day on May 19. This is a great chance to volunteer a little of your time to help keep our park a beautiful community asset. Please contact Eddie Zamora (502-9501) and show your support. The BCC can use all the help they can get. Refreshments and a good time for all are promised.

As always, THANK YOU FOR DRIVING SLOWLY IN THE COURTYARD. It's working.

Your CHA Board of Directors

GARAGE SALE REMINDER

SATURDAY - MAY 5!!!!

(Rain date, May 12)

You collect the stuff, and we provide the advertising and signs. Call Mary Lou Nilsson to reserve a sign or if you have any questions. (346-8432)



Happy Mother's Day

Book Club Meeting - May 8

The Courtyard Book Club will meet on May 8 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss "The Constant Gardener" by John La Carre. Please note the new time and plan to have lunch from the Courtyard Tennis Club menu. We look forward to your coming and contributing to what we hope is an interesting discussion and enjoyable time with your neighbors.

On the horizon: June's selection is "The Secret Life of the Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd.



**Don't want to wait for the mail?
View the current issue of the
Courtyard Homeowners Assoc.
Newsletter on the 1st day
of the month at www.PEELinc.com**

COURTYARD CALLER

CHA Board of Directors

Frank Apgar	President
Michael Castanon	Vice President
Catherine Reynolds	Secretary
David Tait	Treasurer
Leslie Craven	Member-at-Large
Reese McCrea	Member-at-Large
Ed Ueckert	Member-at-Large

Committees

Environmental Control (ECC)

Diana Apgar.....415-9412

Bull Creek

Eddie Zamora502-9501

Welcome

Alys Honey.....346-7791

Social

Michael Castanon.....231-9789

Landscape & Decorating

Ed Ueckert.....345-6137

Security

Catherine Reynolds342-2848

Communications

Leslie Craven.....502-1124

Compliance

Waneen Spirduso345-5078

Area Development and Zoning Liaison

Bill Meredith345-0593

Goodwin Management: Marilyn Childress
11149 Research Blvd. * Austin, TX 78759-5227
512-502-7509

Bull Creek Park – Clean Up Fun Day

The Bull Creek Committee (BCC) is sponsoring a clean-up/fun day on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The purpose of the clean-up day is for neighbors to come out and get together to help pick up debris, trim trees, help mulch branches, tidy-up the trails, and (the best part) to meet new neighbors and have fun. Children are welcome and families are needed.

Those who plan to come should bring work gloves and/or whatever tools you might need such as branch trimmers, loping shears, wheel barrows, and/or weed eaters. If you don't have any specific tools, come anyway -- just bring yourself, a smile, and some gloves. Kayaks or canoes to patrol the creek along the park would be good. Hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks will be provided for all the hard working volunteers. May 26 will be our alternate date if bad weather occurs.

For more information, please contact any BCC member: Eddie Zamora 502-9501, Catherine Reynolds 342-2848, Jim Reed 502-8511, Fred Wakefield 343-7103.

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints in this publication, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

At no time will any source be allowed to use the Courtyard Neighborhood Newsletter contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from the Courtyard Neighborhood Association and Peel Inc. The information in the Courtyard Neighborhood Newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Courtyard residents only.

FREE ESTIMATES



"Lots of satisfied customers"

SOUTHERN PAINTING

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

- INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
- POWER WASHING
- CAULKING / SCRAPING
- UNIFORMED PAINTERS
- QUALITY GUARANTEED
- GENERAL REPAIRS

www.southernpainting.com

512-267-6200

References/Bonded & Insured [®]

***There is a World of Difference Between
Covering a Surface With Paint*
And Painting
As SOUTHERN PAINTING Does**

Mention this ad for \$100 off service of \$1000 or more

**The Median Home Value in
Courtyard (1B MLS area) jumped
16.2% in 2006! How Did Your Home Do?**

**Get up to date statistics and
the current market value of your home.**

Introducing...

CourtyardMarketValue.com

- Get up to date market statistics
- Learn the current value of your home
- Follow local real estate trends

*View current listings
from The Jaymes
Willoughby Team on
The Open House
Show every
Saturday Morning
on Fox at 7:30.*



**Living and selling in
SW Austin since 1984!**

**512-347-9599 ext. 105
Jaymes@jwteam.com**



Jaymes Willoughby

Keller Williams Realty, Three Barton Skyway, 1221 S Mopac, Ste.120, Austin TX 78746

COURTYARD CALLER

Oak Wilt Warning

Spring is a critical time for suppressing Oak Wilt. **PRUNING OF OAK TREES SHOULD BE AVOIDED DURING FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE** which is the peak carrier beetle activity season. Studies have shown that the unpainted sap from pruned or wounded oak trees can attract the carrier beetles in as little as 15 minutes!

For more details, see the Oak Wilt website: http://www.nwaca.org/oak_wilt

Play Group Time

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



Security Reminder

During the spring and summer months we may be tempted to leave windows and doors open to enjoy the breeze. Keep in mind, however, these are also the months that bring an increase in home break-ins. Thankfully, it's been fairly quiet in the Courtyard this past month or so. However, our neighbors across FM 2222 have not been so fortunate. Northwest Hills has experienced a rash of home and car break-ins and thefts with many of the entries being gained through open windows and unlocked doors. Although Courtyard residences enjoy a bit more privacy and seclusion from general traffic, we are not immune. Be mindful of open windows and unlocked doors, particularly in the backyard, porch or breezeway area of your home, and garage doors. Don't make it easy for thieves to gain entry to your home or car.

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Courtyard residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail LouBetty@aol.com.

Business classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$45, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales at 512-989-8905 or advertising@PEELinc.com.

Peel, Inc.

Printing & Publishing

Publishing community newsletters since 1991

Support your neighborhood newsletter.

Kelly Peel
Sales Manager
512-989-8905
kelly@PEELinc.com



Advertise your business to your neighbors.

512-989-8905 www.PEELinc.com

Is your GARAGE DOOR Company using Band-Aids and Bailing Wire?



Call us for a semi-annual preventative maintenance service plus our **34 - POINT SAFETY INSPECTION**

All For...
\$39.95
(\$160 Value)

Marantec
Opens
SPRING/SUMMER SPECIAL*
\$299.99 installed
(\$350 Value!)
+ sales tax

- 24/7 Emergency and Same Day Service with NO Additional Charges
- Trained and Certified Technicians
- Limited Lifetime Warranty

512-206-0193



www.precisiondoor.net
*While Supplies Last



We Fix Garage Doors Right!

Spotlight on . . . McCallum High School

The Courtyard is very fortunate to be in the McCallum High School (McCallum) attendance zone. This highly acclaimed school has been designated "High Performing" by the National Center for Educational Accountability and by Just for Kids. McCallum was also named one of Newsweek Magazine's "Best High Schools" based on the number of students successfully taking advanced placement courses. In 2005, the school was honored as a Grammy Signature school and, in 2006, Texas Monthly listed McCallum as one of the top high schools in Texas – an honor shared with only 74 other schools in the state.

In addition to a high degree of academic achievement, McCallum is home to Austin Independent School District's (AISD) Fine Arts Academy (Academy). The Academy is a magnet for highly motivated students from across the city who wish to major in fine arts and offers programs in Dance, Music, Band, Classical Guitar, Orchestra, Choir, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts. Students enrolled in the Academy work with outstanding faculty and staff in a creative and stimulating environment and many enrichment activities further enhance the curriculum. For example, the award-winning band recently performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Theatre Arts Department will perform at the International Thespian Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer.

McCallum has a strong foreign language program that offers French, Japanese, Latin and Spanish, and special education programs designed for students with specific needs. Rounding out its extensive academic options, McCallum's athletic department offers baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling. The football team has won the district title for the past three consecutive years. Among the many club organizations at the school are the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Literary Magazine, Drill Team, and the Texas Alliance of Minority Engineers.

Advertising Information

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Courtyard Neighborhood Association Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all residents to receive a newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office, 512-989-8905 or advertising@PEELinc.com for ad information and pricing.

Know how the Realtor®
You Choose Affects...

- Your Selling/Buying Experience
- Your Home Exposure and Home Search
- YOUR BOTTOM-LINE EXPENSE

Vallure Realty Makes the Difference!!



Exclusive Buyer Rebate Program
FULL-SERVICE 1% Listing Option

VALLURETM
R E A L T Y

Nicole Peel

Broker/Owner

Servicing all of Austin

Office #: 512-249-6299

Mobile #: 512-740-2300

www.vallurerealty.com



A Fresh New Approach to Buying and Selling Real Estate!

Peel, Inc.

Printing & Publishing

512-989-8905
www.PEELinc.com



We currently publish newsletters
for the following subdivisions in Austin:

Amberwood
Barker Ranch
Brushy Creek Village
Cherry Creek on Brodie Ln.
Circle C Ranch
Courtyard
Davenport Ranch
Estates of Shady Hollow
Granada Hills
Highland Park West Balcones
Hill Country/Westview Estates
Horizon Park
Jester Estates
North Acres
Pemberton Heights
Ridgewood
River Place
Saxony
Scenic Brook
Sendra
Shadow Glen
Steiner Ranch
Stone Canyon
Tanglewood Oaks
Travis Country West
Villages at Western Oaks
Westcreek

Kelly Peel, Sales Manager
kelly@PEELinc.com • 512-989-8905



*"Your insurance policy covers falling
off the roof all right, but not hitting
the ground."*

 **The
Brown Paint
Company**

What can BROWN paint for you?

INTERIOR / EXTERIOR PAINTING
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
GENERAL REPAIRS / CARPENTRY
SHEETROCK REPLACEMENT
TEXTURING & FAUX FINISHES
CUSTOM STAIN & VARNISH

Why should BROWN paint for you?

FREE ESTIMATES
BONDED & INSURED
10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
EXCELLENT REFERENCES
3-YEAR WARRANTY
FAMILY-OWNED & OPERATED

www.brownpaint.com
512.506.9740

Breathe a Little Easier

Good news for pet owners! Perhaps you have seen the recent articles in the news about a new specially designed smaller sized oxygen mask now being used by firefighters and paramedics to assist pets in the aftermath of a fire or other disaster. Emergency responders throughout our central Texas area reported there was a definite need for these masks, but funding was hard to come by, and the kits were only being purchased for county areas.

Fortunately for Courtyard pets (and their owners), a very thoughtful resident asked herself "why shouldn't pets within the city limits be protected, too?" Not content to just ask "why," that good neighbor investigated further, found that the oxygen kits could be privately donated and designated for use by a specific fire station, and then collected enough contributions from her Courtyard neighbors to purchase a kit. We are happy to announce that our #31 Firehouse (below the Courtyard on FM 2222) is now equipped with the new life-saving oxygen masks for our pets. Thanks to all those who helped make this additional protection for our pets possible.

Way to go Neighbors!!



Sudoku

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.

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

* Solution at www.PEELinc.com

© 2006. Feature Exchange

WANTED

BY PEEL INC.

ENERGETIC SALES REPRESENTATIVES

REWARD

COMMISSION BASED INCOME

WANTED FOR WORKING FROM HOME,
EARNING EXTRA INCOME, AND
SELLING ADS IN YOUR NEWSLETTER

VISIT WWW.PEELINC.COM/JOBS.PHP FOR MORE INFORMATION

512-989-8905 | WWW.PEELINC.COM

Margaret Hutchison
Ph.D. CCC/A
Audiologist

Austin Hearing Services, Inc.



(512)656-3611
Fax (512)687-1123

Bldg. One, Ste. 210
6300 Bridgepoint Pkwy.
Austin, TX 78730
www.AustinHearing.net

KARLA CANTU
Sales Representative

512-825-5883
Fax 866-543-1593
karla@PEELinc.com



Peel, Inc.

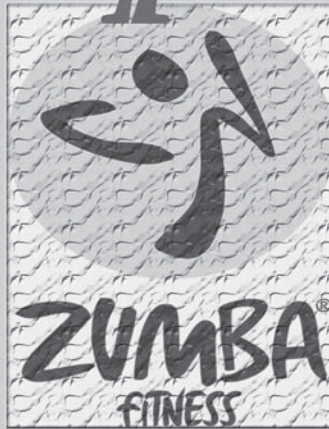
www.PEELinc.com

203 West Main Street, Suite D
Pflugerville, Texas 78660

PH. 512-989-8905
Fax 512-989-8946

*at my
health club...*

**MY WORKOUT ISN'T
JUST A WORKOUT.
*it's a party!***



latin infused cardio.

**Call us to try your FREE class
and say adios to boredom!**



AUSTIN'S ONLY *boutique*
HEALTH CLUB & SPA
DAVENPORT VILLAGE/306-0557
BODYBUSINESS.COM

Peel, Inc.

203 W. Main Street, Suite D
Pflugerville, Texas 78660

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

 **Voice 512-989-8905**

 **www.PEELinc.com**

CY