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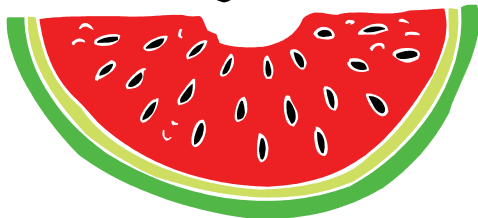
Unsolicited Solicitations

Over the past several months, the Board of Directors has received "more than a few" complaints from Courtyard residents concerning various paper flyers or envelope items appearing on their doors, in their mailboxes or elsewhere on their property. People have indicated that these unrequested materials seem to be appearing more frequently and in greater numbers than ever before, and they are simply tired of having to clean them up. Others are concerned that the accumulation of such paper items around their home when they are gone acts like a red flag to would-be burglars.

The reality is that there is little or nothing the Board can do to directly prevent these unwanted solicitations. Residents are possibly in the best position to discourage this activity if they take the time to contact the responsible company, organization, or individual(s) to note their displeasure. A direct complaint can make it clear that if the unsolicited communications do not stop, the offending entity is likely to suffer the opposite effect of what it was hoping for by distributing the flyers.

Good luck.

July 4th



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IT'S THE FOURTH OF JULY IN THE COURTYARD 2007

PARADE AT 10:30AM

Join us at 10:15am at Parade Ridge and Courtyard Drive
We will line up behind the Fire Truck and march to the Park

Decorate your bike or wagon and join in the fun

Grab a kazoo and march in the one and only
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Add balloons to the stroller and walk with the
Stroller Brigade

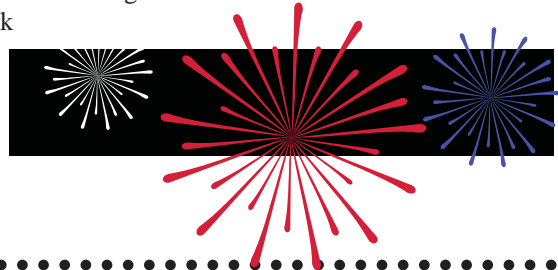
PICNIC IN THE PARK !

There will be a Slip & Slide so come prepared to get wet
There will be a clown, face painting, balloon animals &
Moonwalk

Then it's hot dogs lemonade and watermelon the All
American, All Courtyard picnic fare
The picnic will end with a piñata

SO COME ONE COME ALL !
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FUN IN THE
COURTYARD AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT !!!

The Parade route starts at Parade Ridge and Courtyard Drive
then proceeds to Scout Island Circle South. Turns left on Tom
Wooten then right on Scout Island Circle North and on to the
Park



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Bull Creek Park Clean-Up Day

On May 19 Courtyard residents gathered at the park for clean-up and fun. Trails were cleared and mulch laid. Trees were trimmed and a lot of trash and debris was picked up. The area around the restroom was cleared and cleaned. Bull Creek Park is in tip top shape thanks to the efforts of our hardworking neighbors.

Thanks to Bob May, Melody Chatelle, Andy and Paquita DeCarlo, Stephanie Giancola, Catherine Reynolds, Jim Red, and Ed Ueckert. Many thanks are also extended to Rubio Tree Service for donating their time to help clean and for hauling off the trimmings, branches, and tree limbs. Finally, we probably couldn't have done it without the valuable supervisory service provided by friendly neighborhood dogs: Max, Dash and Mocha. After working hard all morning, everyone gathered for drinks and hot dogs with all the trimmings.



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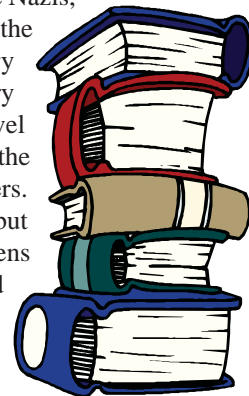
Book Club Meeting – July 10

Book Club will meet at the Courtyard Tennis Club on Tuesday, July 10, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Thomas Friedman's best seller, **"The World is Flat."** Lunch can be ordered at the club while we discuss the featured book – and whatever else we find of interest. Book Club really is an easy and enjoyable way to get to know your neighbors better and everyone is welcome. Hope to see some new faces in July.

In his latest book, the three time Pulitzer prize winning commentator and author describes the unplanned technological and social shifts that effectively leveled the economic world, and "accidentally made Beijing, Bangalore and Bethesda next-door neighbors." Friedman maintains that such events as the fall of the Berlin Wall; the rise of Netscape and the dotcom boom and trillion dollar investment in fiber optic cable; the emergence of common software platforms and open source code enabling global collaboration; and the rise of outsourcing, offshoring, supply chaining and insourcing converged around the year 2000, and "created a flat world: a global, web-enabled platform for multiple forms of sharing knowledge and work, irrespective of time, distance, geography and increasingly, language." With the attacks of 9/11, recurring Enron-like business scandals, and the

war in Iraq, is America adequately facing the fact of globalization and the need to compete in a new world?

Looking ahead . . . our August selection is the New York Times bestseller, **"A Thread of Grace"** by Mary Doria Russell. It is September 1943, and thousands of refugees are scrambling over the Alps toward Italy, where they hope to be safe at last, now that the Italians have broken with Germany and made a separate peace with the Allies. It is soon clear that Italy is anything but peaceful, as it becomes overnight an open battleground among the Nazis, fascists, Catholics, Jews in hiding, spies, the Allies, resistance fighters, and ordinary Italian civilians trying just to survive. Mary Doria Russell sets her first historical novel against this dramatic background, tracing the lives of a handful of fascinating characters. Through them, she tells the little-known but true story of the network of Italian citizens who saved the lives of forty-three thousand Jews during the war's final phase.



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

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Be a Good Neighbor! Scoop-a-poop!

Just imagine.....you have just spent several hours outside getting your yard ready for company. The shrubs are trimmed, the flowers are blossoming, and the grass is pristine...clean cut, and green. You smile. Yes, the lawn will make a good impression. Then the guests arrive, you go out to greet them, and, "Oh No!, how could this be?" There on the grass next to the sidewalk is a dog poop. Ugh.

Make sure that your dog is not the grievous offender! First, remember to follow the rules and keep your dog on a leash when you are out of your back yard. That way your dog can't slip one in on you! If he/she does, or if you are walking on a leash, then keep your neighbors happy and clean it up.

There may be "50 ways to leave your lover," but you can also find quite a few ways to scoop-a-poop. Here are just a few:

1. plastic newspaper wrappers. Simply put your hand into the wrapper, scoop up the poop, pull the wrapper back over your hand, tie a knot in it, and presto, you are ready to take it home to the can. To break of the monotony of daily walks, try different colors on different days.
2. plastic veggie bags from the grocery store. Same technique. Insert hand in bag, grab poop, and pull the plastic back

over your hand. This technique is especially useful for huge dogs.

3. newspaper-de-jour. This is a direct-paper method, and has been honed to a fine art by New York City dog lovers. Place a section of paper directly on the poop and pick it up. It is especially satisfying to use the section of the editorial page with which you disagree.
4. pooper-scooper. These can be bought in pet stores, and somebody must be buying them. But they cost money, whereas the above are free (sort of).
5. invent a small poop-a-scoop robot. This will require substantial engineering knowledge, but having a robot follow your dog and scooping poop would be innovative and fun to watch. The invention could take a while though. It the meantime, try one of the above techniques.

The bottom line is that whatever method you choose, use one and let your neighbor have that wonderful feeling of a beautiful yard. And, if you want to be a SUPER neighbor, take an extra plastic wrapper with you and scoop another poop that someone else might have missed!

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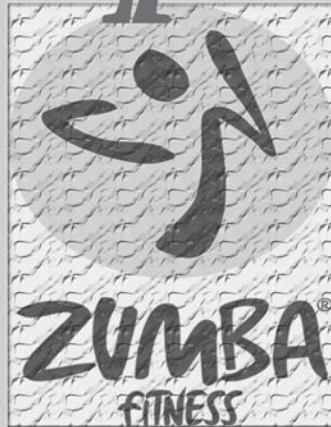
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