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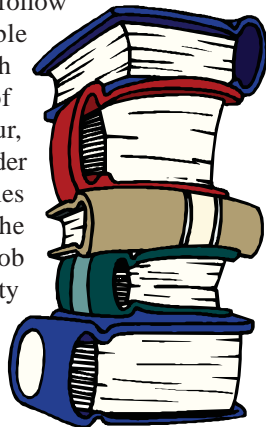
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Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 9, at 1:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis Club. Treat yourself to an hour with your friends and neighbors for lunch and discussion of a wonderful book by Greg Mortenson and David Relin entitled "Three Cups of Tea." This is the story of how one man fulfilled his promise to an impoverished Afghanistan village to return and build them a school and how that first school eventually turned into fifty-five schools, many especially for girls, in some of the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. This book has been a joy to read. Try it!

For those who want to get an early start with their reading, November's selection is "Water for Elephants" by Sarah Gruen. It is the time of America's Great Depression and Jacob Jankowski, a veterinary student who almost earned his degree, is orphaned and penniless. Fate casts him aboard a rickety train, home of the Benzini Brothers' "Most Spectacular Show on Earth," where he is put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. Among the memorable characters of this circus world, Jacob meets Marlena, the beautiful equestrian star who is sadly married to August, a charismatic animal trainer with a mean streak; and Rosie the elephant who is supposed to star in a new act except that Rosie can't follow instructions, and appears untrainable until Jacob discovers a way to reach her. What follows is the story of Jacob's life midst the glitz, glamour, murder and mayhem that was life under the Benzini Brothers' Big Top – stories recounted from the memories of the now ninety-something year old Jacob as he struggles to maintain his sanity in a nursing home.



Questions?

Call Betty Marshall @ 343-8299.

Security Warning

Courtyard Residents PLEASE TAKE NOTE that there were at least two attempted car thefts and/or break-ins in our neighborhood in late August. The police were called to the scene and reports were filed. For this reason, the Board would like to urge everyone in the Community to be "on guard" -- not fearful -- just watchful and alert. Keep an eye out for one another and for our belongings. Note that these break-ins happened to cars that were parked on the street. With that in mind, we further urge everyone to make an effort to avoid parking in the street; lock the doors and close the windows of vehicles left outside – whether in the driveway or the street; do not leave items left in your vehicles in plain view; and keep garage doors closed when not in use. Bottomline: be aware of what's going on around you and report any suspicious behavior to the police.

Finally, because of its location and size, the Courtyard has tended to have fewer incidents of crime than many of our area neighbors. Clearly, however, we are not immune, and one of the best lines of defense is an active neighborhood watch system. Please contact the Security Committee chairperson or any Board member if you have any ideas or suggestions about ways to make our neighborhood safer and/or would be interested in participating in a neighborhood watch program.

*Your Courtyard Homeowners' Association Board of Directors
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Area Developments – Update

by Bill Meredith

Area Development and Zoning Liaison

Project: Widening of FM 2222 and replacement of low water bridge on FM 2222 at Lakewood Drive.

As you may recall, in August 2006, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) estimated the above noted project would be ready for construction letting within a year, by August 2007. This time period allowed roughly six months for final acceptance of its right-of-way (ROW) maps and acquisition of the necessary ROW and six months to move the utilities currently in the way of the project to the edge of the new ROW. TxDOT indicated that construction should begin within a few months after bids were let and was scheduled to then take approximately fifteen to eighteen months to complete.

On September 5, 2007, I was notified by TxDOT that it was still waiting for the City of Austin (City) to contribute its 10% of the funding for the purchase of the ROW and until that money was received, the project could not move forward. TxDOT expected to receive the City's contribution sometime this fall, but the project's schedule is now roughly a year behind and would not be let for construction until August of 2008.

REMEMBER, PLEASE:

Austin leash laws require all dogs to be on a leash when off the owner's premises.



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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.

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Bull Creek Park - Leaves Are Turning

This is the time of year when the trees in our park and across Bull Creek become a beautiful spectrum of colors as the cool weather starts to arrive. These colors only last a couple of weeks so this is just a reminder to try to get down to the park and enjoy the scenery.



Play Group Time Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays



9AM to 11AM
At the Park

Environment Control Committee

Special Report

by Diana Apgar, ECC Chairperson

The Environmental Control Committee (ECC) would like to thank Judy Daffer for her long time service to the Courtyard. Judy has worked on many committees through the years she has lived in the Courtyard and her service on the ECC goes back to the spring of 2003. Judy was among the six members who worked many long hours to complete the rewriting of the new Architectural Guidelines in the fall of 2004. Thank you, Judy, for all your help and input through the years.

The ECC would also like to note its new member, Steve Conway, and thank him for volunteering his time to the ECC. Steve and his wife, Carol, have lived in the Courtyard for several years during which they assisted in preparing the Courtyard Caller Newsletter for publication, and Steve served on the Landscaping Committee.

For future reference, please note that current ECC members are:

Diana Apgar, Chairperson (new cell # 415-9408)

Jeff Gordon, David Tait, Oswald (OV) Scott, and Steve Conway

Without the help from these volunteer members the ECC couldn't do its job, they have put in many hours, and I would like to thank all of them.

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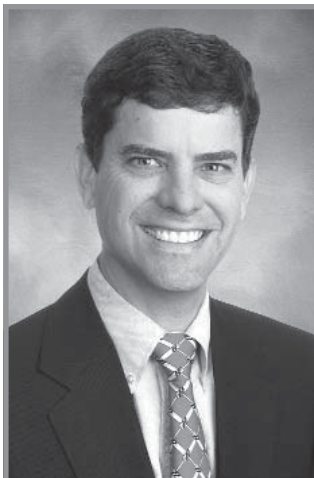
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October Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Selah Exhibit--the Story of the Bamberger Ranch Restoration

Artwork by Margaret Bamberger. Photography by Kathleen Wilson. Book and prints at the store. Saturday, October 6, to Sunday, November 11

Annual Fall Plant Sale & Gardening Festival

Nearly 300 species available. Special feature--Live oak and red oak seedlings from the LBJ Ranch. Members Preview: 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 12. Public Sale: 9 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14

Nature Nights

Spiders. "Spider Joe" Lapp and David Moellendorf bring their 8-legged friends. 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 19

Gourd Art

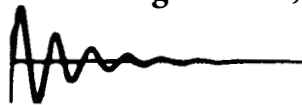
A mini-exhibit by Frances Cushing at the store. Saturday, October 27 to Sunday, November 18

Goblins in the Garden

Put on your best costume and come to the Wildflower Center's family Halloween festival! Explore the Mad Scientist's Laboratory in the Little House. Take a family portrait in the Punkin' Patch. Check out the Haunted Tower!



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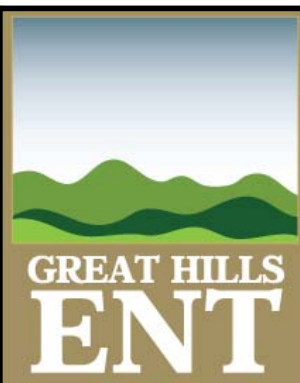
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Nutty Brown Cafe
- October 11.....**Willie Nelson
Floore's Country Store, Helotes, Tx
- October 12.....**Bob Sshneider
La Zona Rosa
- October 12.....**The Derailers
Broken Spoke
- October 12.....**Cory Morrow
Midnight Rodeo
- October 13.....**The Gourds
Threadgill's World Headquarters
- October 15.....**Lyle Lovett
Stubb's BBQ
- October 18.....**Texas Renegade
Nutty Brown Café
- October 19.....**Kelly Willis
Gruene Hall
- October 19.....**Derailers & Roger Creager
Fire Fest, Buda
- October 20.....**RayWylie Hubbard and more
Fire Fest, Buda
- October 20.....**Joe Ely
Gruene Hall
- October 26.....**Stoney LaRue

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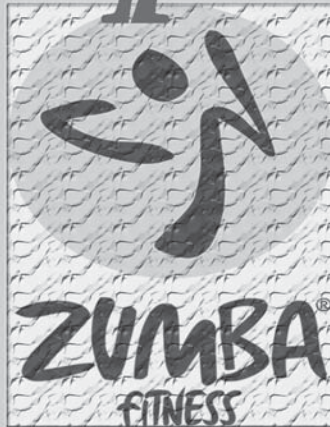
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