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Greetings Members

Many thanks to all the Association members who sent in their proxies and/or attended the Courtyard's annual meeting on January 27. We achieved the required quorum and were able to conduct all necessary business, including committee reports, review of the 2008 budget, and the election of three new directors to the Board: Jim Lloyd, David Tait, and Ed Ueckert.

You can still volunteer some of your time to the Courtyard community by signing up to work on one (or more) of our standing committees: Environmental Control (ECC), Bull Creek Park, Welcome, Social, Landscaping & Decorating, Security, Communications, and Kayak. Some committees have work intermittently throughout the year, others concentrate their efforts on more specific neighborhood events – such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale, Park clean-ups, and the Fourth of July celebration. Please contact the chairperson if you think you might be interested in helping out and wish to learn more about a committee's work or if you have some new ideas to share about the work of a committee.

Just a reminder to everyone, that the Board meets regularly the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the office building at the corner of Courtyard Drive and Scout Island Circle North. These meetings are open to all Association members/residents and residents are encouraged to drop by – even if only for a while. It's a good way for us to meet our neighbors and for you to get to know your Board, ask questions, and provide input on matters being considered.

Lastly, we urge everyone to continue their efforts to keep their speed down while driving through our neighborhood streets.

Your Courtyard Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

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Book Club

Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis Club to review Jim Fergus' *One Thousand White Women – The Journals of May Dodd*. At this same gathering, we are happy to announce that Courtyard neighbor Fran Scott will be there to discuss her newly published book, *Charles Sanders Peirce's System of Science: Life as a Laboratory*, the latest of her many published works. All are welcome. Please invite a guest and come join us for lunch and what should be a most interesting meeting.

Reading ahead, April's selection is *The Most Famous Man In America – Biography of Henry Ward Beecher* by Debby Applegate. Now nearly forgotten, Henry Ward Beecher (1813–1887) was a phenomenon in his day. Son of the powerful Calvinist minister Lyman Beecher and brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Henry rose to prominence as a charismatic Congregationalist clergyman in Brooklyn Heights with his insistence that love and salvation, not his father's message of sin and damnation, be the centerpiece of Christian ideology. A curiously modern 19th-century figure, Beecher's mesmerizing oratory and fiery newspaper columns made him the most renowned American preacher of his day and one of the first celebrities of the rising mass media. As a staunch abolitionist, his antislavery politics injected a note of emotionalism into the debate that galvanized Northern public opinion. Equally at home in "the garden of the church" or the "wilderness of the world," Beecher loved horses, shopping, art, books, classical music and more than a few women who were not his wife. Regrettably, this last weakness led to one of the most sensational sex scandals of the Victorian era in America when he faced legal proceedings in New York for alleged adultery with his best friend's wife, irrevocably damaging his reputation. Debby Applegate has vividly brought Beecher and his entire era to life, in all of their piety, idealism, pomposity, and pride.

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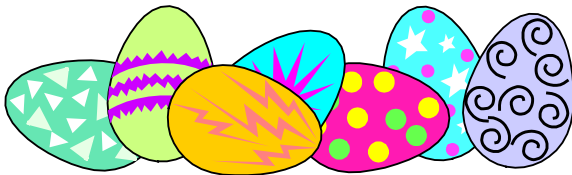
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2008 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 22

11:00 AM

Attention all Courtyard Residents -- it's time to start thinking about the Easter Bunny and all the fun to be had at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join us in the park near the Playscape for cookies, punch and the great Golden Egg hunt. There will be age specific areas for the children and special prizes for the lucky kids that find the Golden Eggs. Mark your calendar and if you would like volunteer, please contact Michael Castanon at 231-9789.



Congratulations on a Successful Spring Clean-up

A BIG thank you goes to all the Courtyard residents that participated in the Kayak Committee's water clean-up project on February 9. With the lake waters down, workers were able to get out onto the dry creek bed to gather up bags of metal, plastic, and styrofoam trash. More importantly, they cleaned out huge amounts of weeds, dead wood, and leaves that have slowly been filling in our Park's water cove. As many of you may have noticed, over the last several years, as the reeds and weeds have grown and spread, less and less water has been able to circulate into the cove from Bull Creek. This, in turn, has caused more silt to accumulate in the cove area, and lead to increasing stagnation of the water and discouraged fish and water birds from entering this area. Kayak Committee Chairperson Waneen Spirduso, who spearheaded the clean-up efforts, sees the work done this year as an important first step in the process of restoring the cove and helping to maintain the beauty and enjoyment of our community Park. These types of important projects cannot be done without residents' willingness to commit their personal time and effort, which speaks volumes about the number of good neighbors in the Courtyard.

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Courtyard Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday - May 3 !!!! (Rain date, May 10)

Here is your early reminder so you can start gathering up items for sale during spring cleaning. If you haven't participated before, it's simple. You collect the stuff, and the Homeowners' Association provides advertising in the Austin American Statesman and will put out signs at the entrance and in the neighborhood. Call Mary Lou Nilsson to reserve a sign or if you have any questions. (346-8432)

Hints for a successful sale:

- You can add signs if you feel it will help. Home Depot and others have them. Just be sure they come down after the sale is over;
- Feel free to open earlier or later;
- It is advisable to have prices on every item and be prepared to dicker;
- Have change – both bills and coins available;



- Children's items are especially popular;
- Multi-family sales tend to be more successful, so you might want to join with your neighbors to pool sale items at one location and take turns running the sale.

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			6			1		3
8					1			
	1				9			
		5				4	7	
						6		
		4		2		7	3	
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1-16—AUSTIN: Jorge Macchi: The Anatomy of Melancholy Features more than 40 of the artist's most important works from the 1990s to the present, drawn from public and private collections in South America, Europe and the United States. The Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas at Austin. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324

1-Apr. 20—AUSTIN: Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives Exhibit draws on rarely displayed documents, audio recordings and film footage from the extensive holdings of the National Archives and its Presidential Libraries and Regional Archives. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. www.thestoryoftexas.com 512/936-8746

1-May 26—AUSTIN: Bills, Bills, Bills: Lyndon Johnson as Senate Majority Leader Step into a replica of the U.S. Senate Chamber and talk to an actor who looks, dresses and talks like Sen. Johnson as he was in the 1950s. Exhibit covers LBJ's senate career from his election in 1948 to his election to the vice-presidency in 1961. Lyndon Baines Johnson Library & Museum. www.lbjlib.utexas.edu 512/721-0200

1-Aug. 3—AUSTIN: On the Road with the Beats Exhibition takes

visitors through the cities, landscapes and communities that fostered and shaped the most important works of the Beat Generation, from the 1940s to the mid-1960s. Harry Ransom Center. www.hrc.utexas.edu 512/471-8944

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9—AUSTIN: Jesse Cook One World Theatre. E-mail: info@oneworldtheatre.org • www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

14-15—AUSTIN: Austin Symphony Featuring pianist Andre Watts. Riverbend Centre. www.austinsymphony.org 512/476-6064

15-Jun. 1—AUSTIN: Texas Wildflower Season Drive along rural highways to view the wildflowers blanketing the rolling . Learn about bluebonnets, wine cups, wild blue asters and more, or explore the butterfly garden at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/232-0100

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