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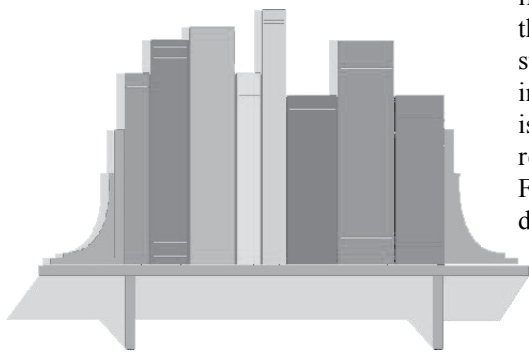
Book Club

Courtyard's Book Club gathers on the second Tuesday each month to enjoy time with our friends and neighbors and discuss books. Newcomers are always welcome. The only requirement is to show up and have a good time. Order from the grill for a lunch and make this time a nutritious time for body and mind.

Please join us this month on June 10 at 1 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club to consider the quick read, *The Madonnas of Leningrad*. This novel won acclaim from reviewers for its literary style and has become a bestseller. As 82-year old Russian emigré Marina Buriakov prepares for her

granddaughter's wedding, she is fighting a losing battle against Alzheimer's. While remembering things close at hand is difficult, Marina does remember her youth as a Hermitage Museum docent as the siege of Leningrad began. Along with other museum staff, she helped pack the treasured paintings for hiding. Through these memories she is able to weave past and present together.

Looking ahead, July's choice is *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. This book definitely fits on a list of books just too good to miss. If you missed it when it came out in 1995, now is a good time. Or, if you've already read it, just come join in the discussion. The novel begins with the suspicious discovery of a fisherman drowned in Puget Sound. The setting on San Pedro is haunted by what happened to Japanese residents during World War II. The San Francisco Chronicle calls it "a courtroom drama, a love story, and a war chronicle." wrapped seamlessly into one novel.



Message to Members

This summer we will be gathering information on all current homeowners and residents for a new/updated 2008 Courtyard Directory. To begin this process, sometime in June, you should receive a letter from our management company asking that you complete and return a short form with information needed for the new directory. You may opt out of having your phone number published and/or opt in to listing your email along with your phone number in the directory. You just need to make this known on the information form you will be sending back. This is a labor and time intensive project and the Communication committee really needs your cooperation. Please take a minute when you receive your letter to complete and send it back ASAP. If you have any questions, call the Communication committee chairperson, Leslie Craven or our Property Manager, Marilyn Childress at Goodwin Management at the numbers listed on Page 2 of the Caller.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer and thank you for driving slowly in the Courtyard!

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Security

Just a short warning to continue to be vigilant against vehicle break-ins. Try not to park in the street, lock your car, close windows, and do not leaving items out in "plain view" for thieves to see.

Residents who use the boat launch ramp across the creek near the County Line are encouraged to close the gate if they see it is open and no one is directly using it to enter or exit. Seems people are getting lax about keeping it closed and this is inviting trouble. Again, feel free to close the gate if it's open with no one using it. Your vigilance is appreciated.



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Garage Sale – Success & Missing Signs

Early morning overcast skies with cooler temperatures and no rain combined to help make this year's May 3 community garage sale a success. Mary Lou Nilsson, garage sale veteran and chairperson of this year's sale, has also requested that participants check to see if they may have inadvertently picked up ad signs belonging to the Committee. Many remain missing. Please call Mary Lou @ 346-8432 if you have any information about the ad signs and/or suggestions for next year's sale.

THANK YOU to Mary Lou for all your help in organizing a successful sale!

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Recipe of the Month:



Oatmeal Cookies

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| 1 cup shortening | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup white sugar | 1 tsp. soda |
| 2 eggs | ½ cup chopped nuts |
| 3 cups quick oats | 1½ cup flour |

Cream shortening, sugars, eggs, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and nuts. Chill. Shape into walnut size balls. Roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to articles@peelinc.com.

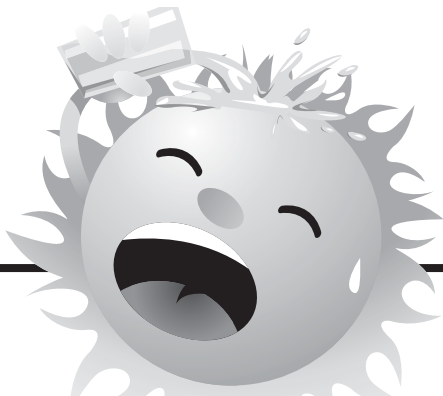
Sudoku

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.

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4	6							5
		5	3		8		7	
							9	1
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(formerly Bull Creek Park)

Please note that we have renamed our community park. As several of you have pointed out, the City of Austin (City) already has an official "Bull Creek" Park, and our use of this name for our community park was causing some confusion with the City's public park located north along Capital of Texas Highway (360).

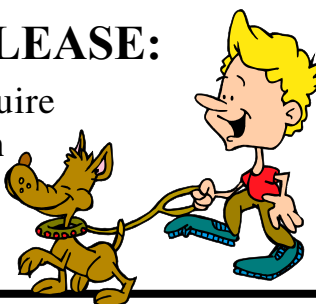
Hopefully, you have been able to enjoy some of our wonderful spring weather. Mornings at the Park have been particularly beautiful with the early light reflecting on the water and shiny new leaves fluttering in the wind. We are fortunate to have this natural environment so conveniently close to our homes – not only for adults, but also for the increasing number of children who now live in the Courtyard. As with most things of value, maintaining a safe and beautiful Park requires a little effort and imposes a few responsibilities.

PRIVATE GATE CODE: Although it has been said before, let us reiterate, please do NOT give the gate code to nonresidents of the Courtyard. The Park is for Courtyard residents, their families and friends who accompany residents to the park. Nannies hired to provide child care for resident mothers and friends of your children are welcome to visit the park with your children. However, non-residents should not have free access to the park. The Park presents safety and liability issues. Be responsible and use common-sense.

DOG PEOPLE – we now have not one, but TWO poo bag dispensers "(Dogipot Bag Dispenser)" in the Park. USE THEM!!!!!! One is located near the wooden dock along the water. The other one is in the grassy area in the direction of the picnic tables. They are conveniently located near garbage cans so you don't even have to walk far to make your deposit. If you have never used one of these: Dogipot 101 says to pull a biodegradable bag from the dispenser and tear it loose, pick up the poo, tie the bag shut, and PUT IT IN THE GARBAGE CAN (trash pick-up in the park is weekly). Takes no time at all and really makes a difference.

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Summer Workouts for the Brain

- A. Mark has six brothers. Each brother is four years older than his next younger brother. The oldest brother is three times as old as his youngest brother. How old are each of the brothers?
- B. A rowboat is floating in a swimming pool. Will dropping a marble in the pool or in the rowboat raise the level of the water in the pool higher?
- C. For the party to celebrate the last day of school, Kevin and Tessa were planning to hand out cupcakes. Before they got to school, however, they got hungry. Kevin ate half the cupcakes and Tessa ate half the remaining cupcakes plus three more. There were no cupcakes left for the party. How many cupcakes had they taken to pass out?
- D. Sylvester was an eccentric man who decided to give his fortune away to the winner of a horse race. In the rules, the winner was the one who came in last. Sylvester didn't want the race to last forever, so he came up with an idea to prevent the jockeys from deliberately riding slowly to place last. What was Sylvester's idea?

(Answers in the July Newsletter)

Networking Northwest Austin

Submitted by Teresa Smith

Networking Northwest Austin or NWNWA, is a newly formed networking group in Northwest Austin by 3 business women. Their goal is to build close business and personal relationships in the business arena. They believe in growing business by referrals and within the group only having a limited member base by not duplicating professions. They want people to join that have a caring, positive attitude, and who not only want to build their business, but also want to build strength within the networking group.

This is an exciting group that been formed in the Austin area and it is a group the founders believe will greatly benefit all who join. For more information call or e-mail:

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Too many kids start out life without being loved or nurtured. It often takes a while for these kids to learn to trust, to learn to open up and to get out of survival mode.

Jennifer is a little girl in need of some one on one attention. Almost 7 years old, she loves to play in the dirt, ride her bike and catch frogs. She also enjoys watching cartoons, playing t-ball and taking baths. Jennifer is currently in kindergarten and she is working on learning how to write her name and read. She's always on the move and requires constant supervision. Jennifer is shy but she can also be very loving and affectionate. She craves individual attention and can be competitive with younger children for her caregiver's attention. Jennifer participates in therapy on a regular basis and is working on her social skills.

Jennifer needs to learn boundaries from a family with patience -- someone willing to let her develop and blossom in her own time.

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