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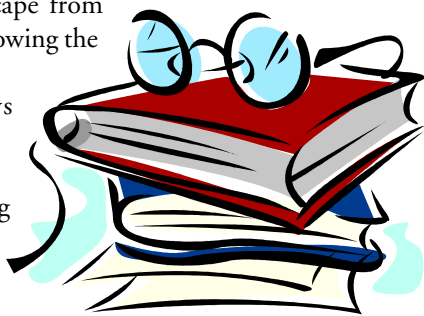
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Book Club

Join us this month on Tuesday, July 14, at 1 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis & Swim Club to discuss author Peter Godwin's indictment of the corrupt regime of Robert Mugabe in *When the Crocodile Eats the Sun: a Memoir of Africa*. Zimbabwe, a post-colonial success story, moved to disaster under the ruthless leadership of Mugabe. While set in a collapsing Zimbabwe, Godwin's book is a family memoir as well as a portrait of a country. Godwin notes that when he was writing the book he thought that conditions could not get much worse, but indeed they have. In the course of writing this book, the author also learns that his father was not the born and bred Englishman, he thought. His father was, instead, a Polish Jew who escaped the Nazi onslaught in Europe, but lost his mother and sister. Ironically, his father is once again a persecuted minority in a land he has come to know as home.

Looking ahead to August, check out *Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer. This is a semi-autobiographical novel about a wealthy Iranian-Jewish family's escape from post revolutionary Iran following the overthrow of the Shah.

Newcomers are always welcome. The only real requirement is to show up and have a good time. Bring your own lunch or order from the grill and come enjoy some time with your neighbors.



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Area Development Update

Widening of FM 2222 and Replacement of Low Water Bridge at FM 2222 & Lakewood Drive

It's time for our annual update regarding the replacement of the low water bridge on 2222 at Lakewood Drive. We have been hearing about this Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) project for several years now and some of us were beginning to think it might be an urban myth. Noting recent work to dismantle the little grey house closest to the bridge and FM 2222 led me to believe that TxDOT had finally acquired the necessary right-of-way for the project. Upon further investigation, I received the following information late in May from TxDOT Transportation Engineer Bobby Ramthun:

- The State has acquired most, but not all, of the right-of-way (ROW) it needs for this project. The remaining ROW is expected to be acquired from County Line by the end of June. Once acquired, utility relocations will take from four to six months.
- The construction project lets for bids in August 2009 and includes provisions in the contract to allow the actual start date of construction to be delayed for up to three months so that all of the utility adjustments can be completed.
- Construction on the FM 2222 bridge must wait until the City of Austin (COA) completes its work to replace the low water crossing at Bull Creek Park and Lakewood Drive with a bridge over Bull Creek to lessen the impact on water quality due to anticipated increased traffic there. COA's construction is scheduled to begin January 2010 and is expected to take nine months. Lakewood Drive at Bull Creek Park will be closed the entire time.
- TxDOT has included provisions in its contract to not restrict FM 2222 to three lanes during construction until traffic is restored on Lakewood Drive at Bull Creek Park. Further, the reduction of FM 2222 to three lanes will not be reversible for the morning and evening hours as was originally planned.
- TxDOT has split the construction sequence into multiple phases of work with the intent to minimize the effect on access to Lakewood Drive to the extent possible.

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- The total estimated construction time for TxDOT's project is now 25 months, up from an original estimate of 15 to 18 months.

TxDOT and the COA will present full details of their respective projects at a public meeting sponsored by Lakewood Club HOA to be held on October 1 at Muchison Middle School at 7:00 pm. By that time, they hope to have more accurate dates and possible construction phase changes. If you want to learn more about these projects, please plan to attend this meeting.

Bill Meredith

Area Development & Zoning Liaison

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“TAIT’S RACK” Dedication

Thank you to everyone who attended the June 6 dedication of our kayak/canoe storage rack in memory of our good friend and neighbor, David Tait. Attendees enjoyed “short” speeches about how we came to have the rack – remembering all the planning and hard work, in which David played such a major role, that went into making this facility a positive and welcome addition to our Park. More importantly, neighbors came together to enjoy each others’ company and to share good memories of a wonderful friend that we will always miss.



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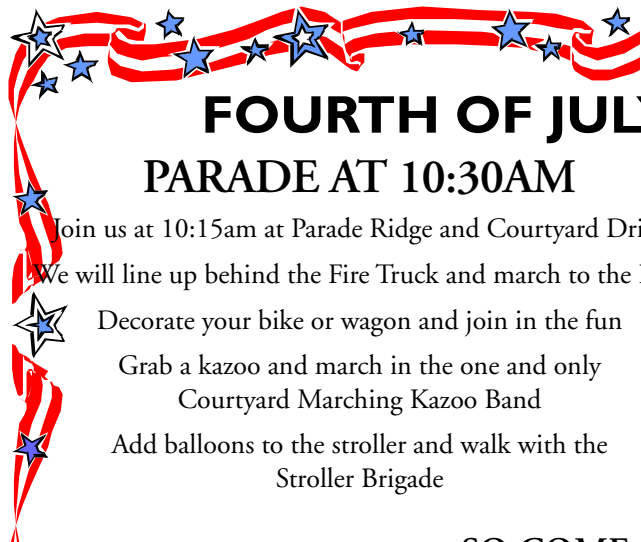
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FOURTH OF JULY IN THE COURTYARD

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.

Don't miss the clown, face painting, balloon animals
& Moonwalk

Back by popular demand – canoe rides
courtesy of the Kayak/Canoe Committee

Then it's hot dogs lemonade and watermelon -- 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 !!!

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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Proposed Reductions in Fire Station 31 Personnel and Equipment

Residents in the Courtyard should be aware that to help meet its 2010 target budget, Austin Fire Department (AFD) Fire Chief Kerr and City Manager Mark Ott are proposing a reduction in the number of personnel and services at our local Fire Station 31 located on FM 2222, next to County Line. As we understand it, they are considering taking away the fire engine (pumper with four personnel) and ladder (with three personnel) and replacing it with a "quint" (engine and pumper combined with only four personnel). This is a significant reduction in first responder (medical) service, fire fighting and lake (boat call) services.

Such proposals are still changing frequently at this time and won't be considered for final vote until the City Council meets to vote on the budget in September. Until then, we will attempt to monitor what is happening with our Station #31. If you have questions or comments about these proposed reductions, you can contact our Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr @ 974-0130, City Manager Mark Ott @ 974-2200 and/or Council members, and our Area Development Liaison, Bill Meredith.

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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July Events at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

INDEPENDENCE DAY - *Wildflower Center is closed.*

NATURE NIGHTS - *6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in July*

Talks, crafts, hikes and fun for the family. \$1 admission and free to members and Eco-Explorers. Fossils, July 9; Birds of prey, July 16; Bees, July 23; Water ecology, July 30.

THE ORIGAMI DIVA - *July 9 through October 4*

An intricate installation of origami by Austin artist Joan Son in the McDermott Learning Center. Origami merchandise in the store.

BOOK SIGNING - *1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11*

Terry Thompson-Anderson signs *The Texas Hill Country: A Food and Wine Lover's Paradise*, in the store.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON TRIBUTE DAY - *9 a.m. to 5:30 Sunday, July 26*

Remember our founder with a visit to the Wildflower Center. Book signings, videos and a porcelain display. Free admission.



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Children's Fine Arts Workshop | **July 6-10**

Veggie Tales Day Camp | **July 27-31**

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9:30 am Celebration - Connection | *Worship Choir & Orchestra*

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