



Courtyard Caller

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BOARD MESSAGE

If you missed the annual meeting in January, 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. Some committees have work all through 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 any questions, time to spare, or suggestions regarding the work of these committees. Any time you can give is welcome.

Don't forget that our "blue" trash collections are Fridays, February 5 and 19, this month. If you haven't sent in your annual Homeowners' Association dues yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Finally, a note of thanks also goes to everyone for continuing their efforts to keep their speed down while driving through our neighborhood streets. Be especially careful this time of the year when it is still fairly dark in the early morning and early evening -- when children are still out playing and many people (and pets) are out walking.

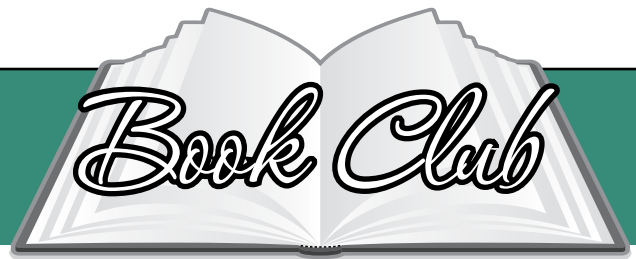
Your Courtyard Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

KEEP DRIVING SLOWLY IN THE COURTYARD !

BRAIN TEASER

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Join us on February 9, 1:00 p.m., at the Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club to discuss Geraldine Brooks' *People of the Book*, which traces the existence of one of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images, the Sarajevo Haggadah.

Drawing her inspiration from the little that is known about the real Sarajevo Haggadah (it was saved from destruction on at least three occasions: twice by Muslims and once by a Roman Catholic priest), Brooks has created a fictional history, equal parts mystery, thriller, and love story, that begins in Sarajevo in 1940, then travels back through the turbulence of late 19th century Vienna, 15th century Venice, Catalonia during the Spanish Inquisition, and finally Seville in 1480, the new home of the artist responsible for the Haggadah's illuminations. In the hands of Brooks' fictional heroine, Hanna Heath, an impassioned rare-book expert called to restore the treasured manuscript in 1996 Sarajevo, the Haggadah yields clues to its past guardians and whereabouts: an insect wing, a wine stain, salt crystals, and a white hair. As Hanna pursues its secrets scientifically, she finds that some interests will still risk everything in the name of protecting this treasure.

Born in Australia, Ms. Brooks came to the United States after winning a journalism scholarship to Columbia University. After graduation, she worked for the Wall Street Journal, covering the Middle East, the Balkans and Africa before winning the Pulitzer prize for her 2006 book, *March*.

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ANSWER TO BRAIN TEASER

According to research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are. The only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

How'd you do?

SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in the Courtyard Caller? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to lcraven1@austin.rr.com. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.



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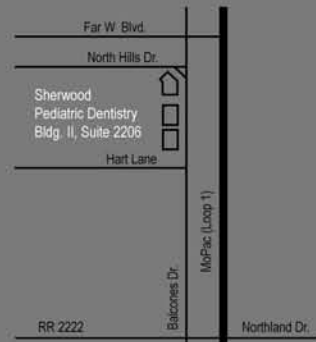
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The Courtyard Caller Stork Report

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of your little one to
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Recipe of the Month Chocolate Crunchies



These irresistible sweets take only 10 minutes to prepare. Just melt, mix and chill!

YOU'LL NEED:

- ½ cup toasted walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup soft raisins
- 1 cup corn flakes
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate

DIRECTIONS:

1. Chop the nuts finely and toss them into a bowl along with the raisins & corn flakes.
2. Gently melt the chocolate chips in the top of a double boiler or in a microwave oven on low power. Pour the chocolate into the bowl and stir until all the ingredients are evenly coated.
3. Drop mounds of the candy mixture into paper petit-four cups or onto a sheet of wax paper. (You can use a 2-teaspoon cookie scoop to do this, or you can divide the candy by heaping teaspoonfuls.)
4. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

*Makes 24, Per Crunchie: 80 calories, 10g carbs, 1g protein, 4.5g fat, No cholesterol
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NEW GATE CODE

By now, home owners should have received notice of the new gate code effective January 25, 2010. This code opens the gates to our Community Park, the restroom in the Park, and the trailer storage area across the creek near County Line. This code is also necessary for home owners to gain access to the Photo Gallery and the neighborhood Directory located on our website: www.courtyardhoa.org.

As a reminder to those who have heard this before and "FYI" to newer residents, 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 without the resident being with them. As needed, please share this request and the need to maintain code security with your children. The Park presents safety and liability issues. Be responsible and use common-sense.

If you did not receive the notice and new gate code number or have lost it, contact any Board member or Marilyn Childress at Goodwin Management. Telephone numbers are in this newsletter and email access is available through the website. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WILDFLOWER CENTER EVENTS

In February

SIGN UP FOR GO NATIVE U CLASSES!

Time to register for spring classes that start March 20.

The courses our highly popular Native Plant Gardening six-class sequence and the Sustainable Landscape series. We also offer special classes, such as Container Gardening, the Botany of Food Plants and Native Plant Photography. Go to <http://www.wildflower.org/gonativeu/>

ANTICIPATION ART EXHIBIT - *Through March 7*
Eliza Thomas' evocative winter paintings of Vermont and seeds and pods sculpture by R.J. Mabrey. In the McDermott Learning Center

VALENTINE'S DAY SALE - *Sunday, February 14*
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The Purity Code

Sundays . 9:30 am (parents of students)

Grief Share

Sundays . 11:00 am

Soul Mates

Sundays . 11:00 am (seriously dating, engaged, newlywed)

Home Alone

Sundays . 11:00 am (empty nesters)

Family Walk

Sundays . 11:00 am (parents)

Celebrate Recovery

Mondays . 7:00 pm

Esther Beth Moore

Wednesdays . 9:15 am or 6:30 pm (women)

Ephesians Kay Arthur

Wednesdays . 9:15 am or 5:30 pm (women)

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 . Blended Worship | 11:00 . Contemporary Worship

9:30 & 11:00 . Bible Life Groups (all ages)

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Many of you probably know that Travis County, Texas, was named for William Barret Travis, who died bravely at the Battle of the Alamo. But did you know. . . .

Travis purchased land from Stephen F. Austin and started a law practice in Anahuac, Texas. He played a role in the growing friction between American settlers and the Mexican government and was one of the leaders of the "War Party," a group of militants opposed to Mexican rule. On February 24, 1836, during Santa Anna's siege of the Alamo, Travis cemented his status as a hero of the Texas Revolution when he wrote what Michael Green, former reference archivist for the Texas State Library Archives Division, called "the most famous document in Texas history"

To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World:

Fellow citizens and compatriots;

I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual Bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken. I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country. Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis

Lt. Col. Comdt.

The letter, while unable to bring aid to the garrison at the Alamo, did much to motivate the Texan army and helped to rally support in America for the cause of Texan independence. Following the Texas Revolution, the original letter was delivered to Travis's family in Alabama, and in 1893, one of his descendants sold it to the State of Texas for \$85. The original letter is now protected and a copy is on display under a portrait of Travis at the Texas State Library.

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