

Courtyard Homeowners Association, Inc.

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Board Message

Congratulations and many thanks to Mary Lou Nilsson, our Garage Sale chairperson, for helping residents stage another fun and successful annual Garage Sale on May 1. Cool weather was a bonus as sales appeared brisk with more visitors than usual coming out for bargains. Thank you also goes to the Settlement House folks for helping remove the "leftovers" from the sale that day.

Moving into the summer months, we'd like to briefly focus on the importance of residents volunteering their services to support the Homeowners Association's operations and social Please accept our thanks to all those residents who events. contribute their time and energy to help make the Courtyard such a pleasant and beautiful place to live. The Board and its supporting committees couldn't get the work done without the help and cooperation received from individuals. Newcomers - it's a nice way to meet some of your new neighbors. One of our favorite and best attended events of the year is coming up very soon - the Courtyard's Fourth of July Parade and Picnic in the Park. We can really use some new volunteers to help out this year. If anyone is interested, please contact John or Laryl Mannix (502-8876) or any Board member through our website or just pick up that old fashioned telephone and give one of us a call.

Thank you again to our wonderful community volunteers who made it all possible. Such good times don't happen without their efforts. New ideas for social activities or events? Suggestions for improvements? Please contact any Board member by phone or through the website: www.courtyardhoa. org.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and and happy summer and thank you for your continued efforts to drive slowly in the Courtyard.

Your Courtyard Homeowners' Association Board of Directors

Construction Progress on 2222 &

Capital of Texas Highway (360)

According to the April 13 update put out by the Texas Department of Transporation (TxDOT), everything was on schedule to begin work on the new 2222 bridge over Bull Creek near the end of May/ beginning of June. Until then, the contractor will be finishing the pavement widening at Hwy. 360 and the waterline work, and the City should be completing the new Lakewood Drive bridge at Bull Creek Park. Once Lakewood Drive is reopened, work can begin on the new 2222 bridge. At that time, watch for the first major traffic change - closing eastbound 2222 down to one lane and making the access to Lakewood Drive off of 2222 to a "right-in, right-out only" configuration.

Please use caution when driving through work zones. Find more information about work zone safety at www.txdot.gov/safety/tips/ work_zones.htm



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Book Club

Tuesday, June 8, 1:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Tennis & Swim Club

Irène Némirovsky was already a successful novelist living in Paris when, in 1942, she began working on what would become Suite Francaise - the first two parts of her ambitious plan to write a fivepart epic novel about the German invasion of France. Part One "A Storm in June" opens in the chaos of the massive 1940 exodus of citizens from Paris on the eve of the Nazis invasion and chronicles the activities of several very different families and individuals whose paths cross from time to time as they flee. The second part, "Dolce," takes the reader into the increasingly complex life of a Germanoccupied provincial village whose French citizens, be they aristocrat, shopkeeper or peasant/farmer, must cope with the soldiers now sharing their homes.

That same year, with her husband and two daughters, Nèmirovsky fled Paris for the rural France in an effort to escape notice of the Nazis. All the while, she was writing about events which would overtake her own family and make them victims of the very story she was telling. Nèmirovsky, a Ukrainian Jew who had converted to Catholicism, was ultimately arrested by French police in July 1942 and sent to Auschwitz where she died on August 17, 1942. Her husband soon followed her. Their daughters managed to elude the Nazis, escaping with the notebooks containing the first two parts of their mother's novel. Unfortunately, it would be sixty four years before the notebooks would be published to wide acclaim as Suite Francais.

The Guardian's reviewer comments, "Suite Francais written as Nazi tanks rolled across France, captures the chaos, fear, humiliation, and very occasionally, the courage of the French, as well as portraying the complex emotions that developed between occupier and occupied. The story behind this novel, and Némirovsky's own fate, make for a heart-breaking coda."

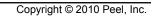
Reading ahead, July's book will be Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks, an author that Book Club members return to again after appreciating her work in People of the Book and Nine Parts of Desire.

For information on the Courtyard Book Club, contact Jean Heath, 512-231-9412 or heathcjb@yahoo.com.

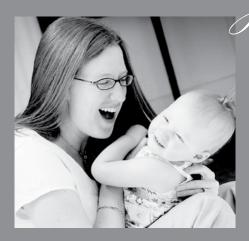


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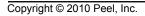
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Back Court* Completes Its Xeriscape Project!

As you may have noticed recently, the Back Court Drive townhome community has transformed the landscaping along its 450-foot Courtyard Drive frontage. In the planning stage for several years, our Landscape Committee (Jorge Blanco, Becky Hare, Alys Honey, Allan Nilsson) acted as its own landscape architect and general contractor for the 2700 square foot project.

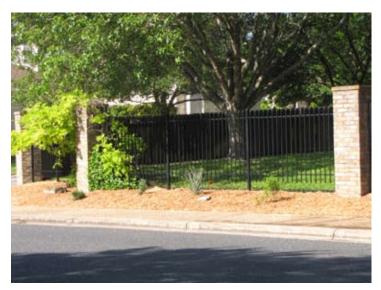
Drawing from the sources^{**} noted below and driven by consideration of the recent 18-month drought and water shortage, the committee's plan targeted the Courtyard Drive frontage location since that area is one sprinkler zone. Width was set at six feet to eliminate potential damage to the metal fence and brick columns from riding mowers, and because this was also the width of the weed barrier we were going to use.

Working with two wholesale nurseries, Newton Nursery and John Deere Landscapes, plants were selected based on the following criteria: they must be Texas natives, deer resistant with low water and maintenance requirements, and height was restricted to six feet – the height of our fence columns. Consideration was also given to the color of their vegetation and blooms. Although some of these plants can become dormant during the winter, not all of them will. Please come by to view our xeriscape up close and see if you can identify the varieties noted below:

- Texas Sotol
- Agarita
- Tangerine Beauty Crossvine
- Pride of Barbados (to be planted within one month)
- Tangerine Lantana
- Lavender Cotton Santolina
- Red Yucca
- Tuscan Blue Rosemary (upright)
- Yellow Bells (Tecoma stans)
- Bush Germander
- Pink Abelia

Once the new plantings are established, the new landscaping should require the use of that sprinkler zone only during a drought. In addition to the savings from decreased water usage, the 2700 square feet of common area, now xeriscape, represents a significant portion of Back Court's common area, and we expect to renegotiate our lawn service contract. For our small Homeowners Association, these are our top expenses.

So -- for anyone thinking of transforming some portion of their property to a xeriscape, know that you can be your own general contractor and pull it off. Find knowledgeable nurseries for native plants and good supplies, use an irrigation specialist, and good (and inexpensive) labor.





One last note, although we enjoy pets, we do not enjoy their urination or manure hurting our plants or "soiling" the landscape. Thank you for attention to this in the future.

Allan Nilsson President, TCCTOA Swede42@alumni.rice.edu

- * Travis County Courtyard Townhome Owners Association
- **A Travis County Master Gardeners Assn. Xeriscape Tour Stephen Bell of Waterspirit, Inc (an irrigation expert) Jean Heath of 5909 Tom Wooten Drive *Native and Adapted Landscape Plants Guide* (City of Austin &

Texas AgriLife Extension booklet)



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Travel Tip *Beware the Telephone Scam*

You can't be too careful these days when you travel. Here is a recently reported scam to watch out for and warn others about.

Scenario: You arrive at your hotel, check in at the front desk, and they take your credit card impression to cover subsequent charges to your room. At this point, you generally go up to your room to relax and settle in. You haven't been there long and your room phone rings. You answer, and the caller says, "This is the front desk. When checking in, we came across

a problem with your credit card information. Please reread the card number and verify the 3 digits used for security." Not thinking, you give this person the information they requested since the call seems to come from the front desk. In reality, it was someone outside of the hotel who called the front desk and asked for a random room number. That person now has the ability to charge anything and everything on your card.

If you ever encounter this problem when traveling, tell the caller that you will go down to the front desk to clear up any problems. Then go down and report the scam. Remember - do not give out any information regarding your card to anyone over the phone – the number itself, particularly the three-digit security code, or even the type of credit card you hold. *Carol Spielberger*

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 <u>lcraven1@austin.</u> <u>rr.com</u>. 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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Plans Starting for the Courtyard's July 4 Parade and Picnic Celebration in the Community Park

PARADE starts at 10:30AM on Saturday, July 3 Gather at 10:15 a.m. at Parade Ridge and Courtyard Drive Decorate your bike or wagon and join the fun. Bring your kazoo and march in the one and only Courtyard Marching Kazoo Band !!! Add balloons to the stroller and walk with the Stroller Brigade

PICNIC IN THE PARK!

Back by popular demand – the Slip & Slide, face painting, balloon animals, the Moonwalk, and canoe rides courtesy of the Kayak/Canoe Committee Hot dogs, lemonade, watermelon and more . . .

<u>Please contact our event organizers,</u> John and Laryl Mannix, or any Board member if you can help with this celebration.





 Participate this June 12th - 20th in Chalk Art from the Heart and help us promote water safey. Drowing is Preventable!

 Check out our website for details, contest rules and PRIZES!

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COURTYARD CALLER OPPORTUNITY TO HOST An International Exchange Student! 2010/2011

Have you ever been interested in hosting a foreign student in your home? Does the idea of making a difference in a child's life sound appealing? Then you and I need to talk!! I am one of the local representatives of International Student Exchange , an organization dedicated to finding host homes/parents/families for foreign students who want to study in America for 5-10 months. I'm a former missionary who has traveled extensively and lived abroad myself, in about 11 difference countries. I can't begin to tell you how much getting to know other cultures, unlike my own, first hand, has benefited me both personally and professionally along with sharpening my humanitarian would view and knowledge.

That said, in some small way, I'd like to give back by supporting the hopes and dreams of others, and namely, teens 15-17, who want to travel and experience American life and culture first hand. I think you would agree, that at that age, to have vision and family support to leave their friends and family behind to pursue the unknown of another education system and family is pretty incredible aspiration! The children we have high hopes of placing are in High School, they speak English, and come from a variety of International backgrounds and cultures. We've been told, that our exchange students are well-behaved, disciplined, and eager to learn (smile). Some of the proof, is in the extensive paperwork process and screening they have advanced through. Our commitment to them, is to find a compatible host home.

Finally, hosting a student is not as expensive as one might think. Many of the student's expenses , including medical insurance are paid by their parents and they are required to have \$300. spending money each month. We simply ask that the host provide 3 meals a day with your family, a room/bed and safe environment, where the student can be comfortable while they are away from their native country. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience a new culture and support a charitable cause.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact me today! Host homes can be single parent, married or same gender couples. - **Submitted by Janice Johnson**



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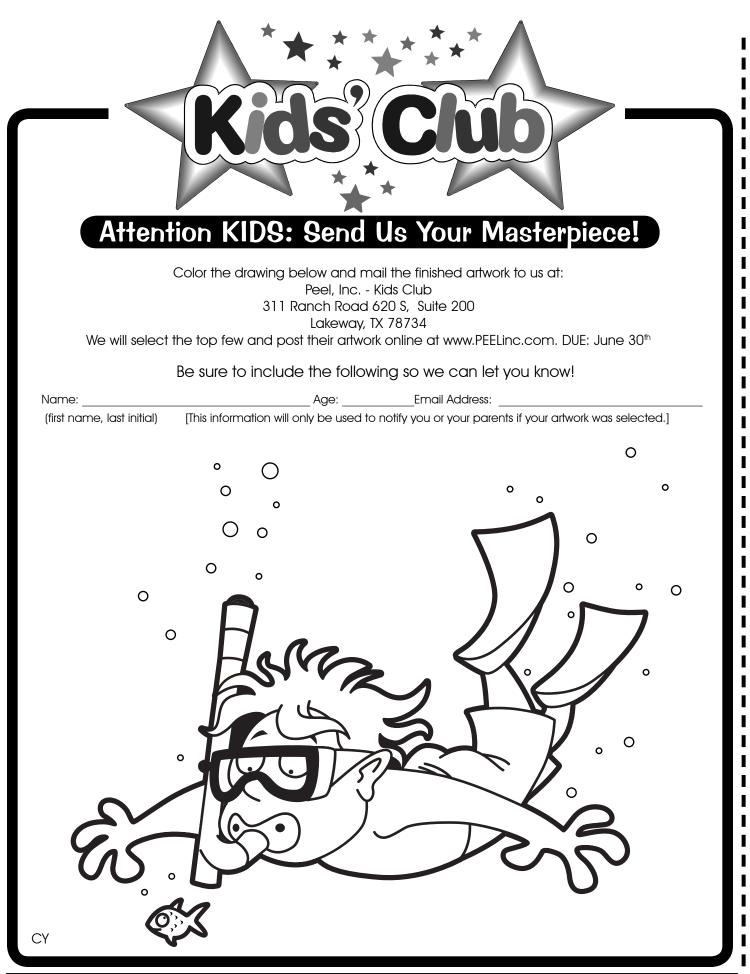
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Taittinger Champagne	Was \$54.99	Now \$36.99
Rombauer Chardonnay	Was \$39.99	Now \$30.99
J Sparkling Cuvee	Was \$32.99	Now \$20.99
Sonoma Cutrer Russian River Chard	Was \$26.99	Now \$20.99
Cuvaison Chardonnay	Was \$26.99	Now \$18.99
Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	Was \$26.99	Now \$18.99
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Kendall Jackson Chardonnay	Was \$14.99	Now \$11.99
Rodney Strong Chardonnay	Was \$19.99	Now \$10.99
Chateau St. Jean Chardonnay	Was \$14.99	Now \$10.99
Simi Sauvignon Blanc	Was \$14.99	Now \$10.99
Edna Valley Chardonnay	Was \$13.99	Now \$9 . 99
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Silver Oak Napa Cab Sauv	Was \$100.99 Now \$84.99
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Flowers Pinot Noir	Was \$54.99 Now \$39.99
Stags Leap Merlot	Was \$42.99 Now \$29.99
	Was \$40.99 Now \$26.99
Ferrari-Carano Cab Sauv	Was \$36.99 Now \$19.99
Ferrari-Carano Merlot	Was \$32.99 Now \$19.99
Franciscan Cabernet	Was \$26.99 Now ^{\$} 18.99
Franciscan Merlot	Was \$26.99 Now ^{\$} 16.99
Sterling Napa Cab / Merlot	Was \$23.99 Now ^{\$} 16.99
Simi Cabernet	Was \$24.99 Now ^{\$} 16.99
La Crema Pinot Noir	Was \$22.99 Now \$18.99
Markham Merlot	Now \$16.99
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Twenty Bench Cabernet Sauv	Was \$20.99 Now ^{\$} 14.99
Rodney Strong Cabernet / Merlot	Was \$19.99 Now \$12.99
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Louis Martini Cabernet Sauv	Was \$18.99 Now ^{\$} 12.99
Cline Ancient Vines Zinfandel	Was \$18.99 Now ^{\$} 12.99
Avalon Cabernet Sauvignon	Was \$18.99 Now ^{\$} 10.99
J Lohr Cabernet / Merlot	
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337 Cabernet Sauvignon	Was \$15.99 Now ^{\$} 10.99
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Liberty School Cab	Was \$13.99 Now ^{\$} 9.99



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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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