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BOARD MESSAGE

It has now been about a month since the terrible flood of September 7th swept through and caused so much damage to our beautiful Community Park. Gone are picnic tables, benches, trash cans, barbeque grills, woodchip paths through the woods, the fishing pier, and some trees. Although the playscape is still standing, it has lost its surrounding bedding foundation. Debris swept in with the flood waters and deposits of sandy silt cover much of the woods. Power boats, along with their dock, were damaged or lost. We now have to dig ourselves free of a sandbar and new island that, if unchecked, will gradually grow to choke our pond off entirely from Bull Creek. Quite simply, it's a real mess down there, and it is one that we will be dealing with as a Community for months and, maybe, years to come. The bright spot amidst all the destruction is that none of our residents were hurt or killed during that long night. We were also fortunate to have enjoyed a wonderful picnic in a beautiful Park just days before. It is that image of the Park that we can keep in our minds as efforts continue to clean and restore our Community Park.

Clearly, the Board has its work cut out for it in these coming months. As we move ahead with restoration work, we will keep everyone apprised of plans through the Caller and our website, www.courtyardhoa.org. We also welcome any input on solutions that residents can offer. Please keep in mind that we will need the Community's help to accomplish this work. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a Board member and come to our monthly meetings.

Finally, it wouldn't be a Board message, if we didn't remind everyone to be careful driving through the Courtyard as the days grow shorter, and even more so around Halloween. Watch out for our neighborhood ghosts & goblins, pirates & princesses and keep up your efforts to drive safely in the Courtyard.

Your Courtyard Homeowners' Association Board of Directors

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 12, 1 p.m.

at the Courtyard Tennis & Swim Club



Every season in book publishing has a must read. This past year, it was *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, the Courtyard Book Club's selection for October. The turmoil of the 1960's has spun many tales that capture slices of the period -- Wolfe's *Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*, Ellison's, *The Invisible Man*, O'Brien's, *Going After Cacciato*, to recall a few. Stockett's novel takes the reader into a well ordered, tightly prescribed but often overlooked 1960's setting, that of the black maid in the households of the upper class families in the deep South. The book is carried by its leading characters who are described by the publisher as "three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women— mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another."

In *The Help*, it is likely that Stockett is telling her own story of growing up in Jackson, Mississippi, graduating from Ole Miss, and making her way to New York City to work in publishing. She reports that her manuscript was turned down fifty times before Penguin agreed to publish her novel. Reaction to the novel has been both enthusiastic and controversial. While there is no disagreement that the writing and character portrayal make the book a memorable page turner, Stockett's use of dialect for the black characters without equal attention to the unconventional language used by southern whites as well as her portrayal of black maids from her white privileged experience have been noted by critics. Join your Courtyard neighbors to discuss this ground breaking book at the October meeting.

To get an early start on November's selection, start on *The Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick. For information about the Courtyard Book Club, call or email Jean Heath (512) 231-9412; heathcjb@yahoo.com



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New Social Committee Chairperson

We are very happy to announce that Courtyard resident Joany Price has volunteered to serve as Chairperson of our Social Committee. As some of you may have noticed, we have not had a social committee chairperson these past two years. During this time, we were, thankfully, able to rely on some wonderful residents who generously and repeatedly give their time to put together specific events as those events came up. Now, we are fortunate to be able to look to Joany's great organizational skills and new ideas for our future events. If anyone would like to volunteer their time on future projects or has ideas they would like to share with her regarding new events or ways to improve the current activities, you can reach her at (512) 775-8942, jprice@cbunited.com, or through the "Contact Us" page of the website.

*Thank you,
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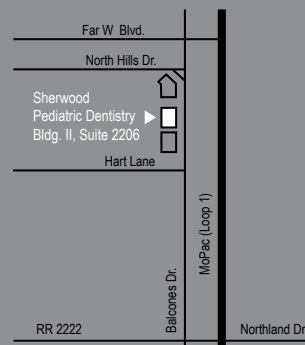
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Labor Day Weekend Picnic “Gala”

Although we wouldn't think of substituting this picnic for our July 4 parade and picnic celebration, we are happy to report that the Courtyard's Labor Day weekend end-of-summer, start-of-school, beginning-of-football season “gala” picnic was terrific.

The weather cooperated and gave us a beautiful blue day with cool winds and lower than usual temperatures. Those who attended were able to canoe and kayak on Bull Creek, get their faces painted by a beautiful blue haired clown, bounce to their hearts delight in moonwalk, and take a bubble bath in the sudsiest slip ‘n’ slide on record. To keep you moving through all those activities, gourmet picnic fare of hotdogs, cookies, chips, M&M's, and lemonade was provided by the planning committee, chaired by John Mannix. Attendees young and old-ish were unanimous in their opinion that they really enjoyed themselves and would like to do something like this again next year. Please know that the Board will keep this in mind when putting together next year's social committee budget. It is also very helpful when residents communicate their thoughts on this and other events to a Board member or our new Social Committee Chairperson, Joany Price.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

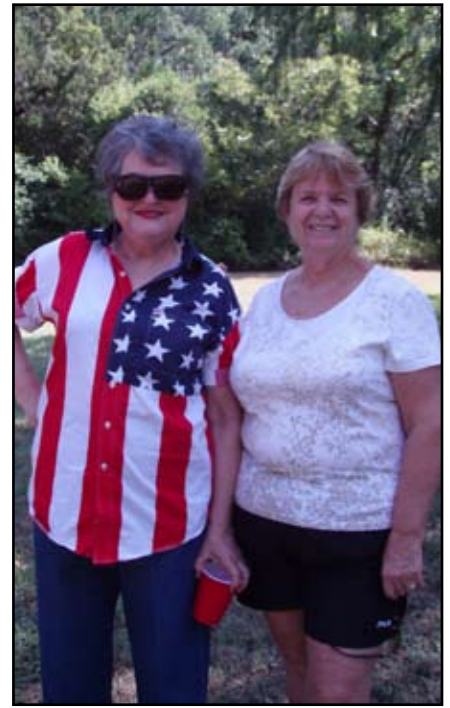
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A big thank you goes to John & Laryl Mannix and their daughters who first worked to put together the July 4 celebration that we didn't get to enjoy and then gave their time to plan, organize, and clean-up after the Labor Day Picnic. Special thanks is also owed to the many other volunteers who contributed their time and energy so that this social event could take place, especially the members of the Kayak Committee who shared their kayaks & canoes and made sure everyone could safely enjoy their time out on the water. Some, but not all of these good neighbors are Jeff & Lisa Gordon, Reese McCrea, Rusty Pepper, Joany & Lewis Price, Eddie Zamora, Bob & Jeanne May, Wayne Wilson, Augusto Villalón, Jim Vence, Susanne Reiss, and Deb & Elizabeth Tate.



In addition to the picnic pictures in this month's Caller, check out many more in the Photo Gallery of our website.



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