



# Courtyard Caller

OFFICIAL COURTYARD NEWSLETTER

Courtyard Homeowners Association, Inc.

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## BOARD Message

Happy springtime to everyone! Fresh green in the grass and trees, beautiful flowers, birds singing, and longer days for us to enjoy the outdoors, especially our wonderful Community Park. After a very busy January and February, we are happy to report that efforts to restore our waterfront area were very successful. For those of you who haven't had a chance to visit the Park, we were able to reestablish a channel from the pond out to the main creek bed that has restored good water flow and circulation into the lagoon area. With the improved depth and water clarity, all sizes of fish have returned and can be seen throughout the pond. Although we could not clear away all of the island, we were able to stabilize what remained so that it would be safer to walk on. For the first time, we now have what can best be described as a nice sandy beach along the shore on both sides of the new pier and on the pond side of the peninsula across from the pier. Re-vegetation of the grass areas began in March using a special hydro mulch mixture of grasses and fertilizer. Once established, this mix is very hardy and requires very little water. We cannot remove the erosion fence until 90% of the grass has been restored so please make an effort to avoid walking through the hydro mulch areas when you visit the Park. We need to give the new grass a chance to get established before the summer heat hits. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Although we have made great progress over the winter, much work remains to be done to finish clearing the debris that can still

be seen throughout the woods area. Saturday morning Park clean-up days will continue in April and then resume again in October when it's cooler again. Please keep an eye out for those notices and come down for a few hours of "fun" with your neighbors. While we're talking about the Park, please note that we have a new Park Committee Chairperson, Ellen Sharporn! Yeah Ellen! Thank you for volunteering. And to Jim Reed, our wonderful out-going Park Chairman, thank you for all the hours of care and hard work you gave our Park. As we enjoy the beautiful wildflowers in the Park we need to keep Jim in mind, as he was responsible for starting and nurturing them along until they were established. Best of luck to you and Carol in all your future endeavors and travels.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first social event of the year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 23. Social Committee Chairperson, Joany Price, and her co-chair, Dana Ivers, have planned some fun new activities in addition to the traditional "mad dash" egg hunt. Don't forget the Annual Garage Sale coming up on Saturday, May 7. This is a great opportunity to clean out those closets. Check the notice in the Caller for more details.

Finally, please don't forget to fill out and return the Directory update form. They can't put together a new book without everyone's help.

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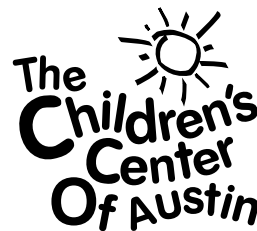
Example: Slope \_ \_ \_ \_ SLANT

1. Breathe quickly and hard \_ \_ \_ \_
2. Large circus mammal \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. An herb, brush, or shrub \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. Richly supplied \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. Outstanding talent \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. One engaged in war \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
7. Always the same \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
8. Has a pleasing scent \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. One who applies \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. Won't obey orders \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
11. A helper \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
12. Carefully watchful \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(Answers on Page 7)

**Reminder:** The Courtyard Caller would like to recognize any award and/or achievement your children have earned by announcing it in the newsletter. Please submit these to [cathleenbarrett@hotmail.com](mailto:cathleenbarrett@hotmail.com). Additionally, any poem, essay, drawing, etc. are also welcome as well as announcements regarding your child's school.

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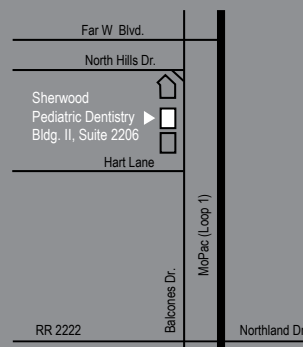
## OFFICE HOURS

Convenient office hours are

Monday 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday – Thursday 8 am - 5 pm

Fridays are reserved for surgical procedures.



## Courtyard Book Club

*Tuesday, April 12, 1 p.m. at The Courtyard Club*

*Bread of Angels* by Stephanie Saldana is described by a reviewer as *Eat, Love, Pray* with more intellectual depth and as a "beautiful memoir, not to be missed." Saldana grew up in Texas, but after graduating from Middlebury College she embarked on a journalism career reporting from dangerous locations. In an attempt for a more normal life, she opted to pursue a degree at the Harvard School of Divinity. Upon completing that degree she received a Fulbright fellowship that would take her to Damascus, Syria to study the role of Jesus in Islam. It is this year that is the subject of her memoir. When Saldana arrives in Syria in 2004, it is not the best time for an American to be in the Middle East. The United States had just invaded Iraq and refugees were spilling across Syrian borders. The U.S. was seen as the cause of chaos. Further, Saldana spoke limited Arabic, had no place to live, and carried with her a broken heart from a love affair that ended badly. Through her unusual experiences and encounters she explores her faith, confronts her past and learns to love again. The author's deep knowledge of Christianity, Judaism and Islam provide subtext for the setting and context of her personal journey.

In May, the Book Club will discuss *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese. This much-praised novel is described as an "...unforgettable story of love and betrayal, compassion and redemption..."

For information about the Courtyard Book Club, contact Jean Heath, [heathcjb@yahoo.com](mailto:heathcjb@yahoo.com) or 512-231-9412.

## APD Website Notice

Please take note, and keep handy, the links to the Austin Police Department websites listed below. As residents of the Courtyard we are fortunate to live in a relatively safe neighborhood, and we want to keep it that way. However, in order to preserve our community safety, it is up to each and every Courtyard resident to play his/her part in the safety of the community. Please become familiar with and utilize these websites.

- General Austin Police Department website:  
[www.ci.austin.tx.us/police](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police)
- APD crime information page (graphic):  
[www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/crimeinformation.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/crimeinformation.htm)
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**Colin's Hope Community Water Safety Splash and Walk**  
**Saturday, April 30th 10AM-3PM**  
The whole family can splash into our Water Safety Challenge and Life jacket Swim or try out a Stand Up Paddle Board at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens.) Volunteers are also needed to pick up and distribute water safety packets to homes in zip codes that have high incidences of drowning. This is a great family or group volunteer activity. Email [alissa.magrum@colinshope.org](mailto:alissa.magrum@colinshope.org) to volunteer. Together, we can prevent drowning and save lives.

**Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park**  
**Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown**  
Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of *Whale Rider*. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

**Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels**  
**Saturday, May 21st**  
Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email [alissa.magrum@colinshope.org](mailto:alissa.magrum@colinshope.org) for more information.

**For more info visit our website at [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org)**



## Bull Creek District Park Designated as On-leash Facility

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department Director Sara Hensley, after a critical and careful analysis of the recent completed review of fecal contamination monitoring at the Bull Creek District Park in Northwest Austin by the Watershed Protection and Health and Human Services Departments, has determined that Bull Creek District Park will continue as an on-leash facility.

The weight of evidence and data from multiple approaches concludes that park use and specifically the dog off-leash use is the most likely source of elevated fecal bacteria within the park. Bacteria levels have recently fallen below the contact recreation standard during the time period when the park was open as an on-leash facility only. In order to protect human health and preserve the water quality of this wonderful resource, Parks and Recreation will continue to restrict dogs to on-leash only within the park.

Through public meetings and work with the majority of the surrounding neighbors and friends in the Bull Creek Dog Owners Group, the Department has concurrence and support to leave Bull Creek Park as on-leash and focus attention on locating another off-leash site in close proximity to Bull Creek Park. Parks and Recreation staff will be diligently searching for another site to meet the off-leash need.

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication of

the staff in Watershed Protection, Health and Human Services, Corporate Public Information and Parks and Recreation as we worked through this most important effort. In addition, our appreciation goes out to the community members for their input and courageous conversations as we worked toward a decision.

[http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/park\\_news.cfm?newsid=3101](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/park_news.cfm?newsid=3101)

## Facts & Fancies *El Nino Modoki*

Now the already difficult field of atmospheric forecasting has become even trickier, says National Geographic, reporting on a study by Georgia Tech scientists in which they identified a new type of El Nino, known as El Nino Modoki (from the Japanese meaning "similar, but different"). This cycle forms in the Central Pacific, rather than the Eastern Pacific, as the typical El Nino event does. Warming in the central Pacific triggers more frequent storms – and more landfalling storms in the Gulf of Mexico and the western Caribbean – than normal. It also leads to more tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic than El Nino does, and Modoki's precipitation patterns are the reverse of El Nino's.



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## Hardcopy Directory Making a Comeback!

In an effort to save money and make better use of the new website, in 2008 the Courtyard's Board of Directors decided to stop publishing a hardcopy of the neighborhood's directory. Following a practice by many other associations, the directory was moved to the website with password protection. See, [www.courtyardhoa.org](http://www.courtyardhoa.org). Recently, members of our community asked the Board to reconsider its earlier decision and presented a petition with names of residents in support of this request. Upon finding new costs to be more reasonable and in consideration of the many residents that expressed their support of this idea, the Board voted to bring back a hardcopy of our neighborhood directory.

As with earlier editions, the new Directory will set out its information alphabetically by owner's name and by street address for easy cross referencing. It will also contain an abbreviated version of our most often cited rules from the Second Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. This information is currently available and will remain so on the website under "HOA Documents" and "Directory."

In order to include the most up-to-date information in the new hardcopy Directory, owners/residents are being asked to please fill

out the update form that has been included in this April edition of the Caller. Completed forms can simply be dropped off or mailed to the residents whose addresses are shown on the form. You may also leave your updated form with any Board member, or mail or fax it to our property manager, Marilyn Childress, at Goodwin Management. See, form for contact information.

Two resident volunteers, Marre Suarez and Carol Spielberger, have taken on the enormous task of gathering the updated information and putting it into a format needed for publication. To make their work go a little easier and faster, please PRINT when you fill out the form and return it by the May 15 DEADLINE.

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*Thank you, Marre and Carol,  
and thank you to all our  
residents for your cooperation.*

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to-do list this  
month?



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## Kid's Korner *The Ant Game*

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. PANT      | 7. CONSTANT   |
| 2. ELEPHANT  | 8. FRAGRANT   |
| 3. PLANT     | 9. APPLICANT  |
| 4. ABUNDANT  | 10. DEFIANT   |
| 5. BRILLIANT | 11. ASSISTANT |
| 6. COMBATANT | 12. VIGILANT  |

*(Questions from Page 3)*

## April Moon Phases

New Moon.....April 3rd  
First Quarter Moon.....April 11th  
Full Moon.....April 17th  
Last Quarter Moon.....April 24th

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### **Pull-Apart Vegetable Bread Ring**

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#### **INGREDIENTS**

- ½ Cup each chopped red and green pepper
- ½ Cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¾ Cup chopped zucchini
- 1½ Cup chopped onion
- 4 Slices crisp bacon, crumbled
- 3 Can refrigerated biscuits
- 1 Stick butter

#### **TO COOK**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a skillet, melt butter and sauté veggies until soft. (Add salt and pepper if desired.) Spray bundt pan with cooking oil. Cut biscuits in half and place a layer on the bottom of the pan. Spoon half the veggies, bacon, and cheese on top, then cover with more biscuit halves. Add the rest of the vegetables, bacon, and cheese, then top with remaining biscuit halves. Bake 35 to 45 minutes. Turn out of bundt pan and serve warm.



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### HINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SALE:

- You can add your own signs if you feel it will help. Home Depot and others have them. Just be sure they come down when the sale is over;
- Feel free to open earlier or later that day;
- It is advisable to have prices on every;
- Children's items are especially popular;
- Multi-family sales tend to be more successful, so you might want to join with your neighbors to pool sale items at one location and take turns running the sale.

Please note that Settlement House will come by and pick-up any "leftovers" from the sale that day. Email [annbcham@gmail.com](mailto:annbcham@gmail.com) if you want to schedule this helpful service.



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## COURTYARD DIRECTORY INFORMATION 2011 UPDATE

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Updated information is requested from all current Courtyard home owners regardless of when you purchased the property or whether your information is already part of an older edition of the directory. If you own more than one property in the Courtyard, please list them all and clarify which is your personal residence.

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**COURTYARD ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONS:** I do NOT want my \_\_\_\_\_ name; \_\_\_\_\_ phone #s; \_\_\_\_\_ email addresses included in the hardcopy of the Courtyard 2011 Directory. However, my contact information may be retained solely for administrative or emergency use as determined necessary by a Board member.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE:** May 15, 2011

**EASY DELIVERY:** Completed forms may be mailed to or simply dropped off with Marre Suarez, 5513 Courtyard Drive, Austin, Texas 78731; or Carol Spielberger, 5803 Tom Wooten Drive, Austin, Texas, 78731. They may also be faxed to Marilyn Childress at Goodwin Management Inc. (cell) (512) 750-2883 and fax (512) 346-4873.

*Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.*

## Important Election Dates *In April & May*

April 14	Last day to register to VOTE
May 2	Early voting starts
May 6	Last day to apply to vote by mail
May 10	Last day for early voting
May 14	Municipal Election

Three Council seats are up for election this year. Information is available from the City of Austin at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/election](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/election) or by calling 974-2210 and from Travis County at [www.traviscountyelections.org](http://www.traviscountyelections.org) or by calling 238-8683 or 854-4996.

Don't miss a chance to make your voice heard and your opinions count – VOTE ! ! !

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Leather case with camera equipment.  
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## 2011 Courtyard *Easter Egg Hunt!*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
**11:00 – 1:00**

Don't miss the fun.....Plan to attend the 2011 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt! Bunnies of all ages bring your baskets and hop on down for some Easter fun! In addition to our annual Easter Egg Hunt we will have a Cup Cake Bunny Hop, a Pinata, and great prizes! Easter Bonnets Optional

If you think you will be able to attend, please email or call to let us know how many egg hunters will be in your family/group:

Joany Price – 775-8942 [joanyprice@hotmail.com](mailto:joanyprice@hotmail.com)

Dana Ivers – 497-0642 [dana.ivers1@yahoo.com](mailto:dana.ivers1@yahoo.com)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

 **don't miss the**    
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# REACHING YOUR NEIGHBORS

*and many others...*

- Avery Ranch
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- Bella Vista
- Belterra
- Canyon Creek
- Cedar Park Town Center
- Cherry Creek on Brodie Lane
- Circle C Ranch
- Courtyard
- Davenport Ranch
- Forest Creek
- Granada Hills
- Hidden Glen
- Highland Park West Balcones
- Highpointe
- Jester Estates
- Lakeline Ranch
- Lakeway
- Lakewood
- Laurel Oaks NA
- Legend Oaks II
- Long Canyon
- Lost Creek
- Mayfield Ranch
- Meadows of Bushy Creek
- Pemberton Heights
- Plum Creek
- Ranch at Brushy Creek
- River Place
- Sendera
- Shady Hollow
- Sonoma
- Steiner Ranch
- Stone Canyon
- Teravista
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- Westminster Glen
- Westside at Buttercup Creek
- Wood Glen

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**1-3** Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival / Multiple Locations  
[www.texaswineandfood.org](http://www.texaswineandfood.org)

**2-3** Art City Austin / Downtown • City Hall • Lady Bird Lake  
(formerly Austin Fine Arts Festival) [www.artallianceaustin.org](http://www.artallianceaustin.org)

**2-3** Austin Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale / Zilker Botanical Gardens [www.austincss.com](http://www.austincss.com)

**6-9** Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays / Mike A. Myers Stadium  
[www.texassports.com](http://www.texassports.com)

**7-10** Austin International Poetry Festival / Multiple Austin Venues  
[www.aipf.org](http://www.aipf.org)

**8** Asleep at the Wheel / The Broken Spoke 8PM [www.brokenspokeaustintx.com](http://www.brokenspokeaustintx.com)

**9** Heritage Homes Tour / Historical Austin [www.heritagesocietyaustin.org](http://www.heritagesocietyaustin.org)

**14-17** Old Settlers Music Festival / The Salt Lick Pavillion & Camp Ben McCullough [www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org](http://www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org)

**15** Fashion for Compassion / Saks Fifth Avenue [www.austinchildrenshelter.org](http://www.austinchildrenshelter.org)

**15-17** Austin Reggae Festival / Auditorium Shores [www.austinreggaefest.com](http://www.austinreggaefest.com)

**27-MAY 1** Art Week Austin / Multiple Austin Locations  
[www.artallianceaustin.org](http://www.artallianceaustin.org)

**28** Umlauf Garden Party / The Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum  
[www.umlaufsculpture.org/garden-party](http://www.umlaufsculpture.org/garden-party)

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