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BOARD MESSAGE

Ahhhh September . . . It couldn't come soon enough. Fall is almost officially here. We've made it through the really hot days of summer, school is back in session, football season is underway, and a few of us even have some grass left on our lawns. With Fall comes shorter daylight hours, and once again, we ask that everyone please make an extra effort to watch their speed as they drive along our neighborhood streets. Caution is especially important in the early morning and late afternoon/early evening hours when people tend to be in a greater hurry to get somewhere. Your efforts are important to the safety of our children as well as our many walkers, runners, cyclists, and pets.

Although some of you may be aware of this, it is with regret that we write to inform everyone that sometime between July 30 and August 5, thieves cut four vertical bars and broke through the fence into our kayak rack. Two kayaks were stolen along with a cable and two locks. The police investigated, a report was filed, and case number assigned. At the time of this writing, no further information has been received from the police.

In response to reports of vandalism in the past, the Board had generally found that the possible security measures we might implement would not be a cost effective or practical way to prevent such isolated incidents. In light of this latest criminal action, however, the Board is taking a fresh look at increasing security in the Park. Ideas discussed at the August 16 meeting included surveillance cameras and motion lights at key locations, and card access replacing a code number at the entrance. While we continue to evaluate how best to proceed, we ask for and welcome your suggestions and/or comments. Information or experience anyone might have with such security matters would be helpful. We hope to reach a decision no later than our September Board meeting and will report final plans on our community's website (www.courtyardhoa.org) and in the Caller.

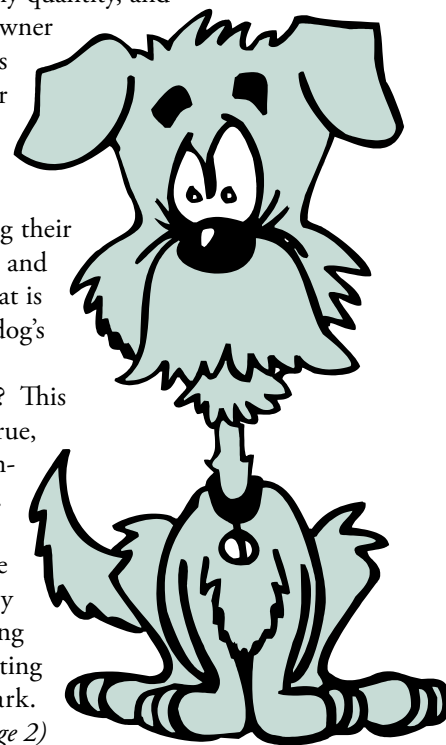
LAZY DOG OWNERS

YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE PLEASE STOP RUINING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

For some unknown reason, increasing piles of unclaimed dog poo are once again being left throughout the Courtyard for someone else to pick up. The situation is particularly bad in our Community Park. Poo piles are near the water, in the fields, and along the path in the woods. Each of the last four times I've been to the Park, I've picked up over ten (10) piles near the pier alone. People – this is BAD. Contributors appear to come in all sizes, although it appears that the smaller dogs have an edge in unclaimed droppings. Perhaps their owners think that no one will notice? Guess what Lazy Dog Owners -- size doesn't matter. Dog poop is not fertilizer. It's unhealthy in any quantity, and it is illegal not to pick it up. An owner who leaves his/her's dog droppings behind creates a health hazard for other children and adults who have the misfortune to come into contact with it. If people cannot walk through the Courtyard tossing their personal trash out along sidewalks and lawns, why would anyone think that is acceptable behavior to leave their dog's "trash" behind on a walk?

Why should we even have to ask? This is your neighborhood, your Park. True, we are having a problem with non-residents coming into the Park. They often bring their dogs and let them run loose. These people have shown themselves to be generally oblivious to what their dogs are doing and may be a significant contributing factor to the problem in the Park.

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Lazy Dog Owners- (Continued from Cover Page)

However, you can't blame outsiders for all the unclaimed poo in the rest of the neighborhood. We also have resident dog owners who bring their dogs to the Park to run and swim sans leash. It's hard to begrudge your dog some fun, especially in the heat. However, at the very least, if you're going to let them off leash, please make the effort to keep track of them and pick up any deposits. If you don't want that responsibility, keep them at home in your own yard. You are not welcome in the Park.

Sadly, I don't even know who I'm writing about. I've never met a single dog owner in the neighborhood who doesn't make the effort to pick-up after their dog(s). I've even had fellow dog-walkers stop and borrow a bag from me because they forgot one. So where do the poo slugs come from? You got me. The people who need to read this probably won't bother. All I know is that too many pet owners are acting like the law and responsibilities of pet ownership do not apply to them when it comes to picking up their dog's deposits from community streets, sidewalks, common areas, and their neighbors' lawns. And that, Friends and Neighbors, is not funny.

REMEMBER – LEAVE NO POO BEHIND!

*Signed,
Mad Dog Walker*

COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1 P.M. AT THE COURTYARD CLUB**

Join the Courtyard Book Club in September to discuss *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. This tender story of love, loyalty, and hardship is an ideal end of summer read. Set in Seattle's International District in the wake of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the novel features a landmark of the time, the Panama Hotel. The author was inspired by a 1980's news story about a discovery in the basement of the hotel. Japanese families forced into internment camps left behind their boxes of treasured family mementos and belongings. Within this framework, Ford creates engaging characters and a story that captures the reader's interest and emotions from the very first pages. Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, writes that this book "...gives us a glimpse of the damage caused by war—not the damage of the battlefield, but the cold, cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people...a beautifully written book that will make you think. And, more important, it will make you feel."

The Club's book for October is *The Lost City of Z* by David Gran. Gran retraces the search of British explorer, Col. Percy Harrison Fawcett for the city of Z, site of an ancient Amazonian civilization that may or may not have existed. Gran's great storytelling creates a classic adventure story which rivals a fiction thriller.

For information about the Courtyard Book Club, contact Jean Heath, c.jeanheath@gmail.com or 512-231-9412.



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1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God & I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
15. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
16. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
17. Procrastinate Now!
18. I have a degree in Liberal Arts; Do you want fries with that?
19. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
20. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
21. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
22. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
23. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
24. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
25. Ham and eggs... A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig
26. The trouble with life is there's no background music.



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UN-NEIGHBORLY PETS

Sometimes our furry neighbors behave in an un-neighborly fashion. Dogs frequently/continuously barking while out in the yard and/or late at night are discourteous to their neighbors. Roaming cats that "mark" all over a neighbor's patio/lawn furniture can ruin not only said furniture but also a friendship. If you are having these or similar problems with neighbors' pets, before bringing it to the attention of the Board, please try to first talk directly with the pet owner to explain the un-neighborly behavior and allow them an opportunity to remedy the problem. Often times it is simply an issue of a pet owner being made aware of the annoying behavior. If you own a pet, please be considerate of your neighbors when allowing your pet outdoors, keeping in mind that the pet's behavior is a reflection of you. The Golden Rule applies well here: "Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you." Be a thoughtful and courteous neighbor!

OUR COURTYARD PARK

As a community we are very fortunate to have the ownership and use of a private park on beautiful Bull Creek. Access to enjoy its trails, playscape, picnic area, dock, and pond area is a privilege as well as an added benefit to Courtyard homeowners. Only with the combined effort of all residents can we maintain its desirability. Consequently, the code to our park gate is not to be given out to anyone who is not a resident of the Courtyard! The Courtyard Park is for private community use only and not open to the public at large (see Board Message). If friends and/or family of a resident wish to enjoy the use of the park, the resident must be present and personally provide the access. A larger gathering such as a club or reunion requires a reservation. Please contact Marilyn Childress, Goodwin Management Co., for further information.



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| 5.most+dice | 12.lone+since |
| 6.antic+near | 13.loam+barn |
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SEPT. MOON PHASES

FIRST QUARTER MOON.....SEPTEMBER 4TH

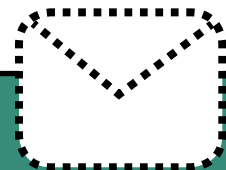
FULL MOON.....SEPTEMBER 12TH

LAST QUARTER MOON.....SEPTEMBER 20TH

NEW MOON.....SEPTEMBER 27TH

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 2, 16 & 30: "Blue Trash" recycling container
pick-up days
- Sept. 13: Book Club 1:00 p.m. @ Courtyard
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- Sept. 20: Bd. Mtg., 6:30 p.m. Lobby of office
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NATUREWATCH SN-OUTBREAK!

by Jim and Lynne Weber

The change from late summer into early fall can trigger some unusual natural events, and at this time of year in Central Texas, we can often see periodic population explosions of the American Snout butterfly. Often mistaken for migrating Monarch butterflies, the American Snout (*Libytheana carinenta*) is a medium-sized butterfly with a brown upperside, wings orange at the base, and white spots near the tips of the forewings. Their underside is a mottled grayish-brown pattern, much like a dried, dead leaf. Snouts are named for their elongated mouthparts, and when they hang from the underside of a branch, which they most often do, their 'snout' resembles the stem or 'petiole' of a leaf and their folded wings appear to be the dead leaf itself. It's the perfect camouflage for defense against avian predators.

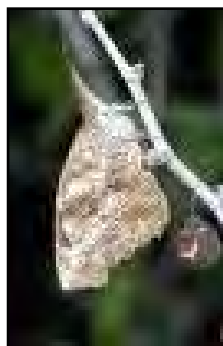
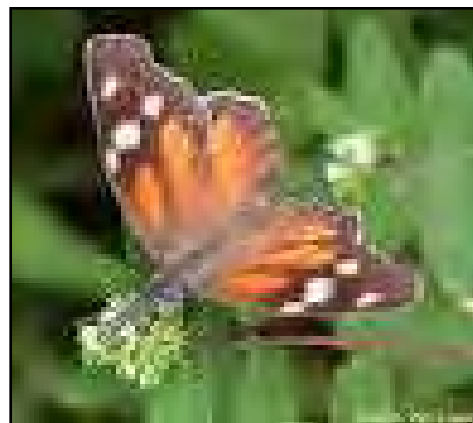
In the caterpillar stage, snouts are dark green with yellow stripes along the top and sides of their body, with two small, black tubercles on the top of their thorax. These caterpillars feed on all hackberry species, but they prefer spiny hackberry. While Austin is at the northernmost boundary of this plant's range, it is close enough that we get to experience a 'sn-outbreak.' After a good rain, spiny hackberry plants (also known as granjeno or desert hackberry) grow numerous new leaves. In response, the snout butterfly lays its eggs on these new leaves, which provides the fuel for a significant number of its caterpillars. In Texas, it only takes 12 days to go from egg to caterpillar to adult butterfly.

The ecology behind this event is related to several factors. First, the population of snouts is positively correlated to the intensity and duration of dry periods that immediately precede significant rains. These droughts seem to greatly diminish parasites that can harm and kill snout larvae. Second, adult snouts wait out these long, dry periods by remaining in 'reproductive diapause', a state of arrested development/reproduction and decreased metabolism in response to the adverse environmental conditions. This condition reverses when the rains arrive and trigger the third factor, new growth on the spiny hackberry host plants. Female snouts will only lay eggs on this prolific new growth, and coupled with the lack of parasites, this creates a population boom.

Most often, sn-outbreaks occur in South Texas and Mexico, where the spiny hackberry is plentiful. However, one of the largest recorded snout emergences occurred in late September of 1921, when over the course of 18 days more than 6 billion southeasterly-bound snout butterflies flew over San Marcos to the Rio Grande River. That's an estimated 25 million per minute! While not every year is quite that spectacular, keep your eyes open about two weeks after a rain, and you should see region-wide migrations of snout butterflies as they waft by in pretty impressive numbers.

Right: American
Snout – upperside

Below: American
Snout – underside



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Directions

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- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 green onions (green and white parts), chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
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11—AUSTIN: Austin Museum Day Enjoy local exhibits and activities at participating institutions. www.austinmuseums.org

11—GEORGETOWN: Temple Symphony Orchestra Performance Begins at 4 p.m. Georgetown High School. www.gsstx.org

11—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Serves up gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077

13—BURNET: Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl Meet at the amphitheater for a talk about owls and trail safety before venturing out for a hike on the Pecan Flats Trail to listen for owls. Bring closed-toed shoes and a flashlight. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

16-18—AUSTIN: Austin City Limits Music Festival More than 130 local and nationally known music acts perform on eight stages. Headliners include Stevie Wonder, Kanye West, Coldplay and The Arcade Fire. Zilker Park. www.aclfestival.com

16-18—BROWNWOOD: Reunion Celebration Features a midway, live entertainment, children's area, contests and concerts, with Eddie Money performing Friday night and Easton Corbin on Saturday. Downtown. www.celebratebrownwood.com 325/998-4636

17—BLANCO: Market Day County Courthouse, 300 Main St. www.historicblanco.org/market_day.htm 830/833-2211

17—CEDAR PARK: Bertram Flyer Steam Train Historic railroad operates vintage passenger cars on a three-hour journey from Cedar Park to Bertram and back. A short stop in Bertram offers a chance to

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17—CEDAR PARK: The Cattleman's Ball Killing Evening train ride includes box dinner, beer and wine, and a who-done-it mystery with the Capital City Mystery Players. Departs at 7 p.m. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468

17—SAN MARCOS: Junior Texas Water Safari This 16-mile water adventure provides a great opportunity for young canoeists and kayakers to gain experience in the water. San Marcos City Park. www.texaswatersafari.org 512/738-6607 or 512/392-6171

17-18—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Gruene Historic District. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721

17-18—HONDO: Medina County Fair Includes a 10 a.m. parade, live music, carnival, ranch rodeo, tractor pull, chili cook-off, and dancing to the music of the Charlie Lucas Band and The Bellamy Brothers on Saturday night. Medina County Fair Grounds. www.medinacountyfair.org 830/426-5406

18—BURNET: Tri-Hard Triathlon Includes an 800-meter swim, 18-mile bike ride and 5K run at Inks Lake State Park. www.signmeupsports.com 512/756-6640

18-Dec. 31—AUSTIN: Storied Past: Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art Includes works by Jean-Baptiste Greuze and Francois Boucher. Blanton Museum of Art. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324

20—FREDERICKSBURG: Oktoberfest Experience "oompah at its best" with bratwurst, cold beer, a parade and more. Features the Oktubafest, Chicken Dance Around the Square, dominoes tournament, sing-a-longs, three stages of live entertainment, arts and crafts, and kids' activities. Marktplatz. www.oktoberfestinfbg.com 830/997-4810

20-25—AUSTIN: Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles The Long Center. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/austin 800/731-7469

22-24—BIG LAKE: 100-Year Celebration, 1911-2011 Celebration of the city's centennial features a 10 a.m. parade Saturday, street dance with music by Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band, car show, arts and crafts, golf, pageant, horseshoe and washer tournaments, beard contest and more. Downtown. www.biglaketx.com 325/884-2511

22-29—AUSTIN: Fantastic Fest Horror, sci-fi, fantasy and action movie fans unite each year in Austin for the largest genre film festival in the country. Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar and other venues. www.fantasticfest.com

22-Oct. 2—MARBLE FALLS: Wait Until Dark This masterfully constructed thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as a psychopath talks his way into the home of an unsuspecting blind woman. Community Theatre. www.hcct.org 830/798-8944

23-24—LLANO: Llano River Outdoor Expo Features gold panning, rock hunting and more. Badu Park. www.llanoexpo.com 325/247-4137

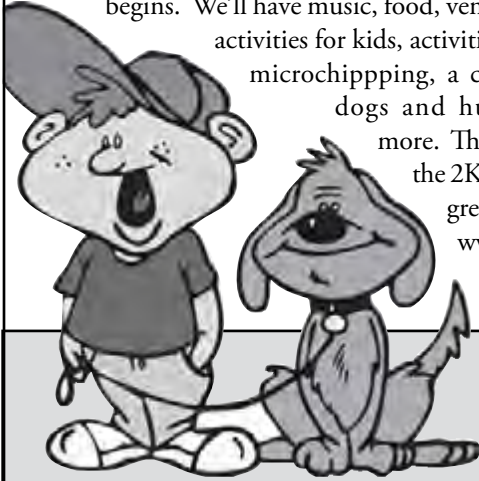
23-24—TAYLOR: Annual Taylor SPJST Barbecue Cook-Off Taylor SPJST Hall. www.taylorchamber.org 512/365-8485

23-25—BURNET: A Day Out with Thomas Take a 25-minute ride with a full-size Thomas the Tank Engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy storytelling, live music, playing with Duplo blocks and more. Burnet Community Center. www.burnetcommunitycenter.org

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9th Annual Barktoberfest & PLEDGE WALK FOR HOMELESS PETS

Have a howling good time and help the Central Texas SPCA save homeless pets in our community. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever on Saturday, September 10th at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock, Texas. The morning starts with a 2K pledge walk for homeless pets and then the festival fun begins. We'll have music, food, vendors, fun games and activities for kids, activities for dogs, low cost microchipping, a costume contest for dogs and humans, and much more. The top fundraisers in the 2K pledge walk will win great prizes! Please visit www.centraltexasspca.org for more information.



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