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BOARD MESSAGE

We'd like to start this month's message with a sincere "Thank you, thank you, thank you" to all our community volunteers. Your gifts of time and energy help make it possible for the Board and its supporting committees to do the work of maintaining our common areas and property values, keeping maintenance costs down, and creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in our small community. Please keep up your efforts. You are needed and most appreciated.

Newcomers and "old" timers are urged to consider offering a little free time to a neighborhood project -- even once a year. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. If you don't have any free time right now, your ideas and suggestions are also welcome. Pass them along to a committee chairman or Board member. Names and phone numbers of Board members and committee heads are listed in this newsletter or visit the website: www.courtyardhoa.org and use the Contact Us page to send in your thoughts. Everything helps and the cumulative effect of each person's contribution goes a long way to helping keep the Courtyard a great place to live.

In case you haven't had occasion to need it and/or haven't noticed earlier newsletter articles about this: **PLEASE NOTE – THE PARK GATE CODE WAS CHANGED AUGUST 25.** Those who didn't receive it back then via our broadcast email can call, email, or write to any Board member or Marilyn Childress, our property manager to receive it. Thank you to those residents that contacted us to make sure we had your most current contact information so that you wouldn't miss any future broadcast messages. As always, we ask that residents please do NOT give the security code out to anyone other than your immediate family members. Parents are asked to please stress to their children not to give this number out to their friends. Further, please remember that non-residents are not to be in the Park **unless they are with a resident.** Nannies or babysitters that take residents' children to the Park are exceptions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, as the days grow shorter, it wouldn't be a Board message if we didn't ask everyone to please keep up your efforts to drive safely in the Courtyard. Be especially careful on Halloween night to watch out for our neighborhood ghosts & goblins, pirates & princesses, space invaders & super heroes. Have a happy and safe Halloween and don't miss the pre-trick or treating party on the Tom Wooten Drive island.

Halloween Boo Fest

CALLING ALL GHOSTS & GOBLINS, PIRATES & PRINCESSES, SPACE INVADERS & SUPER HEROES..... (AND THEIR PARENTS)

Join us for the first EVER "Courtyard Halloween Boo Fest!"

We will meet at the "Tom Wooten Island" between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st for pizza and beverages before you and your little "pumpkins" go out trick-or-treating.

RSVP REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 30TH! WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PIZZAS TO ORDER!

Contact Joany Price at 512-775-8942 or jprice@cbunited.com



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Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2012

"Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights." Thomas Jefferson, *The Jeffersonian Cyclopaedia*, John P. Foley, ed. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1900), p. 842.

Your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It is a unique American privilege. It's your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect your community. On Election Day, every vote matters.

As specified in the Constitution, the 2012 presidential election will coincide with the United States Senate elections where one-third of the Senators will face re-election (33 Class I seats), and the United States House of Representatives elections (which occurs biennially) to elect the members for the 113th Congress. Eleven gubernatorial elections and many elections for state legislatures will also take place at the same time.

"Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption." James Garfield, "A Century of Congress" published in *Atlantic*, July 1877.

2012 Elections Calendar

Travis County Clerk Elections Division

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING IN PERSON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL
(RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING IN PERSON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

For further information and polling locations visit
<http://www.traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/Content.do?code=Elections>



Courtyard Book Club

Tuesday, November 6th, 1 p.m. in the Courtyard Club

In November the Book Club will be reading *One Hundred Years of Marriage* by Louise Farmer Smith. The author begins the book with this note: "What was your father thinking the night he proposed to your mother? Why did she say yes? By the time we ask, all the compelling details have cooled into whatever myths they've chosen to tell us. Our grandparents' stories are even more frozen, and the truths of our great-grandparents' union have perished in the airless memories of the dead." This novel is a collection of stories about four generations of one family's marriages—passionate, tragic, and sometimes humorous. From the tragic story of a teen taken as wife in the aftermath of the civil war, to the grueling toil of women sodbusters in nineteenth century Oklahoma, and on to the 1970's woman who embraces new found liberation, Smith explores the way women have dealt with marriage in good times and bad.

In December the Book Club will meet for a pot luck lunch at the Heath's house, 5909 Tom Wooten. Bring a book, new or used, wrapped for giving. Sharing favorite books is always a highlight of the year.

As year-end approaches, selecting books for reading in the coming year is a priority. Please send any recommendations for next year's reading list to Jean Heath at the address below. Books which are available in paperback and in the Austin Public Library assure easy access.

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



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PARK CLEAN-UP DAYS AHEAD

With the arrival of cooler fall and winter days, we will resume restoration and cleanup work in our Community Park. Please keep an eye out for notices of Park cleanup days in the Caller, on the home page of the website, and on signs in the neighborhood. Our first cleanup day will be held on Saturday, October 27th. If you and/or your family are interested in volunteering to take over the maintenance of a small section of the Park, please contact Park Committee Chairman, Zoli Kovacs (512) 761-4242.



Back by Popular Demand...

COOKING IN THE PARK WITH LUIS SUAREZ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Give yourself and your family a real treat on Sunday, October 21st. Come join your Courtyard neighbors for a cookout in our community Park, starting at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Luis and Marre Suarez's June cookout and get together with friends in the Park was a huge success. In a spirit of true neighborliness, once again Luis and Marre invite you all to come join them for a "communal" cookout. Each family will need to bring their own meat and/or vegetables for grilling as well as something for others to share. Luis will do the grilling "honors." With the cooler weather, the beautiful Park setting, and good friends and family, it promises to be another enjoyable event!

Contact Luis Suarez, 795-8800, if you are interested in more details and to sign up to come.

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Home Athletics Schedule October 2012

Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
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10/12	WS	Ozarks!	1 p.m.
	MS	Ozarks!	3 p.m.
10/13	XC	Concordia Invitational%	2 p.m.
	WS	Texas-Dallas!	5 p.m.
	MS	Texas-Dallas!	7 p.m.
10/16	VB	Hardin-Simmons	7 p.m.
10/18	VB	Schreiner	7 p.m.
10/26	WS	Howard Payne\$	5 p.m.
	MS	Howard Payne\$	7 p.m.
10/27	VB	Hardin-Simmons\$	7 p.m.
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VB (Volleyball)

MS (M. Soccer)

WS (W. Soccer)

% at Cedar Park High School

! at St. Stephen's

\$ at Town & Country (Field 26)

CTX Athletics Is Now Accepting Tornado Club Applications!!!

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Preserve Natural Resources!!!

THOUSANDS OF AUSTINITES PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES BY REDUCING UNWANTED MAIL

Since Austin Resource Recovery (www.austintexas.gov/departments/about-austin-resource-recovery), formerly known as Solid Waste Services, partnered with Catalog Choice (www.catalogchoice.org) in April of this year, Austin residents prevented 71,000 pounds of materials from being developed into unwanted mail. Catalog Choice is a free Zero Waste service that allows residents to opt-out of unwanted phone books, catalogs, coupons, credit card solicitations and other undesired publications.

Stopping unwanted mail at the source results in a higher landfill diversion rate while reducing the amount of money the City spends on waste collection and disposal. According to Catalog Choice, at a 5 percent household participation rate, the program will generate an estimated costs savings to the City of more than \$10,000 a year.

In the first five months of the partnership, over 4,400 Austinites registered for the free service, which protected 556 trees from being destroyed, stopped 200,827 pounds of greenhouse gas from reaching the atmosphere and conserved 483,561 gallons of water.

"It's encouraging to see so many Austinites taking advantage of a free Zero Waste service like Catalog Choice," said Austin Resource Recovery Director Bob Gedert. "By opting out of unwanted mail, residents are actively reducing their waste, saving natural resources and helping propel Austin toward a Zero Waste future."

It is estimated that Catalog Choice will help the City of Austin shed millions of pounds of waste and thousands of dollars in costs. City of Austin residents and businesses can sign up for the mail preference service at <https://austin.catalogchoice.org>.

ABOUT AUSTIN RESOURCE RECOVERY

Austin Resource Recovery provides a wide range of services designed to transform waste into resources while keeping our community clean. Services include curbside collection of recycling, trash, yard trimmings and large brush and bulk items; street sweeping; dead animal collection; household hazardous waste disposal and recycling; and outreach and education. In December 2011, the Austin City Council approved the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, which is the City's roadmap to Zero Waste. The City of Austin is committed to reducing the amount of waste sent to area landfills by 90 percent by 2040 or sooner.

ABOUT CATALOG CHOICE

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