

Courtyard Homeowners Association, Inc.

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BOARD MESSAGE

Thank you to all residents that took the time to sign and send in their proxies and/or attended the Courtyard's annual meeting on Sunday, January 27. We received enough proxies to reach the necessary quorum and were able to conduct all necessary business, including approval of a new budget. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact any Board member. This is easy to do if you visit our website and click on "Contact Us" or call us.

Two Board positions were up for election this year. Leslie Craven was re-elected to another three-year term on the Board. Zoli Kovacs was elected to the position previously held by Frank Apgar, who decided not to run again. Congratulations Zoli!!! Thank you for volunteering your "spare" time for the Community and many thanks to your family for sharing you.

If the rest of you have any free time, please keep in mind our ever-present need for volunteers to assist our committees. Check out the Caller and website for notices of planned activities throughout the year. Contact any Board member if you are interested in helping out

NOTE the potential problems and dangers of oak wilt that generally run from late January to June. Please DO NOT do any hardwood pruning now through June.

Please continue to observe the speed limit while driving in our neighborhood. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep our community safe and as the weather gets warmer and more residents get out to enjoy some time outside, it is especially important to continue our efforts.

We wish you a happy, safe, and joyous spring!



2013 Courtyard **Easter Egg Hunt!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH 11:00 - 1:00

Don't miss the fun...Plan now to attend the 2013 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 Piñata and great prizes!

We look forward to seeing you there! 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 (Social Chairperson) 775-8942 joanyprice@gmail.com

Volunteers welcome! Please contact Joany Price if you have time and/or ideas to share for this celebration. A lot of work goes into these socials to make them happen, so all volunteers are greatly appreciated!



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Courtyard Book Club

Tuesday, April 2nd 1 p.m. in the Courtyard Club

Elephants hold a special fascination for us all. Take note of the frequency they are used in advertisements, toys, and sports. Yet, most know little of these majestic creatures in the wild. In 1999, a renowned South African conservationist, Lawrence Anthony intervened to save a rogue herd of elephants by agreeing to give them a home on his preserve. Immediately the herd challenged his authority and tried to escape. The journey he and these elephants make together from defiance to trust is a captivating nature story on one level and an insightful story of human self-discovery on another. Over time Anthony wins the support of the Zulu tribes whose lands surround the preserve and they join him in the conservation effort.

The Elephant Whisperer, Anthony's book on his experience is "every bit as much a page-turner as a novel. ... Anyone who remembers Born Free, a personal story of tamed East African lions, will hope this book, too, is destined for the screen." San Francisco Book Review.

In May, the Book Club will discuss *In My Father's Country:* An Afghan Woman Defies Her Fate, by Saima Wahab. Born in Afghanistan and brought to the United States at age 15, Saima learned a new language and graduated from high school at 18. When she returned to her birth country as an interpreter for a contractor, she was shocked at the lack of cultural understanding between her people, the Pastun and the coalition forces. As one of the few English and Pashto speaking, college educated women in all of Afghanistan, she was able to build bridges between the two cultures.

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



May 2013 Neighborhood Garage Sale

Here's a reminder to begin thinking about and preparing for the May 2013 Neighborhood Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, May 4th (Rain day – May 11th). It's easy.... while doing your spring cleaning just gather up items for the sale and the Homeowners Association will do the rest! We will advertise in the Austin American Statesman and will put out signs in the neighborhood. If you want a sign placed near your home to direct potential buyers, we'll do that too. If you like, we also have an arrangement with Settlement Home for Children (http://www.settlementhome.org/) to come by and pick up any "leftovers" from the sale that day as a donation. Just contact Joany Price (775-8942 or joanyprice@gmail.com) or Dana Ivers (497-0642 or dana.ivers1@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or to reserve a sign.

Money From Austin Energy for Old Energy Guzzlers

Austin Energy will pay you \$50 for each old, standard-size (between 14-27 cubic feet), working refrigerator or freezer; limit two per customer. Just call 1-800-452-8685 to arrange for a pick up. To date, they have collected more than 24,000 of these energy guzzlers. Next to heating, cooling and hot water, refrigerators and freezers use more electricity than any other home appliance. Refrigerators that are at least 15 years old use about twice the electricity of today's new energy-efficient models!







MALE SHOPPER

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target.

Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Harris.

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

- 1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
- 2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
- 3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
- 4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, "Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away!" This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
- 5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.

- 6. August 14: Moved a "CAUTION WET FLOOR" sign to a carpeted area.
- 7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
- 8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, "Why can't you people just leave me alone?" EMTs were called.
- 9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
- 10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
- 11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the "Mission Impossible" theme.
- 12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his "Madonna look" using different sizes of funnels.
- 13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled "PICK ME! PICK ME!"
- 14. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed "OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!"
- 15. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked, "where is the fitting room?"

And last, but not least:

16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.







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I'm happy to announce
Dawn Bohls Lanier has
joined Coldwell Banker
United. She will be joining me to better serve our
wonderful neighborhood.
She is a 16 year
Courtyard resident and
long time Austinite.

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Home Athletics Schedule March/April 2013

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME		
3/8	SB	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	5:00 p.m.		
3/9	SB	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	2:00 p.m.		
3/12	BB	Dallas (DH)	3:00 p.m.		
3/22	BB	Sul Ross State	7:00 p.m.		
3/23	BB	Sul Ross State (DH)	1:00 p.m.		
3/28	SB	Texas Lutheran (DH)	2:00 p.m.		
3/28	BB	Mary Hardin-Baylor	7:00 p.m.		
3/29	ВВ	Mary Hardin-Baylor (DH)	1:00 p.m.		
3/29	SB	Texas Lutheran (DH)	2:00 p.m.		
4/9	ВВ	Trinity	7:00 p.m.		
4/12	SB	Hardin-Simmons (DH)	4:00 p.m.		
4/13	SB	Hardin-Simmons (DH)	2:00 p.m.		
4/15	BB	Southwestern	7:00 p.m.		

SB (Softball)

CTX Athletics is Now Accepting Tornado Club Applications!!!

Sign Up for the Friends of Concordia Golf Tournament on April 1!!! alumni.concordia.edu/golf

For up-to-date information about CTX Athletics, please check out our website at:

athletics.concordia.edu

Life Is Too Short

Life is too short to let even one day
be frenzied or frazzled or frittered away.
Life is too short not to take time to do
the things that will hold the most meaning for you.
So let yourself float like a leaf on a stream,
relax with your memories and let yourself dream.
Throw out your list that's impossibly long,
and dance a few steps to a favorite song...
Turn off the news and go find someone real
who'll listen and talk and affirm what you feel.
Life is too short and flies by if you let it,
so choose what you want every day-and go and get it.

Remember: It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

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The Month of March

March, the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars, comes from ancient Rome, and named Martius after Mars or Ares, the Greek god of war. It is one of the seven months which are 31 days long.

March Birthstone: Aquamarine and Bloodstone

Aquamarine - The name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

Bloodstone - The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the martyr's stone as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

March Birth Flower: Narcissus (aka Daffodil or Jonquil)

Narcissus is technically the only correct scientific name identifying the genus of this group of plants. Narcissus jonquilla and related hybrids typically have several small, fragrant flowers on each stem with flat petals. The foliage is very narrow and reed-like. with a ring of petals in pure white and a short corona of light yellow with a distinct reddish edge, Narcissus grows to 20-40 cm tall and is widely naturalized in North America and Europe. They multiply effortlessly, and squirrels and deer detest their taste. The Jonquil symbolizes friendship and domestic happiness.

March Fruit and Veggies:

Kiwi, Guava, Grapefruit, Tamarillo, Feijoa, Red Banana, Kiwano Melon, Green Onions & Leeks

March Holidays:

March is Irish American Month, Music in Our Schools Month, National Craft Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Irish American Heritage Month-designated by Congress in 1995, National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, Social Workers Month

Sunday, March 10, 2013 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 17, 2013 Saint Patrick's Day Wednesday, March 20, 2013 Spring begins Sunday, March 24, 2013 Palm Sunday Sunday, March 31, 2013 Easter



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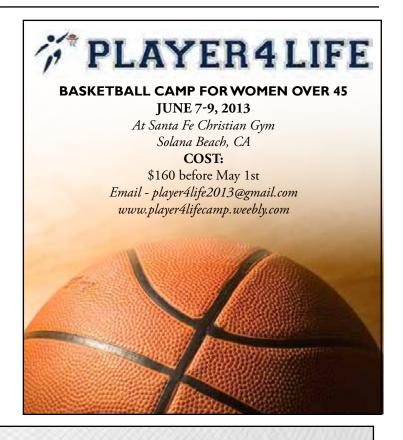
Resurrection - Be Careful What You Ask

A pastor was presenting a children's sermon. During the sermon, he asked the children if they knew what the resurrection was. Now, asking questions during children's sermons is crucial, but at the same time, asking children questions in front of a congregation can also be very dangerous.

Having asked the children if they knew the meaning of the resurrection, a little boy raised his hand. The pastor called on him and the little boy said, "I know that if you have a resurrection that lasts more than four hours you are supposed to call the doctor."

It took over ten minutes for the congregation to settle down enough from their laughter for the worship service to be continued.

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Austin Newcomers Club March 2013 ANC Publicity Input

Submitted by Joe Jelinski



Austin Newcomers Club is dedicated to introducing new residents to Austin while extending a hand to make new acquaintances and join fun Interest Groups.

This month our luncheon program will feature Brigadier General Charles A. Miller, Jr., the Chief of Staff of the Texas State Guard. He'll speak to us about our own Texas State Guard, and its mission to serve Texas.

General Miller is a native Texan, born in Taylor TX but as the son of an army officer moved around the country to a series of military installations guring his growth years. He is a graduate of Killeen High School, in Killen TX in 1961, the United States Army Armor School, the Military Police and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Masters Degree from Southwest Texas State University.

As the Chief of Staff, General Miller is the second in command of the 2,000-plus Texas

State Guard, which has Army, Air, Maritime, and Medical components. Its members, all volunteers, owe allegiance exclusively to the Governor of Texas, which is different from the National Guard. Each member is screened prior to entry and generally serves for no pay unless there is a state emergency. Their primary mission is disaster relief, especially in case of hurricane strikes.

The monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at Green Pastures restaurant, located at 811 West Live Oak in Austin. We get together at around 11:00 a.m. for a social hour with lunch at 12:00 noon. The luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations are required, and payment must be received by Thursday, March 14.

United States Army Command and General The club website is www.AustinNewcomers. Staff College. He holds a Masters Degree com and the telephone number is 512-363-566.

Is it worth it?

- ...to be ethical when others get ahead by cutting corners?
- ...to serve others when others seem to thrive by living for themselves?
- ...to be a Christian when it could mean facing rejection and ridicule?

Join us at Austin Baptist Church on Easter Sunday morning, March 31, to find out if it's worth it!



SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship @ 9 am Bible Fellowship Groups @ 10:10 am Contemporary Worship @ 11:11 am

Dr. Gary Dyer, Pastor

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A Focus on Healthy Snack Ideas

By: Concentra Urgent Care

March is National Nutrition Month. Celebrate by trying out some of these healthy snack ideas:

- Whole grain bagel with melted low fat or non-fat cheese
- Baked tortilla chips and salsa
- Cereal (preferably whole-grain) and low-fat or fat free milk
- Homemade trail mix of wheat or bran Chex or cheerios, pretzels, raisins, and nuts
- Whole wheat toast with butter or margarine and jam
- Baby carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, or celery and yogurt-based dip
- Fruit, including fresh, frozen, canned, or ready-to-eat fruit, such as apples peeled and sliced, oranges cut into sections, cantaloupe and pineapple in bite-sized cubes, or fruit salad
- Fruit shake or smoothie made with frozen fruit and a cup of fat free or low-fat milk or yogurt
- Vegetable soup
- Bean burritos or burrito bites containing canned, fat-free refried beans, low-fat cheese, and salsa on a tortilla – roll up and cut into bite-sized pieces
- Tortilla roll-ups: spread chicken breast strips, salsa, and lettuce on a tortilla. Roll up and cut into bite-sized pieces. Or, leave out the tortilla and roll up the chicken and salsa in the lettuce
- Yogurt, alone, or as a dip or topping for fresh fruit
- Layer fruit, yogurt and grape-nuts in a glass for a parfait
- Nuts
- Peanut butter on graham crackers
- Peanut butter on sliced apple or celery
- Milkshake made with nonfat or low-fat frozen yogurt
- Sugar-free pudding or Jello cup
- Oatmeal raisin or peanut butter cookies and fat free or low-fat milk
- · Zucchini or pumpkin bread
- Low fat Cottage cheese and fruit
- · Turkey sandwich on wheat bread
- Granola or cereal bar



For more information about healthy snacks and diets, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the Department of Health and Human Services at: http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/recommendations.htm





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