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## BOARD MESSAGE

Happy springtime to everyone! Despite less than hoped for rainfall, Mother Nature has been doing her best to give us that fresh green feeling of renewal that makes springtime so special. Whether or not you are a “hunter” – hope you made it to the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration in the Community Park. Special thanks to Joany Price and all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this event possible. These things wouldn't happen without them. If you have any new ideas for upcoming social activities or events, please talk with Joany.

Couple of matters involving pets that bear some thought. Residents -- please be good neighbors and pick up after your pets. We have tried to make it easier for you by installing free environmentally friendly disposal bags in several convenient locations along our streets and in the Park. Still, we continue to see (or worse yet, experience) pet “deposits” left to decay in our walking areas and along our streets. City regulations require owners to pick up pet's deposits and fine those who do not. More importantly, this is something that good neighbors do to take care of their community.

Along these same lines, we ask dog owners to please be aware of how loud your dogs bark, how long they keep it up, and at what time of the day or night it is when you leave your dogs out to do this barking. For the first time ever, we are receiving complaints and calls for help from people who live next door or near owners that allow their pets into their yards and do nothing to stop continual barking, barking, and more barking. This does not refer to dogs that might bark periodically as they play or while “doing their job” as people walk by their yard. We are referring to dogs put outside and left there to bark for too long, too early in the morning, and too late at night. Owners of these dogs are either: (1) home and should be able to hear and put an end to their pets' continuous barking by bringing them inside; or (2) gone and they leave the pets out in the yard while they are gone so that everyone around their home is subjected without relief to the uncontrolled barking noise. While our pets' sweet voices may be music to our ears, it is NOT to others.

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## MAY GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 2013 (RAIN DAY IS MAY 11TH)**



Here is your reminder to start gathering up items for sale during spring cleaning. If you haven't participated before, it's simple. You collect the stuff, and the Homeowners Association provides advertising in the Austin American Statesman and will put out signs in the neighborhood. Please contact Joany Price – 775-8942 [joanyprice@gmail.com](mailto:joanyprice@gmail.com) or Dana Ivers – 497-0642, [dana.ivers1@yahoo.com](mailto:dana.ivers1@yahoo.com) to reserve a sign or if you have any questions.

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## Board Message- (Continued from Cover Page)

This type of unreasonable noise violates nuisance laws and our own Declaration. It is thoughtless and inconsiderate. Above all, it is NOT the dog's fault. This is a small urban community. We are not on a ranch living miles or acres apart out in the country. Before we are forced to take action about this, dog owners -- please give some sincere thought to this issue and see what you can do to make it better.

Finally, please continue your efforts to drive at or below the speed limit through the neighborhood. Nothing is so important as to justify speeding and possibly running into someone or their pet.

## Garage Sale- (Continued from Cover Page)



## 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 item;
- 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.*





## Courtyard Book Club

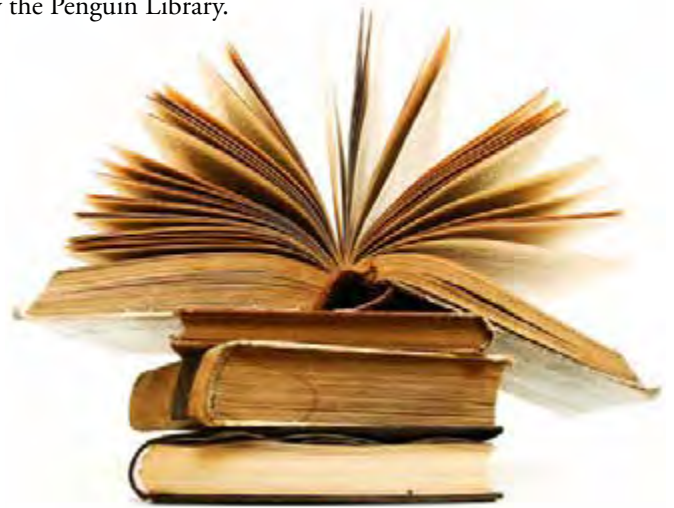
*Tuesday, May 7th  
1 p.m. in the Courtyard Club*

Turning tragedy into a force for good always makes a good story. When that story is real and personal, as in *In My Father's Country: An Afghan Woman Defies Her Fate* by Saima Wahab, it is all the more appealing. As a young girl in Afghanistan during the Russian occupation Saima Wahab watched as the KGB took her father away. She would never see him again. Her family went to live with her grandfather, a village elder, who, keeping a promise to her father, allowed Saima to attend school even though she was the only girl in her class. At the age of 9, she was receiving marriage proposals. An uncle living in the U.S. brought Saima to live with his family in Oregon when she was 15. She learned English and graduated from high school in only 3 years. However, the strict traditional gender role her uncle imposed on her caused discord in the household and eventually she decided to make her own way.

In 2004 she brokered her rare skills of fluent speaker of Pashtun and English into a job with the U. S. Military and returned to Afghanistan. Her description of her work with refugees and Pashtun tribal leaders provides a rare look into the culture of Afghanistan.

In June, the book club will read *Midnight's Children* by Salman

Rushdie. This acclaimed novel deals with India's transition from British colonialism to independence and the partition of British India. Awarded the Booker of Bookers award in 2008, *Midnight's Children* was also added to the list of the World's Great Literature by the Penguin Library.





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## THE MONTH OF APRIL

April is the fourth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, and one of four months with a length of 30 days. April is commonly associated with the season of spring in the Northern hemisphere and autumn in the Southern hemisphere. April starts on the same day of the week as July in all years, and January in leap years. April ends on the same day of the week as December every year.

### **April Birthstone: Diamond**

The name diamond, April's birthstone, is derived from the ancient Greek meaning "proper," "unalterable," "unbreakable," "untamed." Diamonds are thought to have been first recognized and mined in India, where significant alluvial deposits of the stone could be found many centuries ago along the Penner, Krishna and Godavari rivers. In the 20th century, experts in gemology have developed methods of grading diamonds and other gemstones based on the characteristics most important to their value as a gem. Four characteristics, known informally as the four C's, are now commonly used as the basic descriptors of diamonds; these are carat, cut, color, and clarity. The diamond has remarkable optical characteristics, and because of its extremely rigid lattice very few types of impurities can contaminate it. Combined with wide transparency, this results in the clear, colorless appearance of most natural diamonds. Small amounts of defects or impurities (about one per million of lattice atoms) color diamond blue (boron), yellow (nitrogen), brown (lattice defects), green (radiation exposure), purple, pink, orange or red. The diamond symbolizes balance, clarity, and abundance.

### **April Birth Flower: Sweet pea**

The sweet pea is a flowering plant native to the eastern Mediterranean. It is an annual climbing plant, growing to a height of 1-2 meters (nearly six feet and six inches), where suitable support is available. The leaves are pinnate with two leaflets and a terminal tendril, which twines around supporting plants and structures helping the sweet pea to climb. The flowers are purple, 2 - 3.5 centimeters broad, in the wild plant, larger and very variable in color in the many cultivars. The sweet pea is sometimes said to symbolize blissful pleasure.

### **April Fruits and Veggies:**

Artichoke, asparagus, broccoli, lettuce, mangoes, pineapple, rhubarb, spring peas, zucchini

### **April Holidays:**

April is National Humor Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, Autism Awareness Month, National Parkinson's Awareness Month, National Volunteer Month, National Mathematics Educational Month, Jazz Appreciation Month, International Guitar Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Garden Month, National Poetry Month, Stress Awareness Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**Monday, April 1, 2013 April Fools Day**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013 World Autism Awareness Day**

**Sunday, April 7, 2013 World Health Day**

**Monday, April 15, 2013 Tax Day**

**Monday, April 22, 2013 Earth Day**

## A Mayonnaise Jar And A Couple Of Beers

*When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and a couple of beers.*

A professor stood before his philosophy class with a table of various items in front of him. When class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced a couple of beers from under the table and poured the entire contents of both into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. 'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.'

The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.'

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn.

Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.

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DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
4/9	BB	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.

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## How Children Perceive their Grandparents

- A grandmother was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"
- My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
- A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
- A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
- I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
- When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
- When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
- A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
- Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Do you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. It means carrying a child."
- A grandfather was returning his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck. A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
- A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
- Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

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