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BOARD MESSAGE

The Board and its supporting committees couldn't do our work without the help of community volunteers. Those who contribute their time and energy in service to the neighborhood help maintain high property values and keep maintenance costs down. They also help create a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in our small community. So Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Please keep up your efforts. You are needed and most appreciated. We hope to continue cleaning and clearing debris from the Park throughout the fall & winter when the weather is cooler and the overly abundant poison ivy type greenery is less prevalent. Keep an eye out for notices of Park clean-up days in the Caller, on the home page of the website, and on signs in the neighborhood. More importantly, efforts to make the Courtyard a "Fire Wise" community are gathering steam. Please look for announcements regarding these very important fire safety activities and contact the chairman of the Fire Safety Committee, Jim Gattis, for further information and/or to volunteer your help.

Understandably, everyone is busy with work and family. However, whether you are a newcomer or "old" timer in the Courtyard, please consider offering a little free time to a community project this year. If you don't have time to donate, your ideas or suggestions are most welcome. Pass them along to a committee 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. 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.



Contact Joany Price regarding the Halloween evening pre-trick or treat party at the island on Tom Wooten Drive. Please be especially careful if you are out driving and watch for our neighborhood ghosts & goblins, pirates & princesses.

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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

*1 p.m. at 5612 Scout Island Circle North**

As the year draws to a close, the Courtyard Book Club set aside the November meeting as a time for members to share their favorite reads. Attendees are asked to bring a book they've enjoyed to share with the group. Some of these titles may be selected by the members for the 2014 list of books to be read and discussed.

The *Book Movement*, a website that monitors book club choices and activities has published a list of the *Best So Far for 2013*. *Good Reads*, another popular site for Book Clubs lists nonfiction choices for book clubs. Here, from those sites, are titles to consider for your reading list:

FICTION

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Kitchen House: A Novel, by Kathleen Grissom
The Paris Wife, by Paula McLain
Beautiful Ruins: A Novel (P.S.), by Jess Walter
Defending Jacob: A Novel, by William Landay

FICTION

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power, by Jon Meacham
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail,
by Cheryl Strayed
*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for
Women Worldwide*, by Nicholas D. Kristof

****Please note the change in meeting site for November. We are meeting at Lou Blemaster's home, 5612 Scout Island Circle North. Check here monthly for future meeting place information.***

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



COURTYARD FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE



Representatives of the Courtyard Fire Safety Committee met in early September with representatives of the Wildfire Prevention Department of the Austin Fire Department as well as the Texas A & M Forest Service. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate and discuss the requirements to be recognized by Firewise Community/USA as a nationally certified Firewise Community. Being recognized as a Firewise Community

requires that a neighborhood have an on-going commitment towards mitigating wildfire hazards within their community. A number of Texas neighborhoods, including areas in Austin, have been recognized. The certification process is designed to assess hazards, identify potential risks, and set goals for mitigating the potential for a wildfire as well as dealing with the challenges of a wildfire within a particular community. Our Fire Safety Committee is evaluating the certification process, the application, and a Courtyard community assessment by the Texas A & M Forest Service. At the time of this writing, the Committee was scheduled to meet again in mid September for the purpose of reviewing the application and to plan for further communications to the Courtyard residents.

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Courtyard Mail Theft

A resident of the Courtyard reported recently that, while out of town, some of their mail was stolen out of their mailbox. Family members were picking up the mail in their absence. However one day's mail may have been missed. Upon their return they realized that some expected bills were missing and that someone had used three blank credit card checks. Many of us periodically receive credit card checks and/or new bank checks from our credit card companies/banks. In this case, the checks were used for local purchases including \$400+ at Lowes.

This is a good reminder to all of us to insure that others are quickly and daily collecting our mail, or that we have officially stopped our mail with the post office. It is also a good idea to contact your credit card companies and/or banks to request that they no longer send checks through the mail.

As a community we should all be on the alert for any unusual activity we may notice in and around our neighborhood.

Courtyard Halloween

BOO FEST

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

JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL "COURTYARD HALLOWEEN BOO FEST!"

Before setting out with your little "pumpkins" for trick-or-treating, stop by "Tom Wooten Island" for a quick bite of pizza, some bottled water, and the opportunity to visit with neighbors and see all the great costumes!!!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BLANKET TO SIT ON. TREAT BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN!

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED FROM 5:30 - 6:00

Please RSVP to Joany Price at jprice@cbunited.com no later than Wednesday, October 30th! We need to know how many pizzas to order!



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Mum's the Word

By Katie Jackson

Indoors or out, in pots and vases or in the ground, few plants say “fall” as well as the mum, and considering that they are available in a wide range of colors, textures, and sizes, the only problem with mums is figuring out which ones to use and how to take care of them for long-lived beauty.

Mums, short for chrysanthemums, are native to Asia and northeastern Europe and have been revered literally for ages for their culinary, medicinal, insecticidal and symbolic qualities. While many cultures associate them with lamentation and grief, in the United States they have become emblems of the celebration and festiveness of fall.

Today the selection of mums includes about 30 species and hundreds of cultivars and hybrids that have been developed as both perennial and annual plants. Picking the right mum for your needs may take a little effort as you weigh the choices of color (from white and yellow to many shades of orange and red to purple) and flower shape (button, pompom, daisy- and spider-like among them) but the effort is worthwhile.

Mums are beautiful in flower beds as mass plantings and as accent plants. They can be potted for outdoor or indoor display and mixed in with other fall plants and decorations, such as pumpkins and ornamental cabbage and kale. Best of all, with a little care and attention, they can be overwintered and kept for years and also propagated.

As you select mums this year decide if you want to treat them as annuals or perennials. Florist or exhibition mums typically do not do well if planted in the ground and may not survive even milder winters, but garden or hardy mums can easily be overwintered and used to grow mums for the coming year.

Want to prolong the bloom life of mums this fall? Resist buying mums that are already in full bloom and, instead, buy ones that have lots of unopened blooms. Deadhead the spent blooms through the fall to encourage new blooms, and keep potted and in-ground mums well watered.

If you are incorporating them into a garden bed, place them in a sunny spot and in well-drained soil and they should thrive with little additional effort. A layer of mulch will help protect them through the winter as well.

Of course mums are not the only fall plants to consider. Marigolds, pansies, and violas can be planted this month as well as ornamental cabbages and kales mentioned earlier, and most will thrive and bloom into the winter.

If our fall decorating plans include a pumpkin or two, then get them as fresh off the vine as possible. That means that buying them from a pick-your-own patch is truly ideal, or buy them from a produce stand that has purchased them locally. And just FYI, medium-sized pumpkins are considered the best for carving, while small ones are the best for cooking.

The Month of October

October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of seven months with a length of 31 days. The eighth month in the old Roman calendar, October retained its name (from the Latin “octo” meaning “eight”) after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans. October is generally seen as a harvest month, or as a month of color - when the leaves change. It is a time of waning light in the Northern Hemisphere. Halloween casts its shadow over the entire month with scary tales, stories, and movies being popular.

October Birthstone: Opal and Tourmaline

The name opal derives from the Greek *Opallos* meaning “to see a change (of color).” Opals range in color from milky white to black with flashes of yellow, orange, green, red, and blue. An opal's beauty is the product of contrast between its color play and its background. The opal is composed of particles closely packed in spherical arrangements. When packed together in a regular pattern, a three-dimensional array of spaces are created that give opal its radiance.

Tourmaline has become a favorite gemstone among jewelry designers and gem collectors the world over. Since it is available in a wide variety of colors, it is ideally suited to almost anyone's taste. Tourmaline also is known for displaying several colors in the same gemstone. These bi-color or tri-color gems are formed in many combinations. One multi-color variety is now known as watermelon tourmaline, and features green, pink and white color bands. To resemble its namesake, the gemstone is cut into thin slices having a pink center, white ring, and green edge. Tourmaline is found in many localities including Brazil, Afghanistan, East Africa, and the U.S.A.

October Birth Flower: Calendula (Marigold)

The calendula, or marigold, is the Birth Month Flower of October. Calendulas grew their name from blooming at the beginning of each month, hence the Latin “calends” and the English “calendar.” The calendula, or marigold (referred to as “Mary's Gold” by early Christians), was considered a sacred flower. Its floral meaning is associated with “winning grace.” This flower is used by many gardeners as an insect repellent and by cooks as a spicy seasoning or color for food. Dried, the calendula can spice up and brighten up a salad. As if these weren't enough uses for the calendula, this flower can be used as many herbal medicinal remedies for headaches, toothaches, stomachaches, and fever reducers. It can reduce swelling in insect bites, sprains, jaundice, sore eyes, wounds and other skin irritations when the calendula is made into an ointment. Lip balms can be made to soothe chapped lips as well. The calendula's bright colors ranging from gold to bright orange have also been boiled to make brilliant dyes for fabrics, cosmetics and food.

October Fruits and Veggies:

Apples, beets, blackberries, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, chicory, cranberries, dates, figs, galangal, ginger, grapes, leeks, lettuce, okra, oranges, parsnips, pears, peppers, persimmons, pomegranate, pumpkins, quince, shallots, spinach, star fruit, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, turmeric, turnips, watercress, winter squash.

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October Holidays:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month; National Apple Month; National Physical Therapy Month; Eye Safety & Injury Prevention Month; Clergy Appreciation Month; National Diabetes Month

October 3	National Poetry Day
October 14	Columbus Day
October 16	Boss's Day
October 31	Halloween



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- Hike Mount Bonnell
- Bob Bullock Museum
- Attend a UT Sports Event
- Congress Bridge Bats
- Downtown Segway Tour
- Boat to Ski Shores
- Tour the Capitol
- Stubb's Gospel Brunch
- KGSR Blues on the Green
- Hike Enchanted Rock
- Salt Lick Bar-B-Que
- Swim at Barton Springs
- Alamo Drafthouse
- Zach Theater
- Lady Bird Hike & Bike Trail
- Mozart's Coffee Roasters
- Lake Austin Cruise
- Float in a Lake Travis cove
- Mayfield Park Peacocks
- Zilker Park Christmas Tree
- Paramount Theater
- Ballet Austin
- Hula Hut
- Hamilton Pool
- Franklin's Bar-B-Que
- The Broken Spoke
- Eat at a food trailer
- Go to SXSW
- Whole Foods HQ
- Sunset at The Oasis
- See a LIVE band
- Home Slice Pizza
- Capital 10K
- Dance at Donn's Depot
- First Thursdays
- Concert at The Backyard
- A night on 2nd or 6th St.
- Pecan Street Festival
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