



COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Board Message

Although it may seem a bit early, November is when we start our campaign to remind Association members how important it is that they send in their voting proxy for the Courtyard's annual meeting in January 2014. It is important because the Courtyard's Declaration requires that a quorum of members be present at the annual meeting so that we can conduct necessary business. Without a quorum, we will be forced to spend the additional money and time to renote and reschedule this important annual meeting.

Over the years, we have found that it really helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives. This way, it doesn't get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on in December and January. It also insures that your vote will be counted if for some reason you can't attend the annual meeting. Keep in mind that if you send in a proxy but are able to attend, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person. Further reminders and more information about our next annual meeting will appear in the December and January newsletters and on the Courtyard's website: www.courtyardhoa.org. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member or our management company representative, Marilyn Childress.

During this month, which encourages us to focus on the many good things in our lives, the Board wishes you to know how grateful the Association is to the many community volunteers we are so fortunate to have here in the Courtyard. Their list of contributions is endless as is their generosity and thoughtfulness. We couldn't do our work without you. Thank you to everyone.

Finally, to every individual who makes the effort to drive the speed limit and encourages others to do so as they travel through our neighborhood streets – keep up your good efforts.

Happy Thanksgiving to all residents and families of the Courtyard!

May your holiday be safe and filled with family, friends, fun, and of course, good food!

Courtyard Book Club

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

1 p.m. at 5909 Tom Wooten Dr.

At the December meeting the Courtyard Book Club takes a break from book discussions to enjoy an informal lunch together and exchange favorite books. Interested neighbors are encouraged to join regulars for lunch at Jean Heath's house at 5909 Tom Wooten Dr. Bring a dish to share and a gift-wrapped book for a book exchange.

At this meeting the club receives a list of recommended books for the coming year and are asked to submit their choices in the week following. A working list of books suggested for reading in 2014 follows. It is not too late to suggest additional titles:

- *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder
- *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America* by Garry Wills.
- *Runaway* by Alice Monroe
- *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain* by Lynne Olson
- *The Entertainer: Movies, Magic and My Father's Twentieth Century* by Margaret Talbot
- *Goodbye to a River: A Narrative* by John Graves
- *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win WWII* by Denise Kiernan
- *The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece* by Anne-Marie O'Connor
- *America 1900: The Turning Point* by Judy Crichton
- *Run, Brother, Run: A Memoir of a Murder in My Family* by David Berg
- *Oleander Girl: A Novel* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
- *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham

Call or email Jean Heath at c.jeanheath@gmail.com; 512-231-9412, for more information on the club or questions about meeting locations.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year the Courtyard once again, after several years of non-participation, joined the rest of Austin and the State of Texas in recognizing National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out, observed on October 1 in Texas, is a joint safety effort between neighborhoods and community, city, and state agencies.

The purpose of NNO is to provide the opportunity for neighbors to meet other neighbors as well as local police officers, firemen, and other community leaders in an effort to curb crime and provide better communication among the constituents. Many homes in the Courtyard turned on their porch lights in support of the event and approximately 75 adults and children came out to meet and greet our neighbors.

The event was held at Tom Wooten Island where refreshments were served, crime tips were available, and representatives of the Fire Department and Compliance Department mingled with and answered questions from those attending. It was a fun and informative evening. Thanks to Joany Price and Cathleen Barrett for organizing the event.



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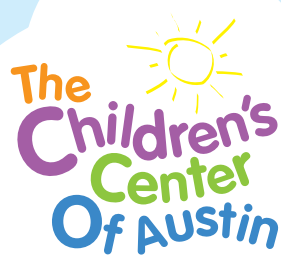
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PLEASE be aware that if your pet goes missing, the HOA has the ability to broadcast an email to the neighborhood, along with a picture of your pet and any contact information you'd like to provide, asking for people to be on the lookout for your missing animal. Additionally, anyone who comes across a wandering pet can get a broadcast notice out to try and find the owner.

Contact Leslie Craven at lcraven1@att.net if you are in need of this service.



Voting Proxy for the Courtyard's HOA Annual Association Meeting

When it arrives in the mail, please send in your voting proxy for the Courtyard's Homeowners Association Annual meeting to be held in January 2014. You will receive reminders in future issues of The Caller and on the Courtyard website. Our Association Declaration requires that a quorum be present to hold an official meeting, and we want to avoid having to hold a second annual meeting. Over the years, we have found that it really helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives. This way, it does not get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on through December and January. If for some reason you can't make the meeting, your vote will be counted. If you sent in a proxy but later find that you are able to attend the annual meeting, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person.



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Everyday Thanksgiving

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Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

THANKSGIVING Quotations

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.

W. J. Cameron

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

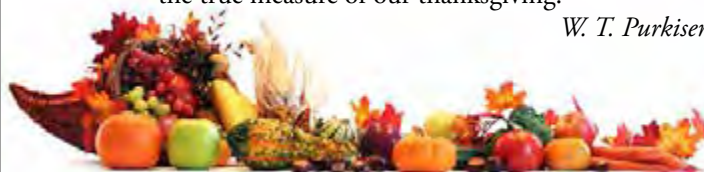
Frederick Keonig

If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily.

Gerald Good

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

W. T. Purkiser



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Oak Tree Trimming Season is Now

Oak Wilt is a serious threat to the oak trees in central Texas. The oak wilt carrier beetle is most active from February through June, so the season to trim oak trees is now through January 2014. If your oak trees don't get trimmed between now and the end of January, they should not be trimmed until July, 2014.

Resources:

Texas Oak Wilt Information Partnership: <http://www.texasoakwilt.org/>

City of Austin: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/>

Courtyard HOA Deed Restrictions/COA Code

Regarding Tree Heights Extending Over Public Sidewalks

Please keep in mind that home owners are responsible for keeping plant materials (shrubs and trees) on their property that extend over public sidewalks and streets trimmed to a height of not less than seven feet (7') per the Courtyard deed restrictions and not less than fourteen feet (14') per City Code. Please make the effort to take a good look at your trees and see if there are some branches over sidewalks or streets that could use a trim. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

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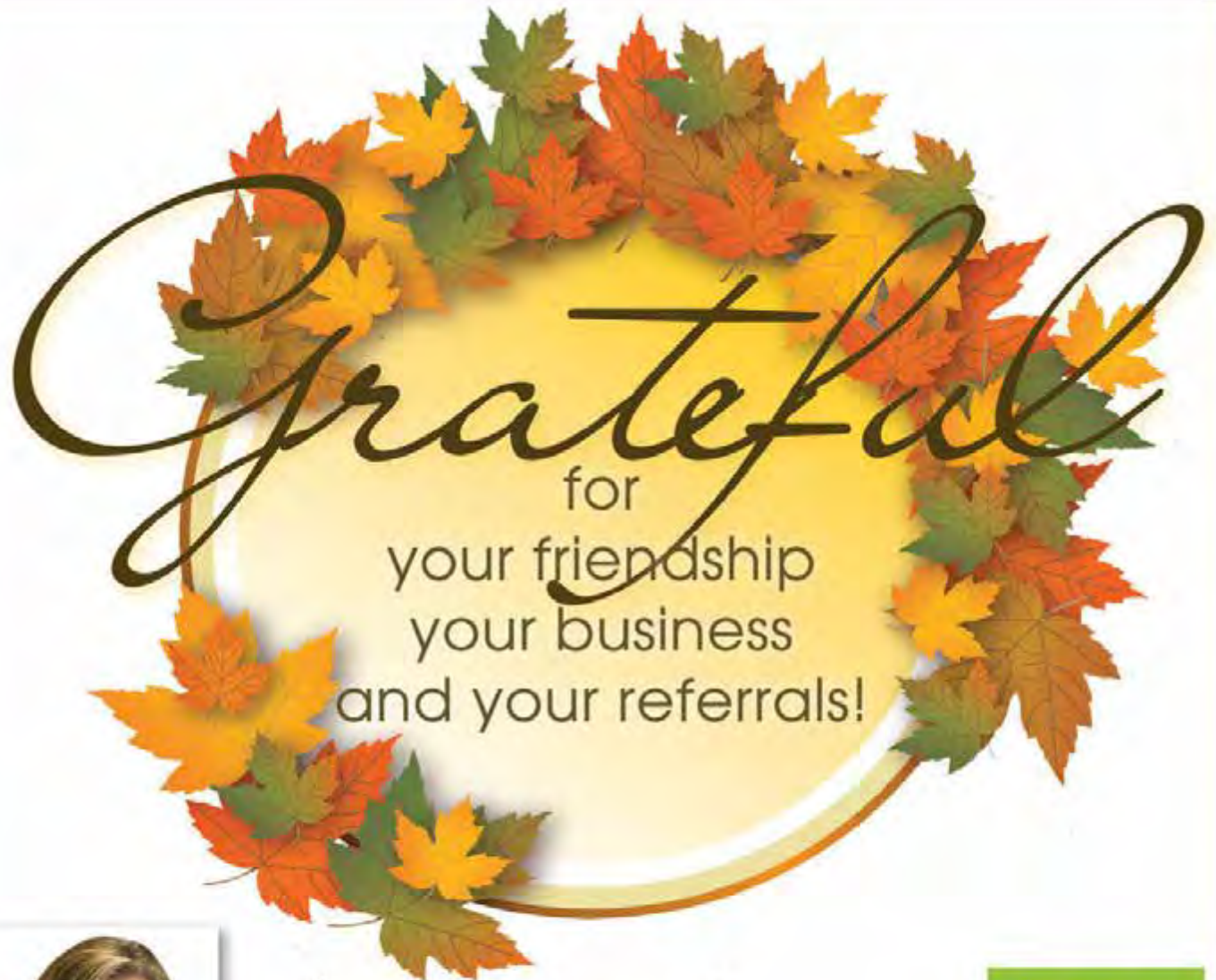


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