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BOARD MESSAGE

Many of us will be gone for some portion of the upcoming summer. Before you leave, please do not forget to cut off paper and mail service so materials do not pile up in front of your home. If you know your neighbor is gone and see this happening, please be kind enough to pick up those telltale “No One Home” signals to burglars and save them for when your neighbor returns. Keep an eye out and report anyone you do not know wandering through backyards or between houses or strange vehicles you might notice cruising our streets. While residents need not be fearful, it is good to be watchful and proactive about our safety and that of our community.

Congratulations to Park Chairman Jamie Southerland and the Fire Safety Committee members who organized and participated in the very successful April 12 spring cleanup in the Park. Thank you to all the wonderful VERY hard working volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to come down to spread mulch on paths, trim branches, and rake up leaves and debris in some of the more heavily used areas of our Park. A special thank you is also due to Lewis Price who, once again, took the time to spray for poison ivy in and along our pathways. If you are the kind of person that starts to itch just looking at the woods, you can really appreciate his efforts.

Hope you made it to our Community Park for the annual Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt. It is truly incredible how 1000 eggs can take an hour to hide and be found in less than 10 minutes. If they aren't there yet, keep an eye out for celebration pictures in the website Photo Gallery. Thank you so much to Joany Price and our wonderful

community volunteers for giving their time to provide us such a nice spring celebration. Such good times don't happen without their efforts.

As a resident of the Courtyard, you know how fortunate we are to own and have the use of a private park on beautiful Bull Creek. “Private” means just that – it is not open to the public. Access to enjoy the trails, playscape, picnic areas, dock, and pond area is a privilege reserved for our homeowners. If friends and/or family (not living in the Courtyard home) of a resident wish to enjoy the use of the Park, the resident must be present and personally provide the access. Please keep in mind that the code to our park gate is NOT to be given out anyone who is not a resident of the Courtyard. Although trespassers can still walk into the Park, at least we can make it less convenient for them by not letting them drive in. Report any non-resident trespassers you find to the police. If you think a person(s) in the Park is not a resident, take down their license number and provide that information to our Security Chairman, Jim Lloyd. Please don't think this is being too harsh. You would be surprised how many times strangers (and their pets) with no connection to this neighborhood are found in our Park during the warmer spring and summer months. These occurrences are not good from a safety standpoint for our residents or the Park.

Finally, please continue your efforts to DRIVE SAFELY in the Courtyard. Watch out for our many walkers, runners, and cyclists and encourage anyone coming to visit you to do so.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy summer ahead!



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COURTYARD Book Club

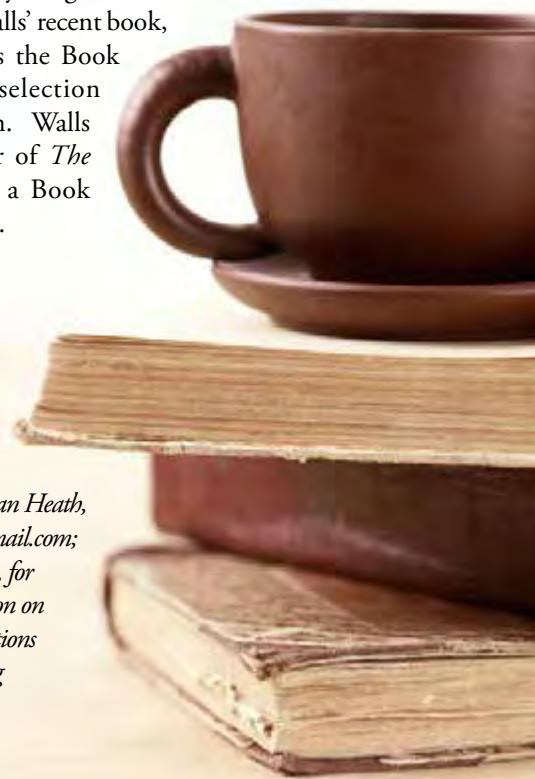
Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 1 p.m.
612 Scout Island Circle North

Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America by Garry Wills, June's Book Club selection for discussion, won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction and the 1992 National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism. Writing 150 years after Lincoln penned his famous words, Wills brings new light to the manner in which Lincoln composed the address and the circumstances surrounding its delivery. Through his choice of words Lincoln insures that Americans saw the Constitution, and the Civil War fought to preserve it, through the egalitarian prism of the Declaration of Independence.

Gettysburg was the bloodiest battle of the war. After three days of fighting, 50,000 dead and wounded lay on the battlefield. Graves were still hastily being dug as crowds gathered for the dedication four months later. The program included music, prayer and a two-hour oration by Edward Everett, the most sought after orator of the day. Lincoln's address followed. Listed on the program merely as the dedication of the cemetery, his masterpiece was a spare 272 words. But, as Wills noted, "all modern political prose descends from the Gettysburg Address..."

Jeanette Walls' recent book, *Silver Star*, is the Book Club's July selection for discussion. Walls is the author of *The Glass Castle*, a Book Club favorite.

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more information on
the club or questions
about upcoming
meetings.*



COURTYARD ACHIEVES RECOGNITION AS A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

On March 28th, the Courtyard Fire Safety Committee (FSC) received notification that the Texas A & M Forest Service and the National Fire Prevention Association had approved the Courtyard's application for FireWise Community recognition. To reach this goal, a number of requirements had to be satisfied such as having a community wildfire risk assessment completed, developing an approved plan to address issues and concerns raised in that assessment, and demonstrating our continued commitment in terms of both man-hours spent and funding dedicated to promote fire safety and protection. The Courtyard is one of 65 communities recognized in the state of Texas and one of 1,030 recognized throughout the United States in 41 states.

One example of the FSC's projects is the newly designed cooking areas in the Park. Crushed granite was added to surround two of the barbeque grills and bushes and trees were trimmed back from the cooking area to help safeguard against the chance of fire ignition from blowing embers. Additional

measures contemplated this year are the clearing and removal of deadwood and debris from the ground area under and around power lines. This is particularly important since all three of the disastrous fires in Bastrop, Steiner Ranch, and Perdenales began in high wind conditions with sparking power lines igniting nearby dry wood. Note that our efforts will not be duplicating the City's line work since the electric department only clears the area around the lines themselves. The FSC also hopes to begin working with individual homeowners who are interesting in learning how "firewise" their home and yards are and what they can do to improve their chances in the event of a wildfire.

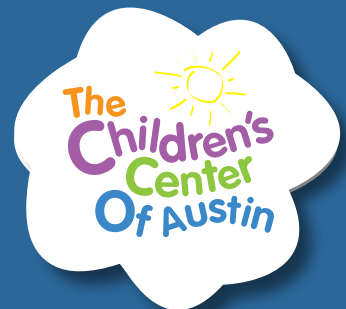
CONGRATULATIONS and a BIG thank you to our FSC for working to achieve this recognition for our community. As the FSC continues to work on the HOA common areas, residents are encouraged to begin their own efforts to support fire safety work in and around their own homes. Contact a member of the FSC for assistance and visit the FIRE SAFETY – BE FIREWISE page of the Courtyard's website: www.courtyardhoa.org.



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Heliport Site Plan for Bull Creek PUD

Case No. SPC-2014-0014C

As many of you are aware, an application for the construction of a heliport on the Courtyard neighboring property at 4909 FM 2222 was recently submitted to the City of Austin for approval. This property, owned by David Booth, Chairman and co-CEO of Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, is adjacent to the Courtyard separated only by Bull Creek. The land (approximately 45 acres) sits where Bull Creek flows into Lake Austin and has frontage along both Lake Austin and Bull Creek and is an environmentally sensitive habitat for wildlife and birds. Boaters, kayakers, paddle boarders, and swimmers frequent this particular area and their safety could be impacted.

At the March Homeowners Association meeting, Austin attorney David Armbrust and other Booth representatives presented the proposed heliport plan to the Courtyard Board and other Courtyard residents in attendance. This requested heliport construction represents another major change to the original site plan originally submitted by Booth to the Courtyard HOA.

As of April 3, 2014, a Master Review Report that reflects City staff's comments/concerns about the heliport site plan under review became available for the public. Pursuant to City Code section 25-5-112(B)(1), until the applicant (Booth) addresses these comments/concerns, the site plan is currently considered disapproved. The applicant, however, may (and most likely will) file updates to the heliport site plan addressing the comments/concerns in the Master Review Report. The final update to clear all comments/concerns must be submitted by the update deadline, which is August 1, 2014. A request by the applicant for an extension to the update deadline can be submitted.

The heliport site plan may be examined by the public at the Planning and Development Review Department located at 505 Barton Springs Road between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. In order to review the heliport plan you will need to refer to the case number above and/or the case manager, Lynda Courtney. Additional information about this case can be found on the City's website at <https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/index.jsp>

For further updates or information on this issue, please email HOA President, Leslie Craven at lcraven1@att.net.

MANY THANKS TO PARK CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS!!!

A park clean-up and Firewise wildfire prevention event was held in the Courtyard Park on April 12th. Over 20 residents volunteered their time to assist in general maintenance of the grounds. The volunteers spread 18 cubic yards (over 4 tons) of mulch along the trails and around the playscape, sprayed poison ivy, raked muck out of the pond, cleaned up the park entrance, trimmed branches, removed dead wood, and generally prepared the park for the Easter Egg hunt. We are so grateful to those of you who generously give their time to make the park more enjoyable for us all!

A special thanks to the following volunteers for their involvement in this project: Waneen Spirduso, Jim Gattis, Lefayae Hodde, Jim Lloyd, Julie Fritz, Ron Walther, Lewis Price, Bob May, Joany Price, Terry Edwards, Denise Hogan, Winston Cundiff, Sarah Morgan, Gerald Lane, Alma Lane, John Mannix, Leslie Craven, Henri Mistrot, Doug Richards (and little helpers), Jimmie Vence, and Jamie Southerland.



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Abraham Lincoln

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.
Robert Browning

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.
Rudyard Kipling

A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly
in them.
Victor Hugo

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.
William Makepeace Thackeray

The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart
and the heavenly Father.
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Children are the anchors of a mother's life.
Sophocle

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