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BOARD MESSAGE

What a great way to begin a nice long three-day weekend with our annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic celebration on Friday, July 4. Plenty of time left to start thinking of how to decorate your bike, wagon, car, or stroller, and, of course, yourself for the parade. Mark your calendars and contact our Social Committee volunteers who are planning this event if you can help out. Check out the notice in our monthly Caller and the website for more details. Watch for signs as the time gets closer.

Please be a good neighbor and try to keep an eye on your neighbors' homes when you know they are away. Summer is a prime time for burglaries and nothing points to an empty house like old mail or newspapers lying around. Even if the regular newspaper has been canceled, sometimes other flyers, leaflets, or smaller community papers arrive and start to pile up. Do your neighbor and the community a favor, please take a minute and pick these things up. Report any suspicious people or vehicles.

As we face the summer heat ahead of us, don't forget that we remain under Stage 2 drought restrictions, and the City's mandatory residential watering rules are still in effect. Your watering day is determined by street address and method of watering. For automatic irrigation

systems: odd numbered residences water before 5 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays; even numbered addresses on Thursday. For hose end sprinklers: odd numbered residences water before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on Saturday; even numbered residences on Sunday. Before you leave on vacation, make sure your sprinkler timing is set correctly. Please check your sprinklers to make sure they are working properly and keeping the water on the landscape that needs it – not the street or sidewalk. If you see a broken sprinkler or pipe while out driving or walking in the neighborhood, please take a minute to let the owner know to help avoid wasting a very precious resource. Violation of the restrictions will first result in an official warning. Additional violations are subject to an administrative fine, which increases with repeated offenses and more severe drought conditions. During Stage 2, residential fines start at \$75 per violation and commercial fines begin at \$200 per violation. Report violations by calling 3-1-1. If you have further questions, contact the City or check out their website.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy summer and thank you for your continued efforts to drive slowly in the Courtyard.

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COURTYARD Book Club

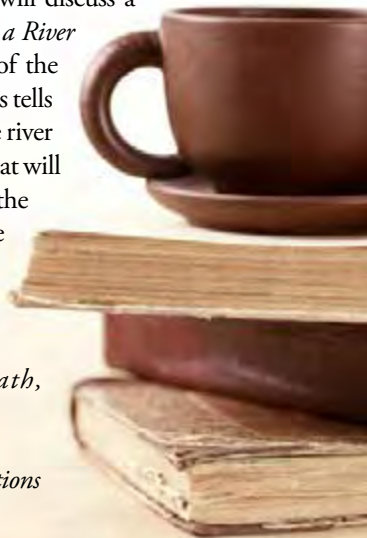
Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 1 p.m.
5612 Scout Island North

Jeanette Walls' book, *The Glass Castle* is on the "Best Of..." list when Book Club members list their favorites. Following that first book, Walls wrote *Half Broke Horses* which gave voice to her grandmother, an intrepid woman of the west. Her latest book, *The Silver Star*, is the Book Club selection for July.

While this book is clearly a novel, the characters are echoes of the real life dysfunctional family in Walls' memoir, *The Glass Castle*. Twelve year old Bean Holladay and her 15 year old sister, Liz take matters into their own hands when their Mother's irresponsible behavior gets the attention of the law. The girls take a bus to rural Virginia where they live with their uncle in an old run down house that has been in the family for generations. The sisters learn some family secrets and must face and fight injustices of the adult world they inhabit as they try to earn enough money to supply their basic needs.

In August, the Book Club will discuss a true Texas classic, *Good-Bye to a River* by John Graves. The subject of the book is the Brazos River. Graves tells of his final canoe trip down the river prior to dams being installed that will change its nature forever. In the course of his trip, he tells the story not only of the river, but of the people who settled and lived on its banks.

Call or email Jean Heath,
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information on the club or questions
about upcoming meetings.



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CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY IN THE COURTYARD

**FRIDAY JULY 4, 2014
PARADE AT 10:15AM**

**JOIN US AT 10:00 AM AT PARADE RIDGE
AND COURTYARD DRIVE**

**WE WILL LINE UP BEHIND THE FIRE
TRUCK AND MARCH TO THE PARK**

**DECORATE YOUR BIKE OR WAGON AND
JOIN IN THE FUN**

**GRAB A KAZOO AND MARCH IN THE ONE
AND ONLY COURTYARD MARCHING
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**ADD BALLOONS TO THE STROLLER AND
WALK WITH THE STROLLER BRIGADE**

PICNIC IN THE PARK !

Wear your bathing suits for the Slip & Slide

**Don't miss the clown, face painting, balloon
animals, and the Moonwalk**

Enjoy hot dogs, lemonade, chips & watermelon

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EASTER CELEBRATION

The annual Easter celebration in the park, held on Saturday, April 19th was another huge success. Joany Price and volunteers did a fantastic job of hiding hundreds of Easter eggs, organizing games and providing yummy refreshments for a full turnout of neighborhood families. Sack races, piñatas, and an appearance by the Easter Bunny herself made for a fun-filled and memorable event.



FREE SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

To encourage fire prevention and public safety, the Fire Department will install smoke alarms with 10-year batteries FREE OF CHARGE to local homeowners and tenants!

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WHERE ARE YOU?

Numbers for addresses on many Courtyard homes are not readily visible or are simply non-existent. Emergency responders indicate they often encounter trouble when trying to locate a home under circumstances when minutes and even seconds are critical. For this reason, we urge all our residents to take a few minutes and make sure their addresses are clearly visible from the street. It may be a matter of trimming back some bushes, touching up the numbers with paint (how about glow-in-the-dark for night time?), or adding numbers that are not there. Whatever it takes, please consider adding this simple chore to your home exterior to-do list. A little maintenance like this can save a life!

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I may already have a BUYER for you.



REWARD - \$\$\$\$\$\$



Joany Price

*Your Courtyard Neighbor
& Tennis Club Member*

*Realtor, CLHMS
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I work here, I play here, I live here



Joany Price

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR RESIDENTS WHERE URBANIZED COYOTES LIVE


REPORT ANY COYOTE SIGHTINGS BY CALLING 3-1-1

1. Do not feed coyotes or other wildlife.
2. Eliminate sources of water.
3. Position bird feeders so that coyotes can't get the feed.
4. Do not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it.
5. Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.
6. Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet food where it is inaccessible to wildlife.
7. Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes or prey.
8. Don't leave children unattended.
9. Don't allow pets to run free. Keep them safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them. Domesticated cats should be kept inside at all times. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.
10. Don't be polite! If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, let them know they're not welcome by hazing and harassing. Chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, moving your arms and legs or throwing rocks.





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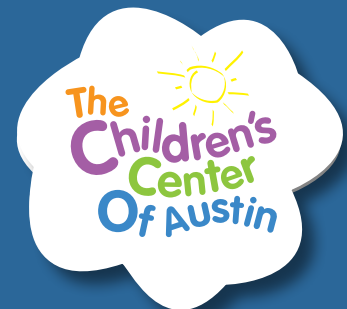
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