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COURTYARD CALLER

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BOARD MESSAGE

To all of our residents that attended the Annual Meeting on January 25 and/or took the time to send in your proxies – thank you very much. Congratulations to Waneen Spirduso and Paul Siegel on their election to the Board. Waneen is beginning a third term and Paul replaced Jamie Southerland who decided he could not continue to run again at this time. We are very fortunate to have Waneen and Paul with us as we head into another busy year.

FEBRUARY BREAK-INS: If you have provided us with an email address, you should already have received a broadcast email telling you what we learned about the two break-ins and one attempted break-in that occurred in the Courtyard in February. If you did not, below is the information we received from APD detectives working on this case. Please keep in mind that, as of the deadline for March Caller articles, this was still an ongoing criminal investigation and information that could be given out was limited.

The Courtyard break-ins were carried out by a “gang” of three – one adult and two juveniles. The adult has been arrested and is in jail. Warrants were issued for the juveniles and police expected to apprehend them very soon. One homeowner was able to provide the police with pictures of the thieves from their wildlife camera and were told that these photos helped solve eight (8) other crimes, including the theft of the car they were using at the time. Police feel there could potentially be even more crimes tied to these same individuals. The police said that cameras are a helpful deterrent, but if you decide to get a camera for this purpose, they suggested you get high resolution cameras, which produce better photos. In addition to getting cameras, police urged homeowners to be vigilant about locking windows and doors and keeping garage doors closed. Finally, they warn you to NOT open the door to anyone you do not know, but DO let them know you are there! Also - keep in mind that, regardless of size, dogs remain one of the best deterrents against break-ins. This type of thief does not want confrontation any more than you do, but if you don't let them know you're there, they may decide it is safe for them to break in. They will move on until they find a home where no one answers when they ring the bell, and no dogs bark in response.

USE OF THE PARK BY NON-RESIDENTS: With the advent of warmer weather, there have been increasing numbers of non-residents (and their unleashed dogs) found in our Community Park. The majority have been young adults. A few have been families attempting to drive their cars in. When asked why they are trespassing in our private park, almost all of them claim that their friend who lives in the Courtyard told them it was alright. Maybe they are lying and maybe it is true some of the time. Over the years we have issued countless written warnings, and the rules on the Park gate clearly state it. Nonetheless, here we go again – PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS NOT ALRIGHT to tell people who do not live in the Courtyard that it is “ok” to enter and use the Park unless you, the resident, are with them in the Park. Please make sure your children are aware of this. From now on, we will take down license plate numbers and pictures of the trespassers and turn the matter over to the police.

Spring 2015 Park Clean Up & Wildfire Prevention Work

Please Join Us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!

WHEN:

Saturday, March 28: 9AM - Noon

WHERE:

*Courtyard Community Park: 5905
Cone Circle*

ACTIVITY:

We will be giving our Park its “spring cleaning” in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt and summer activities -- clearing fallen leaves, branches overhanging trails, and removing dead brush. Bring work gloves and any garden tools you wish to use (rakes, clippers, etc.). Although a lot of the work is in shaded areas, we suggest you wear light weight long pants, long sleeved shirts, sun hats & sun glasses, and solid shoes to protect your feet. Snacks, water, and bug spray will be provided. Let Terry know if you can bring a blower.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS:

Contact Park Committee Chairman Terry Edwards at (214) 392-4627; t.edwards54321@gmail.com.



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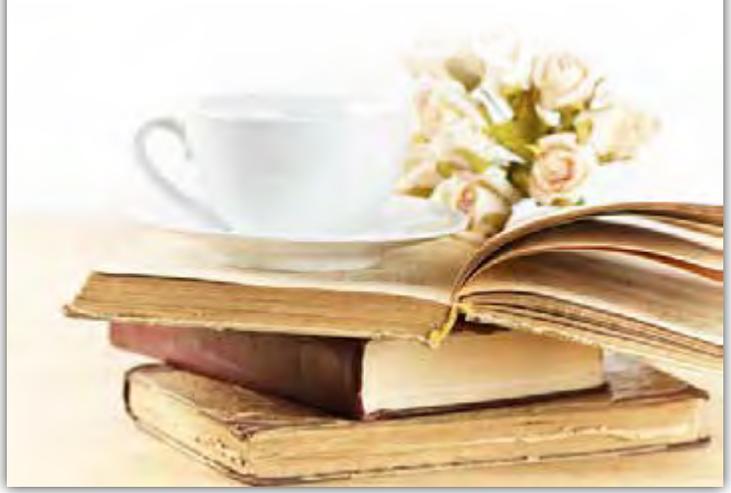
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 1 p.m., 5612 Scout Island North

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer by Anne-Marie O'Connor, The Courtyard Book Club's selection for March is a captivating tale of art history and the fate of Europe's prized art works at the hands of the Nazi power brokers. The book follows, Klimt's masterpiece, Lady in Gold, from its commission in 1903, as portrait of Jewish beauty and society maven, Adele Bloch, through theft by the Nazi government, to its restitution to surviving family members and subsequent sale.

O'Connor was a reporter for the Los Angeles Times when she met Maria Altmann, the niece of Klimt's subject, Adele Bloch, who had fled Germany during the Nazi era, living quietly in California for 60 years. Bloch and her husband had followed the efforts of the Rothschilds to gain restitution of their artwork and decided to pursue the return of Klimt's portrait of her aunt and several other pieces of Klimt's art rightfully belonging to her family. O'Connor's research for the book produces not only interesting details of the lives of both Bloch and Klimt, but also intriguing tidbits of other prominent names of the period: Sigmund Freud, Gustav Mahler, Mark Twain, Joseph Goebbels. Lady in Gold won the Marfield National Award for Arts Writing in 2012 and was included in many reviewer's lists of best books of 2012.

In June the Club will read One Summer, America 1927 by Bill Bryson. Bill Bryson has a throng of devoted fans for good reason...his titles are great reads. This one which covers the many history making events of 1927, from Lindbergh's flight, the debut of the Model A, and the first "talkie" to personalities the likes of Sacco and Vanzetti, Al Capone and Babe Ruth.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club, call or email Jean Heath, 512-231-9412, c.jeanheath@gmail.com.



2015 COURTYARD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th 11:00am – 1:00pm

Plan now to attend the 2015 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt in the Park! Bunnies of all ages bring your baskets and hop on down for some Easter fun. Hunt for eggs, play games and win prizes! Hope to see you there!

Please call or email to let us know how many egg hunters will be in your group.
Joany Price (Social Chairperson) | 775-8942, joanyprice@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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We Need Your Help Keeping Our Communities Clean!

Each April, Keep Austin Beautiful hosts Clean Sweep, a city-wide service day spanning 130+ sites in 31 zip codes throughout Austin and resulting in over 29 tons of trash removed by 4,000 plus volunteer who contribute 8,700 hours contributed. The network of cleanups is followed by a not-to-be-missed volunteer party featuring free t-shirts, lunch, live music, children's environmental activities, recycled art, a unique object contest, door prizes, and more!

We are now looking for leaders to host projects for Clean Sweep 2015 on Saturday, April 11. Please consider hosting a cleanup in your neighborhood. You can recruit your own volunteers, choose your neighborhood, and we'll take care of the rest.

If you are interested in leading a group, please fill out the Leader Registration Form on our website at www.keepaustinbeautiful.org/CleanSweep and we'll be in touch soon after.

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Apple Cake

- 3 medium apples, peeled & thinly sliced
- 1/4 Cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine first 3 ingredients, tossing well. Set aside. Combine flour, 2 cups sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Combine next 4 ingredients; add to flour mixture, mixing well. Pour 1/3 of batter into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Top with half of the thinly sliced apples, leaving a 1/2" margin around center and sides. Repeat layering, ending with batter on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Cool in pan 10-15 minutes; then remove from pan. Let cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.





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Featured Smile Makeover of the Month

by Dr. Lance Loveless



Before



After



Before



After



Before



After

Sometimes a smile makeover can be accomplished by changing only four teeth. This patient was unhappy with her "fake" looking two front crowns. She didn't like the gray line along the gumline. She also didn't like how she showed too much of her gums when she smiled, and teeth next to her front teeth were too small and crooked. Even though braces or Invisalign would've solved the crooked teeth issue, they would not have addressed her other remaining issues. She decided to do a "laser gum lift", teeth whitening and 4 porcelain restorations. In only two visits, she had her smile makeover completed. She no longer has to hide her smile, in fact now she smiles even bigger.

These types of changes can be life altering. This is why I got into dentistry, to help people. I love what I do, and I love the fact that I can change lives daily through cosmetic dentistry!

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