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Board Message

Pleasant breezes and remarkably comfortable July temperatures greeted residents participating in our annual Independence Day parade lead by Grand Marshall Luis Suarez, and the picnic in the Park. Hats off to Social Chairwoman Joany Price and all our friends and neighbors who volunteered their time to help organize this event. Face painting, a new & improved water slide, Moonwalk, and, of course, lots of good food were waiting when everyone arrived at the Park. A special salute is due to Grill Masters Lewis Price and Luis Suarez who prepared the gourmet hotdogs and hamburgers. And once again, a special thanks is also due to Waneen Spirduso and her kayak and canoe volunteers who gave their time and shared their boats and equipment so residents could enjoy the water. Volunteers – please know how much we appreciate what you do for the Community. These events would not take place without you. We hope to have some pictures from this year's festivities in the website Photo Gallery in the next few weeks. Check them out.

Even though we have had a wonderfully rainy spring and early summer in Texas, experts caution us not to relax our efforts to conserve water and to continue fire

safety work. The Courtyard's Fire Safety Committee (FSC) manned an information table during the picnic and signed up many "wise" neighbors for a free "Firewise" home assessment. The FSC will begin scheduling these assessments in the next month or so. If you did not get to sign up at the picnic, you can easily do so by contacting the FSC Chairman, Jim Gattis at (512) 468-2266 or bubbagattis37@gmail.com. The Committee is also looking for more volunteers so please give them a call if you are interested in helping improve fire safety in our Community.

And finally, please note that we are beginning efforts to put together a new hardcopy Courtyard Directory. Note that these efforts are beginning only because some brave new volunteers have offered to take this task on. They will be needing more volunteers to assist in the final stages so please consider helping out. Keep an eye out for more information about these efforts in the Caller, on the website NEWS page, and in a direct mail out.

Drive Safely in the Courtyard !

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Courtyard Book Club

*Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 1 p.m.,
5612 Scout Island North*

Join the Courtyard Book Club in September to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's novel "The Invention of Wings". The story, set in pre-Civil War Charleston, South Carolina, follows the lives of Sarah, the daughter of a wealthy plantation owner, and Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a Charleston slave. The novel begins on Sarah's eleventh birthday when she is given ownership of Handful, who is to be her handmaid. Soon, Sarah and Handful have established a bond built on affection and guilt. Sarah voices her opposition to slavery early in her life, yet, she must live with it. Handful is spirited and sharp tongued. As Sarah and Handful mature their lives take separate courses. "The Invention of Wings" follows their lives for the next thirty-five years. The author's inspiration is the real Sarah Grimke, daughter of an elite Charleston family, who fought for abolition and women's rights, and her slave Hetty.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club, call or email Lou Blemaster at
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Thank You Volunteers!

Once again, the Courtyard's annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic in the Park was a great success. Bringing neighbors together for this fun event would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of neighbors who volunteer their time and resources to make it happen.

A special thank you goes to Joany Price for her tireless efforts in planning, organizing and executing the Picnic every year. And to Waneen Spirduso for coordinating the volunteers and equipment for the ever popular kayak paddle event.

Thank you to all the neighbors who came out to enjoy the picnic and to the following volunteers for making it all happen:

Food and Events

Joany and Lewis Price

Kathy and Winston Cundiff

Firewise Table

Jim Carolan

Jim Gattis

Boating Event and Equipment

Carolyn Brakage

Terry Edwards

Denise Hogan

Fabio, Piera and Sal La Pietra

John Mannix

Rob Nance

Brian Rutledge and daughter, Ella

Waneen Spirduso

Gloria and John Tuccio

Boat Equipment Loans Only

Jeff Dodson

Jenny Peloquen

Susanne Reiss

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Dan Sharphorn

Mary and Jeff Ross.

Molly Adolph.

Joany's daughter Meredith Massey who came in from Houston in her black convertible mustang to drive grand Marshall Luis Suarez.

Gerry Ormond and Kathy Honey who decorated their red sports car and rode in the parade.



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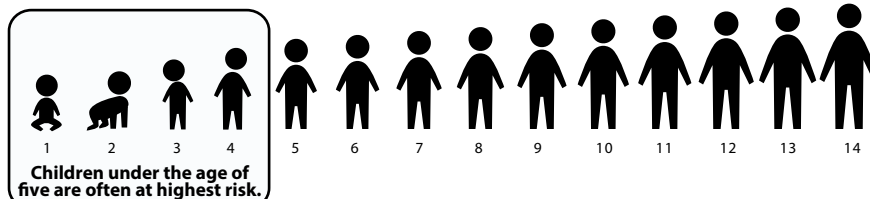
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