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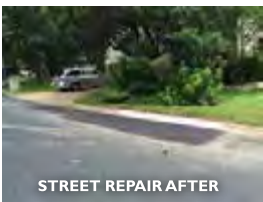
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Board Message



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Entering & Exiting the Park Via the Gate: Pull up to the keypad outside the gate on the left and punch in the 4-digit gate code. The gate will slide open, albeit slowly. When you leave, stay to the right, drive up close to the gate, and give the sensors a chance to tell the gate you're there. It is a slow start. PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO OPEN THE GATE USING THE INSIDE KEYPAD. The inside keypad controls something else and has its own separate code. If you try to use the inside keypad at least one of the following things will happen: (1) nothing – you sit there and it ignores you; (2) nothing - plus the system will temporarily freeze up while it tries to figure out something to do; and/or (3) nothing - plus the system will have a meltdown that requires costly repair – all of which simply delay your exit. If you are not in a vehicle and need to exit through the gate, you will need to walk around to the outside keypad and put the code in.

Special Thanks to City Council Representative Sheri Gallo and her

Staff: As you may recall, for well over a year our streets were left with partially patched holes after the City repaired a series of water pipe breaks in late 2013 and into 2014. Numerous calls to #311 and the Water Utilities Department failed to get a response, and we felt like all our efforts were going into a "File 13." When Representative Gallo came to our April Board Meeting, residents discussed this with her and asked why the City was failing to provide us with this basic service. She suggested we contact her Constituent Liaison, Suzie Chase. Instead of more unanswered calls and emails, Suzie got right back to us with information about the Citizens Action Forum, and was able to help us get this problem to the appropriate people in the Public Works Department – with amazing results. By mid-June, repairs to almost all damaged streets were completed. It was a welcome change to receive such prompt and effective assistance, and we wish to specially thank Representative Gallo and Suzie.

Park Clean-up Morning in October: Watch for signs and emails giving you the date and times for this very worthwhile community activity.

Don't miss the pre-trick or treating party on the Tom Wooten Drive island. Please continue to drive safely in the Courtyard and be extra careful to watch out for our neighborhood ghosts & goblins, pirates & princesses, space invaders & super heroes on Halloween night.



STREET REPAIR AFTER



Courtyard Boo Fest

Saturday, October 31st 5:30 6:30

Tom Wooten Island

Wear your Halloween Costume!

Come for a quick slice of pizza, show off your Halloween costume and pick up your treat bag before “trick or treating”. This is a fun time to visit with other families and allow the children to get a little something to eat before all the candy! Bring a blanket to sit on.

PLEASE RSVP to Joanyprice@gmail.com and let me know how many will be in your party so that I have enough pizza and treat bags.

Happy Halloween!



Joany Price

*Your Courtyard Neighbor
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Courtyard Book Club

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 1 p.m.,
5612 Scout Island Cir North*

Join the Courtyard Book Club for a discussion of the November Mayor's Book Club selection "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, a long short story set in depression-era California. Two migrant workers dream of better days on a spread of their own. The story turns upon a dramatic incident in the tragic friendship of the two farm hands. The story, written almost entirely in dialogue, was an experiment and was dramatized in the year of its publication (1937), winning the New York Drama Critics Circle Award.

The Mayor's Book Club selection is part of the Of Mice and Men Community Connections, a city-wide project done in partnership with local cultural organizations. Each partner event will provide a different perspective on Steinbeck's classic work. In January, 2016, Austin Opera will present Carlile Floyd's Of Mice and Men. For more details about other Of Mice and Men Community Connections visit austinopera.org/ofmiceandmen/.

In December the Courtyard Book Club will gather for a pot-luck luncheon at 12 noon, Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at the home of Judy Campion.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club or for details about upcoming meetings, call or email Lou Blemaster, 512-551-2659, loublemaster@gmail.com.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER PARK CLEAN-UP

What: Fall Park Clean Up & Wildfire Prevention

When: Saturday, October 24th, 9AM - Noon

Where: The Courtyard Park, 5905 Cone Circle

Activity: We will be performing a cleaning of the park to keep the "fall color" from washing into Bull Creek. Bring work gloves and any garden tools you wish to use (rake, nippers, etc.). We will be cleaning all fallen leaves, clearing branches overhanging the trails, and removing dead brush from the park areas. Snacks and water will be provided.



LADIES GAME NIGHT



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Advertising Sales Representative

Description: The position includes marketing our community newsletters to local and area businesses. It is a flexible position that allows you to work from home and set your own hours.

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Partnerships for Children

Marques is a charming and quiet young man. He loves basketball and enjoys most all sports. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing video games and listening to music. He would enjoy being in a family that would provide activities for him to be active, especially sports. He would like to have a Mom that is caring and loving. He would also like to have a father that will do "guy things" like playing basketball and camping.

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a program of Partnerships for Children. To learn more about the adoption or fostering process, please call the Heart Gallery of Central Texas at (512) 834-4756, email heartgallery@partnershipsforchildren.org or visit our website at www.partnershipsforchildren.org

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CLOTHES MOTHS

Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source.

To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

- Locate & remove any infested items
- Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics
- Launder or dry clean clothing
- Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing
- Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items
- Thoroughly clean storage areas
- Store clothing in tightly sealed containers
- Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths
- Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective & vapors lose potency quickly
- Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects
- Read & follow all label instructions
- Use only in sealed areas or closed containers
- Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics
- Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques
- Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide
- Allow area to completely dry before returning items
- For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

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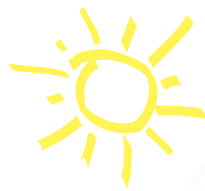


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stjohnsaustin.org

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ymcagwc.org/branch.php?loc-2

Barton Hill Farms - Bastrop

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Sat 10am-10pm. Sun 10am-5pm
bartonhillfarms.com/pumpkin-patch

Elgin Christmas Tree Farm - Elgin

Pumpkin Festival will be Oct 10, 11, 17, 18
Sat 10am-5:30pm. Sun 12pm-5:30pm
elginchristmastreefarm.com

Evergreen Farms - Elgin

Every Saturday and Sunday in Oct
evergreen-farms.com/pumpkin.php

Silo Christmas Tree Farm - Temple

Open weekends in Oct & Nov 1
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Sweet Berry Farm - Marble Falls

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