



COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Board Message

Although it may seem a bit early, November is when we start our campaign to remind Association members how important it is that they send in their voting proxy for the Courtyard's annual meeting in January 2016. It is important because the Courtyard's Declaration requires that a quorum of members be present at the annual meeting so that we can conduct necessary business. Without a quorum, we will be forced to spend the additional money and time to renote and reschedule this important annual meeting.

Over the years, we have found that it helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives. This way, it doesn't get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on in December and January. It also insures that your vote will be counted if for some reason you can't attend the annual meeting. Keep in mind that if you send in a proxy but are able to attend, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person. Further reminders and more information about our next annual meeting will appear in the December and January newsletters and on the Courtyard's website: www.courtyardhoa.org. If you have any questions, please contact

any Board member or our management company representative, Marilyn Childress.

In a month dedicated to being thankful, it is only appropriate that we take special note of all our community volunteers and let them know how grateful the HOA is for their help. Your list of contributions is endless as is your generosity and thoughtfulness. We couldn't do our work without you. Thank you to everyone.

Finally, to every individual who makes the effort to drive the speed limit and encourages others to do so as they travel through our neighborhood streets – keep up your good efforts.

Happy Thanksgiving to all residents and families of the Courtyard!

May your holiday be safe and filled with family, friends, fun, and of course, good food!



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Tuesday, December 8, 2015,
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Join the Courtyard Book Club for a pot luck luncheon at the home of Judy Campion on Tuesday, December 8 at 1p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you are not in the cooking mode, come anyway. There is always plenty of food for all. Bring a gift-wrapped book, new or used, for a book exchange. Everyone goes home with a book for their holiday reading.

At the December meeting the reading list for 2016 will be shared. The January, 2016, book selection is "Mary Coin" by Marisa Silver. Dortehea Lange's legendary photograph of a migrant mother at the height of the Depression is the inspiration for this superb novel. The book was selected as NPR Best Book of 2013 and BBC Best Book of 2013.

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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Although posters or signs on fences or poles are not normally allowed, in this type of situation, owners can also put signs up on our streets corners for a reasonable time period if they will please make the effort to later take them down.

Contact Leslie Craven at lcraven1@att.net or Lisa Lawrence at lisalawrence@earthlink.com if you are in need of this type of emergency email broadcast service for your pet.

Voting Proxy for the Courtyard's HOA

Annual Association Meeting

When it arrives in the mail, please send in your voting proxy for the Courtyard's Homeowners Association Annual meeting to be held in January 2016. You will receive reminders in future issues of The Caller and on the Courtyard website. Our Association Declaration requires that a quorum be present to hold an official meeting, and we want to avoid having to hold a second annual meeting. Over the years, we have found that it really helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives. This way, it does not get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on through December and January. If for some reason you can't make the meeting, your vote will be counted. If you sent in a proxy but later find that you are able to attend the annual meeting, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person.

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1. Which wild bird was NOT on the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving menu in 1621?

- a) Turkey b) Duck c) Goose d) Bald Eagle

For \$200...

2. The Pilgrims celebrated the First Thanksgiving in:

- a) Herald Square in New York City
b) Plymouth, Massachusetts
c) Washington, DC
d) Jamestown, VA

For \$300...

3. What was the name of the Pilgrims' ship?

- a) The Pinta b) Old Ironsides c) The Mayflower d) Titanic

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4. What historic landmark is known as the place where the Pilgrims landed in America?

- a) Pilgrim Rock b) Patriot's Rock c) Plymouth Rock d) Pet Rock

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5. The Pilgrims came to America:

- a) For religious freedom
b) To fight the Indians
c) To start a company
d) To trade tea for animal furs

For \$2,000.....

6. In the U.S., Thanksgiving is celebrated on:

- a) The day before the Winter Solstice
b) The Fourth Thursday of November
c) The Thursday after the full moon in November
d) The last Thursday of November

For \$4,000....

7. The Pilgrims' first landing place in America was:

- a) Plymouth, MA b) Provincetown, MA c) Boston, MA d) Salem, MA

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8. The Indians who celebrated the First Thanksgiving dinner with the Pilgrims were from which tribe?

- a) Cherokee b) Mohican c) Wampanoag d) Pequot

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9. A successful barley crop enable the Pilgrims to wash down the first Thanksgiving

feast with what beverage?

- a) Bourbon b) Beer c) Rum d) Champagne

For \$32,000...

10. The baby born aboard the Mayflower was named:

- a) Paul b) Miles c) Seamus d) Oceanus

For \$64,000...

11. Before carrying the Pilgrims to America, the Mayflower was:

- a) A battleship b) A passenger ferry c) a cruise liner d) A wine vessel

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12. The turkey is native to America and was first brought to Europe from:

- a) Massachusetts b) Florida c) Virginia d) Kentucky

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13. What event inspired a U.S. President to proclaim Thanksgiving an annual holiday?

- a) The 300th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing
b) The bombing of Hiroshima c) The Battle of Gettysburg
d) The Louisiana Purchase

For \$500,000...

14. The Pilgrims' three-day Thanksgiving festival, a feast for 50 colonist and 90

Indians, was prepared by the surviving married women among the Pilgrims. How

many "hostesses" were there?

- a) Two b) Four c) Seven d) Fifteen

For \$1,000,000 . . .

15. Which of these U.S. Presidents could claim Mayflower ancestry?

- a) George Washington b) Gerald Ford c) George Bush d) Franklin Pierce

(Answers on page 6)



TOP TURKEY ANSWERS:

(From Questions on Page 5)

- 1) d – The Pilgrims did NOT eat Bald Eagle at the first Thanksgiving.
- 2) b – The Pilgrims celebrated the First Thanksgiving in 1621 at their Plymouth, Massachusetts, settlement.
- 3) c – The Pilgrims came to America aboard the Mayflower.
- 4) c – Plymouth Rock marks the place where the Pilgrims landed.
- 5) a – The Pilgrims came to America to escape religious persecution.
- 6) b – Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of Nov. each year in the U.S.
- 7) b – The Pilgrims landed first at Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod before moving on to Plymouth, Massachusetts, where they established their permanent settlement
- 8) c - The Wampanoag Indians assisted the Pilgrims in their first year and shared the first Thanksgiving dinner with them.
- 9) b – The Pilgrims enjoyed their own microbrew with the first Thanksgiving Dinner.
- 10) d – Oceanus Hopkins was born aboard the Mayflower during the Pilgrims’ two-month voyage to America.

- 11) d – The Mayflower was a wine vessel before its historic role as the Pilgrims’ America-bound transportation.
- 12) b – The Spaniards brought the first turkeys back to Europe from Florida.
- 13) c – President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863, three months after the Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War.
- 14) b – The job of preparing the first Thanksgiving feast fell to the four married women who survived the Pilgrims’ first winter in Plymouth.
- 15) c – George Bush is a descendant of two Mayflower passengers, John Howland and Francis Cooke. Other U.S. President with Mayflower ancestors are: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant, James Garfield, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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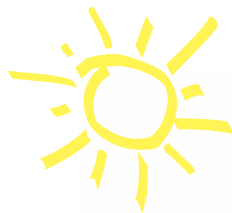


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