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**COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

# **COURTYARD CALLER**

*Official Courtyard Newsletter*

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## *Message* FROM THE *Board*

Thank you to all residents that took the time to sign and send in their proxies and/or attended the Courtyard's annual meeting on Sunday, January 31. We received enough proxies to reach the necessary quorum and were able to conduct all necessary business, including approval of a new budget. Leslie Craven and Henry Mistrot were elected to three year terms. This year's meeting had some very good discussions about security, Bull Creek flooding, fire safety, traffic control, and improved financial reporting issues and resident's input was much appreciated.

We were also honored and very happy that our City Council representative, Sheri Gallo, attended this meeting. It was the first time anyone could remember a representative coming to an annual meeting to talk with us and see what was happening in our community. Sheri discussed a range of issues and matters of interest happening citywide and in our District 10, answered many questions, and took notes about concerns voiced. We truly appreciate her efforts to be in touch with Courtyard residents about matters that concern them and taking hours of her time on a Sunday night to attend this meeting. If you do not already receive it, please note that the District 10 office puts out an excellent weekly newsletter. Contact District 10 Communications Coordinator, Jennifer Burkhardt to be added to their email list. [jennifer.burkhardt@austintexas.gov](mailto:jennifer.burkhardt@austintexas.gov)

Although we've put many warnings out already, just in case you missed them or are new to this area, PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS OAK WILT SEASON AND TAKE SERIOUSLY THE DANGERS THIS VERY Destructive disease poses to our oak trees.

PLEASE DO NOT DO ANY PRUNING OF OAKS now through June.

With the return of warmer weather comes the return of non-residents to the Community Park unaccompanied by a Courtyard homeowner. Some simply park on the street and wander in on their own. Some drive in behind residents who have opened the gate using their gate code. That activity is difficult to stop – but if you see this happening, please take down their license numbers, call the police and/or report it to our Security Chairman, Jim Lloyd. These people are trespassers, and the Board is considering some new ways to address this security problem. What is more troublesome and frustrating is when, despite our repeated requests that they NOT give out the gate code, some residents decide the rules do not apply to them – and they give the gate code to non-resident friends or relatives and tell them that they can use our Park without the homeowner being there. This is WRONG. The Park is only for the use of homeowners and family members living in the home. Friends or other relatives of the homeowner are welcome in the Park but they MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HOMEOWNER. If you have any questions about this, please contact a Board member. We will soon be changing the gate code and will again be warning residents to keep it to themselves. Please take this request seriously and help us keep the Park safe and secure for your fellow residents.

We wish you a happy, safe, and joyous spring – and hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 26.

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2016 PARK SPRING  
CLEAN-UP & WILDFIRE PREVENTION**

**Where:** The Courtyard Park, 5905 Cone Circle

**Activity:** We will be performing a cleaning of the park in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt and tons of summer fun. Bring work gloves and any garden tools you wish to use (rake, nippers, etc.), and bug spray. Suggest lightweight long pants and shirt sleeves. 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.

**Questions:** Contact Park Committee Chairman Terry Edwards  
(214) 392-4627 t.edwards54321@gmail.com



## **Courtyard Book Club**

*Tuesday, April 5, 2016,  
5216 Scout Island Cir North*

The Courtyard Book Club members will gather for the monthly meeting to discuss the April book selection, *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. This beautifully written historical fiction is set in France during World War II. Two sisters, Viann and Isabelle are close despite their differences. The younger Isabelle lives in Paris while Viann lives a quiet life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. When World War II strikes, Antoine is sent off to fight. When the Germans invade France, Isabelle comes to help her sister cope. The outspoken Isabelle joins the resistance, volunteering for dangerous duty of escorting downed Allied airmen across the Pyrenees to Spain. Code named the Nightingale, Isabelle rescued many before she was captured. Viann's active resistance was less dramatic but no less heart wrenching. Author Hannah's storytelling skills make this novel an absorbing page-turner.

The book selections for May are *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiserini and *Behind the Scenes* by Elizabeth Keckley. All are welcome to join the group that meets the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, call or email Lou Blemaster, 512-551-2659, loublemaster@gmail.com.

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# 2016 COURTYARD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26TH STARTING AT 11:00am

Plan now to attend the 2016 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)

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## PARK TRASH

Someone recently disposed of their hazardous trash in our Courtyard Community Park.

This illegal dumping is not only unsightly, but also environmentally irresponsible and subject to a fine. Please do not use our community park to dispose of trash that the City won't pick up at your house. Proper City of Austin drop off sites can be located at: <https://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff>.



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## Zika Virus

Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and there is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available. The best way to avoid getting the virus is to avoid being bitten by infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people with Zika virus actually get ill. Severe disease, requiring hospitalization, is uncommon and death due to the virus is rare.

The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water-buckets, tires, tree holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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- Evacuation Readiness: Key to Surviving Wildfire
- Protect your home So it can protect you
- Insuring for wildfire: Knowing what's at stake
- Fire-Adapted Families: Protecting what matters most

Wildfires are a fact of life in Central Texas.

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Questions? Contact Justice Jones at:

(512) 974-0199 or via e-mail at [justice.jones@austintexas.gov](mailto:justice.jones@austintexas.gov)

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