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# Message from the Board

Many thanks go to Joany Price for helping residents get prepared for the area wide annual Garage Sale on Saturday, May 7. Sales were good, although there didn't seem to be as many shoppers as in past years. We learned later that, for reasons we will never know or understand, sometime Friday night before the sale, unknown person(s) stole the big advertising banner at the entrance and all the "Garage Sale" signs that Joany had placed around the neighborhood to help advertise where sellers were located. Whether intended as simply a childish prank or the result of malicious intent, it is a sad regrettable action, and we hope this doesn't discourage participation next year.

Mark your calendars now for the Courtyard's annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic set for Monday, July 4. It isn't too early to start thinking of how to decorate your bike, wagon, car, or stroller, and, of course, yourself, for the Parade. These events don't happen without a lot of hard work and organization, and we REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS for this year's celebration or we may have to cancel it. Please contact Joany Price, our Social Committee Chairperson, if you can help out in any way that morning. Check out the notice in this month's Caller and the website for more details. Watch for signs as the time gets closer.

Yes, we had a good rainy spring, and the lakes are mostly full again after many years. But - please don't let

that lull you into thinking that water conservation should not still be a high priority as we head into the long hot summer months. At this time, we understand that the City's mandatory residential watering rules remain in effect. These rules determine watering days by street address. For automatic irrigation systems: odd numbered residences water before 5 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays; even numbered addresses on Thursday. Please keep an eye on your sprinklers so they work properly and keep the water on the landscape that needs it — not the street or sidewalk. If you see a broken sprinkler or pipe while out driving or walking in the neighborhood, please take a minute to let the owner know to help avoid wasting of a very precious resource. If you have further questions, contact the City or check out their website Watering rules can be found at www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/scheduefaq.htm.

By now, every homeowner that has provided us with an email address should have received at least three (3) email letter notices giving them the new passcode for the Park gate. The new code is effective Monday, June 6. If you are a homeowner and did not receive the new code by email, please contact Marilyn Childress, our property manager, at Goodwin Management: marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer and please continue to drive slowly in the Courtyard!

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It's a treat to work with people like you! It would be an honor to have the opportunity to work with your friends, family or neighbors.

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## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Join us at 10am July 4th at Parade Ridge and Courtyard Drive We will line up behind the fire truck and march to the park Decorate your bike or wagon and join the fun! Grab a kazoo and make sweet, sweet music with the one and only Courtyard Marching Kazoo Band



## Courtyard Book Club

Tuesday July 5, 2016 5216 Scout Island Cir North

The Club's selection for July is Dead Wake by Erik Larson. The New York Times best-selling author of Garden of Beasts and The Devil in the White City presents a 100th anniversary chronicle of the sinking of the Lusitania. When veteran captain William Thomas Turner accepted the pinnacle position within Cunard Steamship Company, commander of the RMS Lusitania, he never imagined the danger that lay ahead. Larson traces the liner's final voyage by intertwining narratives of Turner with those of notable passengers such as Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat, trailblazing architect Theodate Pope, and suffragette Margaret Mackworth. Hardest to shake are descriptions of impulsive Captain Schwieger and his disheveled German crewmates torpedoing vessels, reveling in the shrill of explosions and imposing British spymaster Blinker Hall stealthily monitoring Schwieger's U-20 as it discreetly, or so it thought, hunted targets. Using archives on both sides of the Atlantic, Larson describes the Lusitania's ominous delayed departure and its distressing reduced speed. He vividly illustrates how these foreboding factors led to terror, tragedy and ultimately the Great War.

In August we will be discussing Orphan Train by Christina Baker. For more information about the book club please contact Lou Blemater at 512-551-2659 or email loublemaster@gmail.com.

# Kidz Maze Mania Help Johnny find his way home! © 2006. Feature Exchange

# **Courtyard Fire Safety News – June 2016**

## 4TH ANNUAL WILDFIRE SURVIVAL SYMPOSIUM - Report to Courtyard Residents

Two needs most relevant to Courtyard Community stood out in what was an excellent Austin Fire Department Wildfire Division all-day symposium. Need 1. The need for community ownership of the Firewize wildfire risk mitigation program in order for it to be effective and sustained. Need 2. The need for personal, household, and community evacuation plans in the event of a wildfire threatening Courtyard.

Need 1. The symposium highlighted our greatest challenge – to sustain our wildfire risk mitigation. Key points that apply to Courtyard include the following.

- It is essential to complete home risk evaluations so that households are empowered to take risk mitigation action,
- Increased risk mitigation depends on community commitment, having gained common understanding of fire's potential impact.
- Mentoring households and new residents by neighbors helping neighbors is a key success factor.

Need 2. Looking ahead, we will work with the city authorities to develop an evacuation strategy and plan. In the meantime, there are individual and household actions that we should take. It's important to NOT EXPECT the Fire Department will save us. Here are a few key things we each person and household should be doing.

- Have an individual and household plan where to meet, how to contact each other, have two home escape routes
- Have an evacuation kit:
  - 1. Change of clothes
  - 2. Important docs
  - 3. Electronic devices (charge when a threat is identified)
  - 4. 7 days of meds
  - 5. Water and food for at least 48 hours
- Have situational awareness note the Austin Fire Department stations each update wildfire threat signs daily, placed for motorists to see by the roadside in front of stations.

The Fire Safety Committee's objectives for 2016 include both these needs, along with continuing to provide risk evaluations and to educate residents on the actions necessary to mitigate wildfire risks.

Wildfire Risk Information and Home Risk Evaluations

The hands-down best symposium presentation is newly posted on the Courtyard website. See Best Ever Training for Owners on Wildfire Hazard and on Risk Mitigation. The head of every household should review this for understanding the threat and for what we individually as households can do about it.

To sign up with the Courtyard Fire Safety Committee to schedule an evaluation by one of our trained teams, email fire-safety@courtyardhoa.org.

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## Local Running Group Seeks to Break Top Myths about Marathon Running

With National Running Day just around the corner on June 1, USA Fit Austin seeks to break the top myths about what an actual long distance runner looks like. The local full and half marathon training group program is accepting online registration for its 2016 season now through June 30 at www. AustinFit.com. The season will kick off with two orientation events on June 11 and Jun 18 in the TXDOT Parking Lot at 150 East Riverside Drive.

"Most people don't believe they can complete a full or half marathon for various reasons," said USA Fit Austin Organizer and Head Coach Linda

Brown. "Our mission at USA Fit is to show people they absolutely can succeed by providing training plans for every fitness level in a fun, non-intimidating and safe environment."

Brown herself joined USA Fit Austin in 2005. Now, as a coach, she hopes to bring the same motivation and encouragement that her coaches and fellow members gave her to help runners around the Austin area reach their own personal goals.



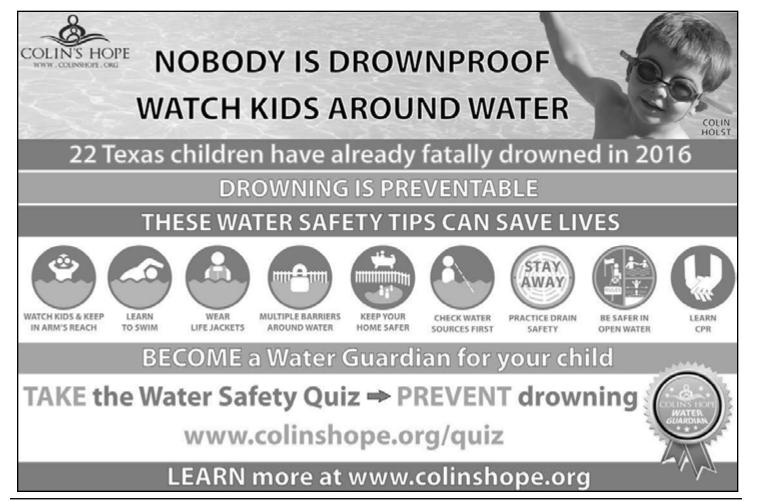
According to Brown, the top myths about marathon running include:

- Marathoners must be young.
- Marathoners must be athletes.
- Running long distances is dangerous to one's health.
- Runners must be a certain weight or size to successfully run a full or half marathon.

She said that members of USA Fit Austin defy all of these myths and have gone on to complete half and full marathons during their very first seasons with the group as well as meet personal health and

fitness goals.

"The most rewarding part of our job as coaches is to see members achieve so much more than they thought possible, no matter their fitness level or stage in life," said Brown. "The only thing we ask our members to show up with is a goal and the passion to meet it. We take care of the rest."







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# Austin's New Downtown

## Emerging Downtown Projects 2016

CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS	Address	# of Units	Stories
5 <sup>th</sup> And West	501 West Ave	154	39
70 Rainey St	70 Rainey St	164	35
Austin Proper Residences	202 Nueces	99	32
908 Condominiums	908 Nueces	32	4
The Independent	301 West Ave	370	58
Waller Tower Condos	92 Red River Ave	574	40+
Total Projected New Downtown Cond	do Units:	1,393	

Numerous locations of emerging HOTEL PROJECTS will result in 3,345 projected new hotel rooms

OTHER UPCOMING PROJECTS	Address	<b>Completion Date</b>	Stories
New Central Library	710 W. Cesar Chavez	Fall 2016	6
Dell-Seton Medical Hospital	601 E. 15 <sup>Th</sup> St	Spring 2017	8

Austin's downtown real estate market is booming to say the least. With the emergence of new residential towers, hotels and city buildings, the skyline is constantly changing. Whether you are looking to experience an upbeat, urban lifestyle or enjoy a fine restaurant, Austin's new downtown has it all. Call me if you'd like to hear about available properties in this haute area of town.



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