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**COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

COURTYARD CALLER

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Board Message

Happy 2017 to Everyone! Hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season and are ready for the year ahead. Don't forget that on **Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.** the Courtyard holds its annual meeting in the lobby of the office building located at the intersection of Courtyard Drive and North Scout Island Circle.

We must again stress the importance of having a quorum present at the annual meeting so that we can conduct necessary business as required by the Declaration and avoid the costs and delay of having to schedule a second meeting to complete important community business. For this reason, when you receive the written materials for the annual meeting by mail, please take a few minutes to read them, and then sign and mail your proxy right back in. In this way, if you cannot attend in person, your vote will count. Remember that sending in your proxy does not prevent you from attending in person and voting directly that night. Contact any Board member or email Marilyn Childress at Goodwin Management Company if you have any questions.

Please note that three director terms end this January, and we will be voting to fill those positions at the annual meeting on January 29. We are very happy and fortunate that the residents who currently serve in these Board positions, Jim Lloyd, Cathleen Barrett, and

Doug Richards, have volunteered to continue their service to the community for another term. Thank you Jim, Cathleen & Doug for your contributions to the well-being of the Courtyard and for being such good neighbors.

As you are probably aware, the Board approved an increase of \$13 to the 2017 annual dues. This is slightly less than five percent (5%) and raises our dues from \$273 to \$286. This increase comes out to less than 4 cents a day. If you have any questions, note that Jim Lloyd, our Treasurer, will be reviewing the 2017 budget at the annual meeting and will be available for your questions. If you don't think you will make it to the meeting, please feel free to contact Jim or any Board member before the meeting. Our contact information is available in the Courtyard Caller or use the "Contact Us" page of the community website to email us directly. www.courtyardhoa.org

Drivers – we appreciate and ask that you please continue your efforts to drive slowly in the Courtyard – especially during this darkest time of the year. Walkers and runners can help by wearing light and/or reflective clothing, carrying a flashlight, and not taking up more space than is needed to get by on our streets. Everyone benefits when we all make the effort to keep our neighborhood safe.

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A toast from me to you in 2017

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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 6, 2017

1:00 pm

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The Courtyard Book Club members will gather for the monthly meeting to discuss the February book selection, *When I Found You* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. While duck hunting one morning, childless, middle-aged Nathan McCann finds a newborn abandoned in the woods. To his shock, the child--wrapped in a sweater and wearing a tiny knitted hat--is still alive. To his wife's shock, Nathan wants to adopt the boy...but the child's grandmother steps in. Nathan makes her promise, however, that one day she'll bring the boy to meet him so he can reveal that he was the one who rescued him.

Next month we will be discussing *The Wright Brothers* by David G. McCullough.

The Courtyard Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month. For more information about the group, call or email Lou Blemaster, 512-551-2659, loublemaster@gmail.com.

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 Sunday January 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the lobby of the office building at the intersection of Courtyard Dr. and S. Scout Island Cir.

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.

Courtyard Fire Safety

Firewise for 2017

Congratulations Courtyard homeowners! Your 2016 efforts in fire safety under the banner of being "Firewise" have resulted, once again, in Courtyard being designated a Firewise Community. Thanks to the Fire Safety Committee and homeowner volunteers who have made this possible.

Don't Be Fooled

Despite all the rain and our green Central Texas, there is a consequently greater wildfire risk in the event of drought in the coming year. The growth in the woodlands and grasslands will create greater combustible

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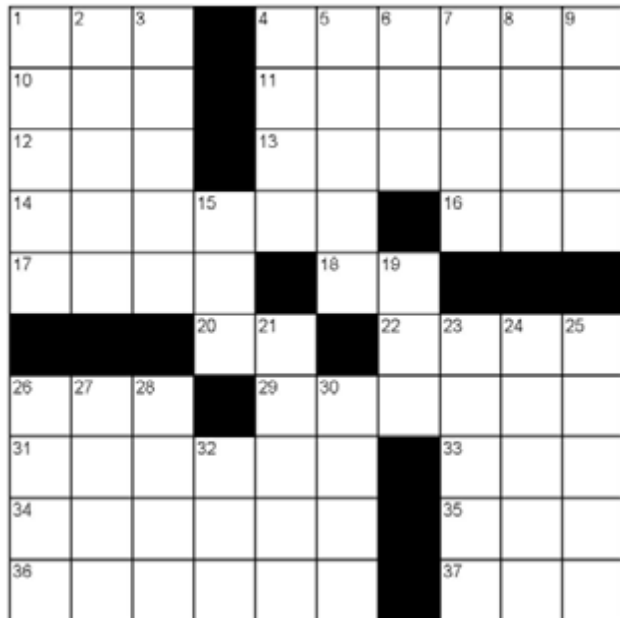
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1. However
4. Brand of soda
10. Environmental protection agency (abbr)
11. Large zoo animals
12. Revolutions per minute
13. Timely (2 wds.)
14. Careen
16. BB association
17. Totals
18. We
20. Disc jockey (abbr.)
22. ___ the hatchet, forgive
26. Move up and down
29. Famous female pilot Earhart
31. For each one
33. Teaspoon (abbr.)
34. What a pastor gives
35. Representative
36. Scours
37. Whichever

DOWN

1. Baseball player Yogi
2. Elevated
3. Broken in
4. Loafer
5. Eastern religion
6. Liable
7. Gyrate
8. Burial chamber
9. At sea
15. Drug
19. Compass point
21. Israel's former name
23. Radical
24. Got out of bed
25. Talky
26. Singing voice
27. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
28. Energy
30. Not women's
32. Flightless bird

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BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 30, 2017

Bulk Items Include:

- Doors
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Appliances (remove doors)
- Passenger car tires (remove rims; limit eight tires per household)
- Lawn mowers (remove gas/oil)
- Railroad ties (cut in half)
- Pallets
- Rolled fencing
- Nail-free lumber

Bulk Item Collection Crews Cannot Collect:

- Brush, household trash, cardboard boxes, hazardous materials, mirrors, automotive chassis and bodies, motorcycles, trailers, boats and tires that are still mounted on rims
- Sheet glass and other construction and remodeling debris Collection Guidelines
- Place bulk items at the curb in front of your house by 6:30 a.m. on the first day of your scheduled collection week
- Separate items into three piles as described below
- To prevent damage to your property, keep items 5 feet away

from your trash cart, mailbox, fences or walls, water meter, telephone connection box and parked cars. Do not place any items under low hanging tree limbs or power lines

- Austin Resource Recovery only collects bulk items from its residential trash and recycling customers
- Items will not be collected if they are in an alley in any area, including Hyde Park, in front of a vacant lot or in front of a business
- Do not put items in bags, boxes or other containers. Bulk collection is for items too large to fit in containers. Bags will be treated as extra trash and are subject to extra trash fees

Separate Items into Three Piles

1. Metal items - Includes appliances (remove doors). These are taken to our Resource Recovery Center for recycling
2. Passenger car tires - Rims must be removed. Limit of eight tires per household. We cannot collect truck or tractor tires. Tires will go to a tire recycling facility
3. Non-metal items - Includes carpeting and nail-free lumber. These items go to a landfill. Austin Resource Recovery is working on plans to salvage reusable items from bulk collection to help meet the City of Austin's Zero Waste goal

Because these piles are collected by different trucks, they may be collected at different times throughout the week

REMINDER: Last Month to Trim Oak Trees

January is the last opportunity for your oak trees to be trimmed until July of this year. The season not to trim oak trees is from February through June when the oak wilt carrier beetle is most active. Oak Wilt is a serious threat to the oak trees in central Texas.

Also, please remember that our Declaration requires that no tree,

shrub or planting of any kind be allowed to overhang or otherwise encroach upon any sidewalk or other pedestrian way from ground level to a height of seven (7) feet. The City of Austin as well has a requirement that all trees overhanging streets have a minimum clearance of fourteen (14) feet above street level.

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fuel. We cannot be complacent when it comes to wildfire.

Wildfire Risk to Homes

The 2013 Texas A&M Forest Service wildfire risk assessment for Courtyard community concluded the obvious: we are in a high risk area, and there are opportunities we should take advantage of to reduce wildfire risk to our homes. These include:

- All homes in the community obtaining a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Assessment to determine how best to harden each home against wildfire “ember intrusion” that will destroy a house (We term this assessment for Courtyard residents an “evaluation”)
- Creating a “defensible space” around homes in response to findings from the evaluation
- Managing vegetation and reducing potential fuel sources in our common areas

For an excellent tutorial on how the community homeowners can respond to the risk, see **Making Your Home Firewise** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6jV-gM9EwQ>

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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