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*COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.*

# COURTYARD CALLER

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# BOARD MESSAGE

Happy springtime to everyone! Seems Mother Nature has finally settled down after a very strange hot/cold winter and is doing her best to give us that fresh green feeling of renewal that makes springtime so special. In the midst of all your spring cleaning/yard work, remember that it's still too early to be trimming oaks. Please wait until the end of June and help safeguard our neighborhood from oak wilt. On a related issue, if you live along a common area or cliff edges, please do not throw, toss, or blow yard debris down into those areas. This type of trash is exactly what a portion of your dues is being spent to clear and haul away in our efforts to decrease the chances of wildfire. Please make sure your lawn and/or tree service people know this and that they haul debris away or bag it for you to let the City pick it up on Fridays. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Whether or not you have children that use the playscape in our Community Park, please consider coming for all or part of the Park Committee's Spring Volunteer Work Day on Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Park Committee will be adding new "kids" style cushioning mulch to the play area and new gravel to the pathway around the playscape. Great way to meet your neighbors and contribute to the safety and beauty of our wonderful parkland.

Don't miss the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration in the Community Park on April 15. Please contact our

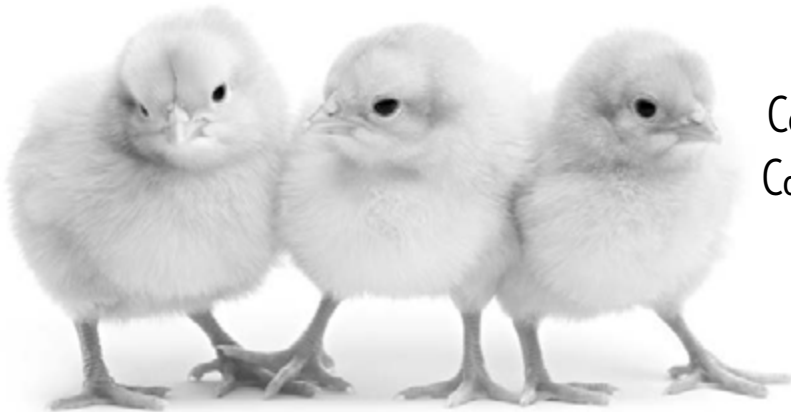
Social Chair, Joanie Price (512) 775-8942, if you can help stuff eggs prior to the event or help that day. Volunteers are REALLY needed.

The Communications Committee is very happy to welcome a new volunteer, Matt Halstead. Matt and his wife, Tessa, moved into the Courtyard last fall. Matt will initially be assuming responsibility for our broadcast email system from Lisa Lawrence. Lisa volunteered her time to set this system up for us several years ago when we were in the middle of the controversy over TxDOT's proposal to eliminate our left turn lane from 360 into the neighborhood. Since then, Lisa has given her time to manage this system, sending out important and timely messages about such things as gate code changes, lost pets, and warnings or general information about governmental matters of interest to the HOA that concern all our residents. Lisa – we are very grateful for all you have done. Thank you.

Note that broadcast emails go to all residents that have provided us an email address so please send updated email addresses and, if you have never provided us an email, please consider sending one to Leslie Craven (lcraven1@att.net) so we can continue to get these types of messages to you in a timely manner.

Our best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Spring, and please drive slowly in the Courtyard!!

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## 2017 COURTYARD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15th  
Starting at 11AM

Plan now to attend the 2017 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)**  
**512-775-8942, joanyprice@gmail.com**

**EGG STUFFERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CONTACT JOANY PRICE IF YOU HAVE ANY  
TIME OR IDEAS TO SHARE!

## COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

*Tuesday, May 2, 2017*  
*5612 N. Scout Island Circle North*

The book selection for May is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts County for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. Every parental instinct Andy has rallies to protect his boy. Jacob insists that he is innocent, and Andy believes him. Andy must. He is his father. But as damning facts and shocking revelations surface, as a marriage threatens to crumble and the trial intensifies, as the crisis reveals how little a father knows about his son, Andy will face a trial of his own, between loyalty and justice, between truth and allegation, between a past he has tried to bury and a future he cannot conceive.

In June we will be discussing *Garden of the Evening Mists* by Twan Eng Tan. 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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# Courtyard Fire Safety

### Be Ember Aware Firewise Tip #8 - Window Warnings

Typically, the weakest parts of the exterior walls of your home during a wildfire are windows. Radiant heat and direct contact by flames can break window glass. This happens because the window glass that you can see heats to a different temperature than the glass protected by the window frame. This difference in temperature causes the glass to crack. If the broken glass falls out during a wildfire, embers can enter your home and ignite it from the inside. An open, screenless window, is the most vulnerable to ember attack. Our "Be Ember Aware" window tips include the following:

- Install windows that are least dual paned with tempered glass. It will resist greater fire intensities than single pane windows. The type of frame material used, such as vinyl, wood, or metal, is not as important as the type of glass.
- Remove wooden flowerboxes from under windows or construct them of fire resistant materials and use fire resistant plants. Do not use wood or bark mulches in the planter boxes.
- Do not plant large, dense shrubs such as ornamental juniper under windows.
- Do not place the firewood stack under windows.
- Prepare 1/2-inch plywood covers that are sized and labeled for your windows. If there is time, you can attach these covers before you evacuate. Shutters (instead of the plywood covers) can also be used.
- Decayed wood window sills should be replaced. Decayed wood is easier to ignite than wood in good condition.
- Move easily ignited materials, such as curtains and overstuffed furniture, away from the window. If the window glass breaks and falls away, embers could enter the house and ignite them.
- Before evacuating, make sure all your windows are closed. These include basement, garage, and vehicle windows.

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](mailto:fire-safety@courtyardhoa.org).

## Please Join Us for the Spring 2017 Park Volunteer Day

**What:** Volunteers needed for the annual 2017 Park Spring Clean Up & Volunteer Day  
**When:** Saturday, April 1st, 9AM - Noon  
**Where:** The Courtyard Park, 5905 Cone Circle  
**Activity:** We are going to be re-filling the playground area with Kiddie Cushion mulch and adding decomposed granite to the pathway around the playground area. Bring your gloves, shovels & wheel barrels if you have them. Snacks and water will be provided.

**Contact:** Contact Terry Edwards with any questions  
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It's that time again! Time to purge, declutter and score some cash! Mark your calendars for the Courtyard's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

**Saturday May 6th (rain day May 13)**

This annual event which includes neighboring communities is always a big success. And we make it easy for you!

The Homeowners Association will take care of advertising in the Austin American Statesman and putting up signs in the neighborhood.

Not sure you have enough stuff to sell? No problem, just team up with a neighbor.

What about those leftover items that don't sell? No worries, the HOA has an arrangement with Settlement Home for Children ([www.settlementhome.org](http://www.settlementhome.org)) to come by the day of the sale and pick up any leftovers for donation. You will need to contact them directly to set it up.

If you would like a sign placed near your home, we'll do that too. Contact Joany Price (512-775-8942; [joanyprice@gmail.com](mailto:joanyprice@gmail.com)) to reserve your sign.



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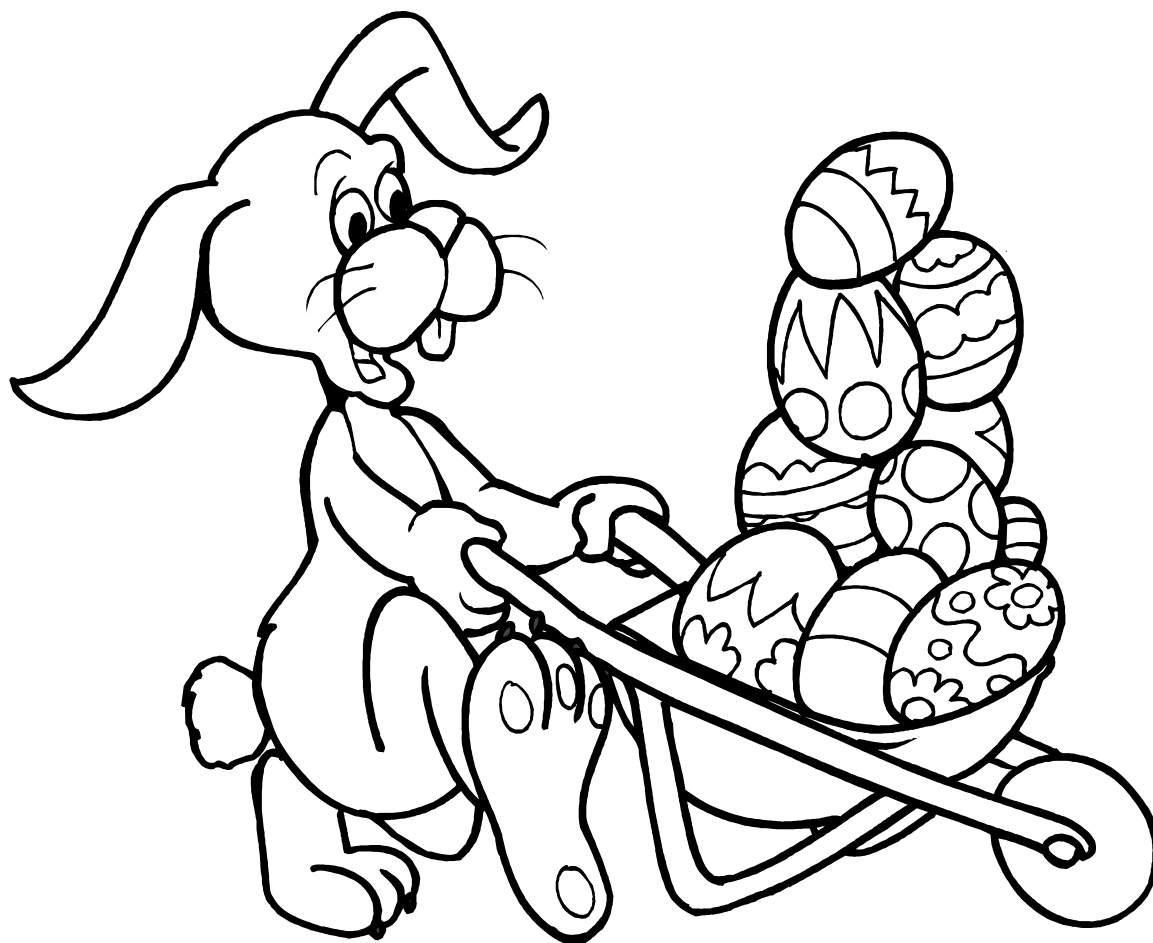
We will select the top few and post their artwork on our Facebook Page - Facebook.com/PeelInc.

DUE: April 30th

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