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## CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY IN THE COURTYARD

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017 • PARADE AT 10:15 AM

**JOIN US AT 10:00 AM 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 in the fun. Grab a kazoo and march in the one and only Courtyard Marching Kazoo Band. Add balloons to the stroller and walk with the Stroller Brigade.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK!** Wear your bathing suits for the Slip & Slide. Don't miss the clown, face painting, balloon animals, and the Moonwalk. Enjoy hot dogs, lemonade, chips & watermelon. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!!**

**Parade Route:** Starts at Parade Ridge and Courtyard Drive then proceeds to Scout Island Circle South. Turns left on Tom Wooten then right on Scout Island Circle North and on to the Park.

# We're Talking HOT!

**Hot Summer - Hot Market - Hot Sales**

My business In The Courtyard has been sizzlin Hot!!!!

## **Seller's Agent - SOLD**

5901 Tom Wooten Dr.  
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5909 Inter Council Cv,  
5600 Scout Island Cir. S.  
5507 Courtyard Dr.

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## COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

*Join the Courtyard Book Club in August to discuss  
News of the World, by Paulette Jiles.*

"In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of *Enemy Women* that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust. In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings from newspapers to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. An elderly widower who has lived through three wars and fought in two of them, the captain enjoys his rootless, solitary existence. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister; sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U.S. army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Johanna has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, throws away her shoes, and refuses to act "civilized." Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forming a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land. Arriving in San Antonio, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. The captain must hand Johanna over to an aunt and uncle she does not remember--strangers who regard her as an unwanted burden. A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become--in the eyes of the law--a kidnapper himself"

The book selection for September is *Empty Mansions, The Mysterious Life of Huguette and the Spending of a Great American Fortune* by Bill Dedman. 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](mailto:loublemaster@gmail.com).



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## COURTYARD FIRE SAFETY

### THE HOME IGNITION ZONE

Courtyard community is located in a mixed urban wildland wildfire environment. While our community is residential with housing, streets and landscaped yards, we are also located adjacent to undeveloped land and preserves that are heavily vegetated and in a wildland state. Experience indicates that wildfires will happen

in our wildlands sooner or later. The only variables in a fire scenario are when the fire will occur, and where.

An assessment by the Texas Forest Service (TFS) in 2013 assessed the overall wildfire-related characteristics of Courtyard and surrounding area. It examined our exposure to wildfire as it relates to ignition potential. It also reported aspects of the wildland urban interface (WUI) that can be managed and modified to reduce or eliminate significant fire risk. The assessment did not focus on specific homes, but examined the community

as a whole. (Community residents interested in evaluating their individual home risk should schedule a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) evaluation. See at the end of this article.)

A house burns because of its interrelationship with everything in its surrounding home ignition zone - the house and its immediate surroundings. To avoid a home ignition, a homeowner must eliminate the wildfire's potential to bring fire to the house. This can be accomplished by interrupting the natural path a fire takes.

Houses are at risk when fire can burn fuel near or in contact with the structure.

- Lateral fuels are combustible materials that will allow a fire to travel laterally across intervening space between the structure and the source of the fire. Grass or low growing shrubs and forbs that grow closely together and cover the distance between the source of the fire and the structure are examples of lateral fuels.

- Vertical fuels are combustible materials that can carry fire upward as they burn, resulting in fire reaching higher onto a structure into areas that may be susceptible to ignition such as eaves or windows. Examples of vertical fuels are shrubs that reach up into trees or the perimeter of a structure and can carry fire into

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the structure from the ground upward.

As a homeowner, you can interrupt or change a fire's path to your home by clearing a home ignition zone. This is nothing more than pruning, maintaining and consistently doing vegetation management in your yard. It is an easy-to-accomplish task that can result in avoiding home loss. To accomplish this, flammable items such as dead vegetation must be removed from the area immediately around the structure to prevent flames from contacting it. Also, reducing the volume of live vegetation will affect the intensity of the wildfire as it enters the home ignition zone.

The good news is that residents substantially reduce exposure to loss during a wildfire by taking preventive actions within our home ignition zones to address wildfire vulnerabilities. Relatively small investments of time and effort reap great wildfire safety rewards.

Take steps now to reduce the ember threat to your home. Waiting until the fire starts may cost you your home.

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 for an HIZ evaluation by one of our trained team, email [fire-safety@courtyardhoa.org](mailto:fire-safety@courtyardhoa.org).

## TREE TRIMMING

As a reminder, all home owners are responsible for keeping plant materials (shrubs and trees) on their property that extend over public sidewalks and streets trimmed to a height of not less than seven feet (7') per the Courtyard deed restrictions and not less than fourteen (14') per City Code. Please make the effort to take a good look at your trees and see if there are some branches over sidewalks or streets that could use a trim.

### TRIMMING LIVE OAK TREES

*July 1 through January 31 is the best time to trim*

*Live Oak trees in Texas*

Beginning July 1 and continuing through January 31 is the best time of the year to trim Live Oak trees in Texas to avoid oak wilt. Oak wilt, one of the most destructive tree diseases in the U.S., is killing oak trees in central Texas at epidemic proportions. Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum* which invades and disables the water-conducting system in susceptible trees. All oaks are susceptible to oak wilt to some degree, but some species are affected more than others. The successful management of oak wilt depends on correct diagnosis and an understanding of how the pathogen spreads between different oak species. If you have any questions or concerns about your oak trees, need additional information or guidelines for proper pruning of Live Oak trees, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as Texas A&M Forest Service arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas A&M Forest Service or Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.

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If you're new to the Courtyard we have an excellent resource to help you connect with the neighborhood. Go to [courtyardhoa.org](http://courtyardhoa.org), and click on Info For New Neighbors. You will be led through the process of providing your contact information to receive important news and information from the HOA Board. You will also find useful information like the Top Ten list of things you should know about the neighborhood, how to obtain ECC approval for any exterior projects, and more.

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## TICK CONTROL IN THE YARD



This article covers what to do about ticks in your yard. I didn't want to make it too long, so I decided to just link to sources giving information on how to treat pets or yourself/family.

Ticks are arachnids with two body regions, eight legs (except the first stage out of the egg has

only six legs and is called a seed tick), and no antennae. Ticks come in a variety of sizes depending upon if they are nymphs or adult, male or female, engorged or not. Ticks require a blood meal before molting to the next stage of their development as well as adult females requiring a blood meal before laying eggs.

Since ticks can feed on multiple hosts during their lifetime, including humans and other animals, they are capable of transmitting disease organisms through their bite. For more information on diseases transmitted by ticks see this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

Ticks wait hosts by climbing up vertical surfaces such as vegetation, fences or shrubbery. When a host brushes past, ticks grab on and locate a suitable spot for feeding. To reduce ticks in your yard you can try some or all of the following:

- Keep grass mowed
- Clear brush, weeds, or overgrown areas
- Discourage wildlife
- Remove debris from the yard
- Treat yard with insecticide making sure to go up surfaces as ticks will climb upwards to grab onto a passing host
- Treat pets

For information on how to deal with ticks on your pet(s) see this source: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_pets.html)

For how to avoid getting, properly inspecting for, or removing ticks from yourself or family members see this source:

[https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_people.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html)

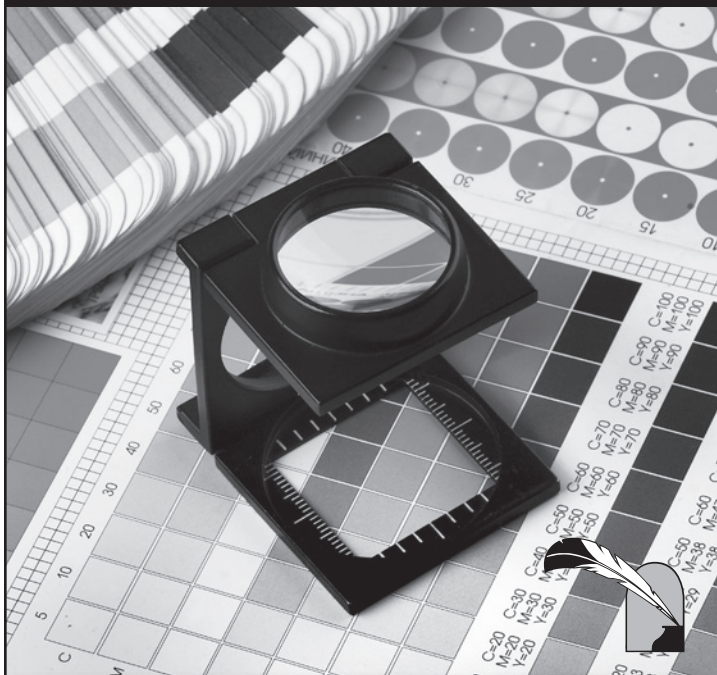
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## 3-Meat Pizza Ring



Preparation: 20 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes Serves: 8

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. Italian Sausage
- 1 (15 oz.) can pizza sauce, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. shredded pizza cheese
- 1/2 c. diced Canadian bacon
- 1/2 c. chopped pepperoni
- 2 (8 oz.) tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat cook sausage and garlic until no longer pink. Drain grease off. Stir in 1/2 c. pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and 1 c. pizza cheese.
3. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. Arrange triangles on a 14 inch ungreased pizza pan with points toward the outside and wide ends overlapping at the center, leaving a 4 inch opening in the center. Press overlapping dough to seal.
4. Spoon the mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Fold pointed ends of triangles over filling, tucking points under to form a ring. The filling will be visible.
5. Baked for 12-15 minutes or until the crescents are golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve with remaining pizza sauce.

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