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ASSOCIATION, INC.

# COURTYARD CALLER

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## BOARD MESSAGE

Moving into the fall, we'd like to briefly acknowledge the importance of our resident volunteers and express our deep appreciation for their gifts of time and energy. You make it possible for the Board and its supporting committees to do the work of maintaining our common areas and creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in our community. We couldn't do it without you. To the rest of you, we ask that you contact any Board member or Committee Chair if you think you have a little time to spare. It's also a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

While we are on this subject, we wish to thank Denise Hogan, immediate past Chair of the Welcome Committee for bringing her amazing energy and organizational skills to this very important committee. Under her leadership, the Welcome Committee created a very helpful Welcome packet of information for our new residents, found a way to make this information accessible through our website, and set up a system to help us find our new residents more quickly. No more stopping by to welcome a "new" resident to the Courtyard only to find out they had been living here for a year. Thank you, Denise, for helping to make the Courtyard a more welcoming community. And thank you for recruiting a great new chairman for the Welcome Committee – Jim Carolan.

Some of you may already know Jim Carolan from his work as our very active Fire Safety Committee Chairman. Jim will have his hands full with these two busy committees and really needs new members to help. There is probably nothing more important to the safety of every resident and home in the Courtyard than the work being done by the Fire Safety Committee. The threat of wildfire occurring in and around the Courtyard is real and serious. Contact Jim if you have any questions and please consider offering some of your time to help with this very important community work.

Finally, it wouldn't be a Board message if we didn't ask everyone to please drive safely and SLOWLY in the Courtyard. Be especially careful on Halloween night to watch out for our neighborhood ghosts & goblins, pirates & princesses, space invaders & super heroes. *Have a happy and safe Halloween and don't forget the pre-trick or treating party on the Tom Wooten Drive Island.*

## COURTYARD HALLOWEEN BOO FEST

Calling all ghosts and goblins, pirates and princesses, space invaders and super heroes... (and their parents of course) to join us Halloween night for the Courtyard Halloween Boo Fest.

Before setting out with your little "pumpkins" for trick-or-treating, stop by Tom Wooten Island for a quick bite of pizza, some bottled water and the opportunity to visit with neighbors and check out all the great costumes!

**Pizza will be served from 5:30 – 6:00 pm**

Treat bags will be available for the children. Don't forget to bring a blanket to sit on.

Please be sure to **RSVP** to Joany Price at [jprice@cbunited.com](mailto:jprice@cbunited.com) no later than October 30th so we know how many pizzas to order!



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# COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

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The book selection for November is *The Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle.

Topanga Canyon is home to two couples on a collision course. Los Angeles liberals Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher lead an ordered sushi-and-recycling existence in a newly gated hilltop community: he a sensitive nature writer, she an obsessive realtor. Mexican illegals Candido and America Rincon desperately cling to their vision of the American dream as they fight off starvation in a makeshift camp deep in the ravine. From the moment a freak accident brings Candido and Delaney into intimate contact, these four and their opposing worlds gradually intersect in what becomes a tragicomedy of error and misunderstanding.

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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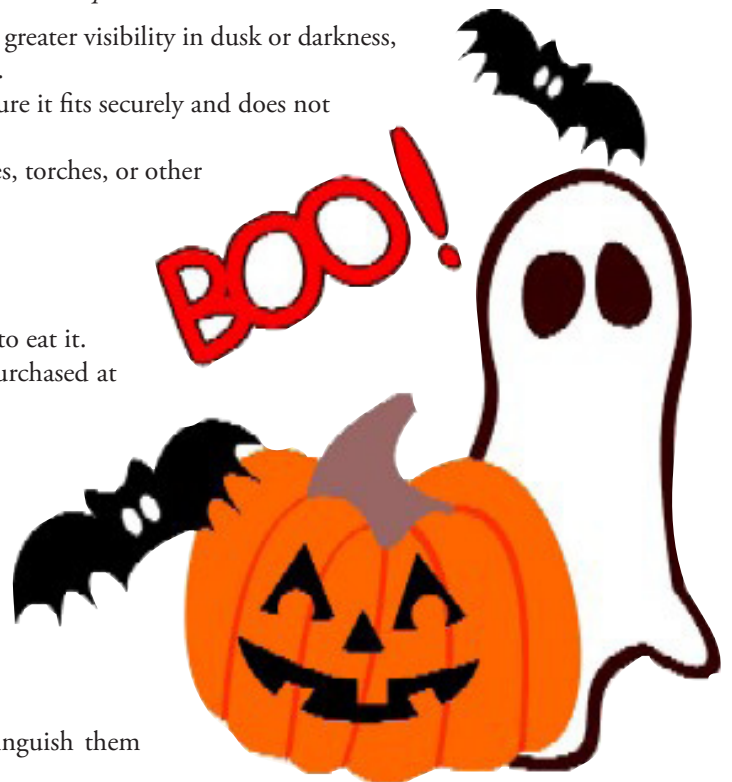
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# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

*From the Austin Fire Department*

- Make sure costumes are visible and can be seen by drivers. For greater visibility in dusk or darkness, costumes should be decorated or trimmed with reflective tape.
- Use cosmetics instead of face masks. If a mask is used, make sure it fits securely and does not block vision.
- Carry either a flashlight or a "glow-stick." Do not carry candles, torches, or other actual flaming devices.
- Costumes should be flame retardant.
- Do not drive in a costume that restricts movement or vision.
- Children should always have an adult with them.
- An adult should inspect all candy before children are allowed to eat it.
- Throw away any candy that is not individually wrapped or purchased at a store.
- Children should stay on the sidewalk when trick-or-treating.
- Stay in small groups (we suggest six or fewer to a group). Stay near home in a familiar neighborhood and surroundings.
- Cross streets only at intersections.
- Candle-lit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Indoor jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, or other furnishings that could be ignited.
- Jack-o-lanterns should be treated like all other candles. Extinguish them before leaving them unattended and before going to sleep.



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## Floodwater Mosquitoes

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If you've been outside lately, you have most likely noticed the giant mosquitoes that seem to want to pick people up and carry them off. With recent weather conditions, floodwater mosquitoes have

emerged in large numbers.

Floodwater mosquitoes lay their eggs above the water line in ponds, ditches, pastures, or other places where water collects. The eggs can remain in dry areas and when these areas are flooded the eggs hatch, leading to swarms of hungry mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are larger than mosquitoes we are used to and can swarm in high numbers.

While floodwater mosquitoes won't last forever, other mosquitoes called container breeding mosquitoes emerge when floodwaters begin to recede. Many of these species are ones that we are used to seeing around our homes.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when activities cannot be rescheduled.

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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