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BOARD MESSAGE

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2018

Please take a moment to note the Courtyard's annual meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2018, in the lobby of the office building located at the intersection of Courtyard Drive and North Scout Island Circle. We understand that it is not always possible for all our residents to attend. For this reason, please read the written materials about this meeting when they arrive from Goodwin Management in January, and sign and mail in your voting proxy as soon as possible. This helps us avoid the additional time and costs of rescheduling a second annual meeting if we do not have the required quorum necessary to conduct important homeowner association business. For newcomers who have moved to the Courtyard since last January, please note that sending in your proxy early will not prevent you from attending the annual meeting in person and voting directly yourself. Mailing in your proxy is merely a precaution in case you forget or something comes up and you cannot make the meeting at the last minute. If you have any questions about this or are a resident and do NOT receive these materials from Goodwin in January, please contact our property manager, Marilyn Childress, at Goodwin Management, (512) 502-7509 // marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com or any Board member directly or through the "Contact Us" page of the Courtyard website.

During the holiday season many of us will travel to visit family and friends. Be a good neighbor and keep an eye out for suspicious persons or vehicles cruising the neighborhood - especially if you see them around the homes of neighbors that you know are not home. If you know your neighbors are gone but it looks like they forgot to cancel the newspaper or mail begins to pile up, please try to collect these things and let your neighbor(s) know when they return.

A question came up at the last Board meeting about times for garage or estate sales. For everyone's information and to clarify: the Courtyard participates in the area wide Spring garage sale the first

Saturday of May. One of our residents (Thank you to Joany Price) helps coordinate the efforts of residents who want to participate. The HOA pays for the ad in the Statesman and signs at the entrance and along our streets to help shoppers find the homes having sales. This does not mean that individuals cannot have their own private sales at different times of the year. The only thing we require is to keep advertising signage to a maximum three (3) days, such as Friday, Saturday & Sunday – for a multiple day sale. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Best wishes to all our residents and their families for a safe and happy Holiday season and please continue to drive slowly in the Courtyard

REMINDER:

FINISH OAK TRIMMING BY END OF JANUARY

Early reminder – please don't forget that January is your last month to finish up trimming your oaks until next June. Nothing but emergency trimming of hardwoods, especially oaks, should take place during the months between. Whenever you have any work done on your trees, make sure you hire a reputable tree company that follows the practice of cleaning its equipment from earlier jobs before starting yours and please talk with your neighbors before ordering limbs cut on trees that extend over your property. Incidents have been reported where one resident had limbs cut off a neighbor's tree exactly at the point when the limbs crossed over onto his property. This resulted in a very bad tree trimming job, which wasn't good for the tree or neighbor relations. Much better to try to work with your neighbors in these situations to achieve a good result for all concerned.

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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 AT 1 P.M.

5612 N. SCOUT ISLAND CIRCLE

Join the Courtyard Book Club in January as we discuss our first book selection for 2018, *One Thousand White Women, The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus. The story is a fictional account of May Dodd and a colorful assembly of pioneer women who, under the auspices of the U.S. government, travel to the western prairies in 1875 to intermarry among the Cheyenne Indians. The covert and controversial "Brides for Indians" program, launched by the administration of Ulysses S. Grant, is intended to help assimilate the Indians into the white man's world. Toward that end May and her friends embark upon the adventure of their lifetime. Jim Fergus has so vividly depicted the American West that it is as if these diaries are a capsule in time.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club or for details about upcoming meetings, please call or email Lou Blemaster, 512-551-2659, loublemaster@gmail.com



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COURTYARD FIRE SAFETY

Be Ember Aware Tip #12 - Dead or Alive?

DEAD PLANT FIRE HAZARD

Dead plant vegetation poses a much greater fire hazard than living plants. Actively growing plants can control the amount of water in their tissues by drawing on moisture from the soil to get more or by transporting moisture to reduce the amount. Through irrigation, we ensure

that living plants in our landscape have plenty of moisture in their leaves and stems, which is a good thing during fire season.

On the other hand, the water content of dead vegetation is largely controlled by the amount of moisture in the air. If it is a hot sunny day or a windy day, with low humidity, dead vegetation will be very dry. The drier the vegetation, the easier it will be to ignite it and the faster it will burn. Dead vegetation should be routinely removed from around the house, roof, deck, and wooden fences.

Dead vegetation includes:

- Dried grass and dead weeds

- Fallen tree needles and leaves
- Dead branches on the ground or still attached to living plants
- Dead shrubs and trees

The presence of dead vegetation on or near your home greatly increases your vulnerability to EMBER ATTACK during a wildfire. Keep your landscape plants healthy, green, and irrigated.

CITY OF AUSTIN ROUTINELY COLLECTS

City of Austin routinely collects landscape trimmings. Subscribe to Austin Resource Recovery at www.austinetexas.gov for collection reminders.

For an excellent tutorial on how the community homeowners can respond to the Wildfire 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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NOTICE OF COURTYARD HOA ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Sunday, January 28, 2017 at 6:00pm

WHERE: Lobby of office building at the corner of Courtyard Dr and North Scout Island Cir.

QUESTIONS? Go to www.courtyardhoa.org or contact property manager, Marilyn Childress at (512) 502-7509 or marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com. You may also contact any Board Member directly or through the "Contact Us" section of the Courtyard HOA website.

SHARE YOUR AMERICA

What if you didn't have chocolate chip cookies, Dr. Pepper, corn dogs or *gasp* Tex-Mex food or Whataburger? These are just some of the things that we take for granted every day. Imagine having a whole year to experience new foods, a new culture, a whole new life! That's what hosting an exchange student is all about!

STS Foundation is currently looking for families for the 2018/2019 school year. What does it take to be a host family? STS accepts all types of families, be it single parents, young marrieds, empty nesters or same sex couples – we are looking for families that are willing to Share their America with a high school student for the year. All you need to provide is three meals a day and a room for them to sleep in. The student can share a room with a same sex sibling that is within five years of their age. Each student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. Most of all, they come with an excitement to learn all they can about our American way of life.

Hosting is a great way to learn about the student's culture as well, perhaps even learn a few new words in a new language. It's a way of opening a new world to your children as well. Most importantly, it's a way of making the world just a little bit smaller, so that we can all live in peace and harmony together.

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization whose mission is to facilitate educational opportunities where all participants can break down cultural barriers, and gain respect and understanding of each other's way of life.

CARPET BEETLES

Carpet beetles adults can be found outdoors on crape myrtles or other plants where the adults eat pollen and nectar. The adults may also be found in rodent or bird nests. When these adults move into homes, they may lay eggs which can lead to problems. These beetles can be pests in warehouses, homes, museums and other locations.

Carpet beetle adults are small, round to oval shaped and often brightly colored. Larvae are small, tan, and ringed with bands of long hairs.

Carpet beetle larvae feed on high protein foods, usually animal based, but they can also feed on plant material. They can be found in a variety of locations throughout the home. In the pantry, you may find them in items such as powdered milk, dried meats (jerky), or pet food. Other areas of the home they can be attracted to items made from wool, fur or feathers, areas where dead insects accumulate (i.e. light fixtures), leather book bindings, hair, silk or dried plant products. If the larvae are seen feeding on synthetic fibers, it is because the material is stained with body oils or food.

A program utilizing sanitation, exclusion and insecticides should be able to get a carpet beetle problem under control.

- Clean accumulations of hair, dead insects, and bird, rodent or wasp nests
- Regularly clean rugs, carpets, upholstery, etc.
 - o make sure to get along edges, under cushions, and under furniture where debris may collect
- Inspect animal based items (taxidermied animals, leather, wool, silk, etc.) once a year to avoid infestations
- Keep pantry items/ dry goods in sealed, air-tight containers
- Infested items (if possible, depending on the items) can be heated or cooled to kill any beetles
 - o freeze 2 weeks at temperatures below 18°F
 - o heat for at least 30 minutes to temperatures above 120°F
- Insecticides should be used as spot treatments- make sure carpet beetles are listed on the label as well as the area/ item you are treating
 - o make sure the product will not stain

If you find a few adult carpet beetles in your home, squish them and vacuum them up. A few adults usually do not warrant a full treatment, but you should watch for a developing infestation.

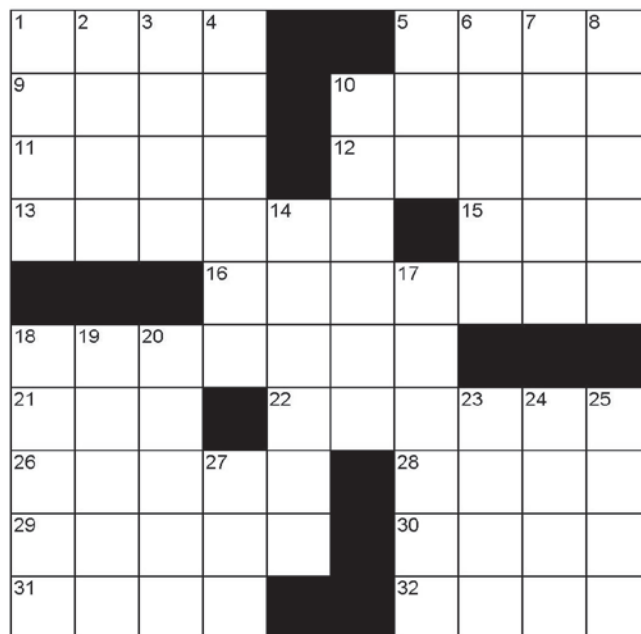
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ACROSS

1. Among
5. Cubby
9. Santa call (2 wds.)
10. British princess
11. Absent
12. Praise
13. Her former last name
15. Ball holder
16. Surpasses
18. Bar enforcer
21. Trail
22. Humorous
26. Bets
28. Information
29. Vista
30. Paradise
31. Animal group
32. Lady

DOWN

1. Hit
2. State
3. Tai
4. Saucy Girl
5. Tyrannosaurus
6. Speak
7. Eyed
8. Tiny insects
10. Wears mesh mask to fight
14. Tax
17. Worn
18. Cheeky
19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
20. Whoop
23. Cipher
24. Object
25. Walking stick
27. The ___ (final word)

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