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# COURTYARD CALLER

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## BOARD MESSAGE

In the midst of your energetic and much needed spring cleaning/yard work, please note that it's too early to be trimming oaks. Unless you have a real emergency, such as a broken or damaged limb, please wait until the end of June and help safeguard our neighborhood from oak wilt. We don't want to deter you permanently from this important maintenance work for your trees – just please wait until the end of June and make sure whoever does your tree maintenance sprays all cuts and cleans their equipment between jobs so they do not bring this terrible disease to your trees.

On a related issue, please do not throw, toss, or blow yard debris into the streets or common areas. Our common area isn't a private dumping ground. Brown bag it and let the City take it away for free every Friday. 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. If you have a lawn service, make sure they know this so you don't get a bill for their careless littering. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Again – please remember that trash containers should not be placed at the curb, or be otherwise visible, until the evening before the pick-up day (Thursday for us) and should be removed and back out of sight the next night (Friday night). If you can't get them in your garage, you need to find an alternative location on your property that is not visible from the street. Bushes can be a helpful screen. If you and your nearby neighbors (who might be able to see them) are okay with where you each stash them, then that's okay with us. If you are going to be out of town for a long weekend and need to set them out before you leave, please ask a neighbor to move them up close to your house. And thank you to the vast majority of homeowners who make the effort to do this. Along those lines, save yourself the work of hauling your blue recycling containers out and back on days there is no pick-up. Remember that blue trash goes out every other week. Check the City's website or our community website's Home page ([courtyardhoa.org](http://courtyardhoa.org)) for dates each month – Fridays, April 6 & 20 this month.

NOTICE – we will be changing the Park gate code sometime in April. Watch for broadcast emails with the information about the new code. We will send at least 2 warnings and provide you with the new code before this occurs. If you do not receive a broadcast email about the gate code change in April, contact our property manager, Marilyn Childress, or any Board member. You may have forgotten to update your email address if it changed or not ever sent us one.

Finally, please continue your efforts to drive at or below the speed limit through the neighborhood. Our best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy spring!

## COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

**1 p.m. 5612 N. Scout Island Circle**

Join the Courtyard Book Club in May as we discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

“Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive -- and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive. Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old 'human error' are much more likely to kill him first. But Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills -- and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit -- he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?”

Our book selection for June is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club or for details about upcoming contact Lou Blemaster at 512-551-2659 or email [loublemaster@gmail.com](mailto:loublemaster@gmail.com).

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## COURTYARD FIRE SAFETY

### What about mulch...?

Eight mulch treatments were evaluated for three characteristics: flame height, rate of fire spread, and temperature. All eight mulches were found to be combustible but varied considerably in the three areas measured.

- Shredded rubber, pine needles and shredded western red cedar showed the greatest potential for all three characteristics.
- Shredded rubber burned at the hottest average temperature (in excess of 630 degrees F at a height of 4 inches) and produced the greatest flame length at over 3 feet.
- Shredded western red cedar had the most rapid rate of spread, traveling at an average rate of 47.9 feet per minute. It also produced embers that moved beyond the plot perimeter and ignited adjacent mulch plots.
- Composted wood chips showed the slowest spread rate and the shortest average flame length, usually smoldering.

So what does all of this mean? We have a variety of mulch choices in our landscaping – and we need to know the best uses for each choice. While composted wood chips are the best choice of the materials tested for residential landscape use, they are organic and will still burn. They do tend to burn at the lowest speed and lowest flame length. If this material is ignited, it could still ignite siding, plant debris and other combustible materials. The smoldering of this product could also go undetected by firefighters during a wildland fire event. Shredded rubber, pine needles, and shredded western red cedar can have their place in your landscaping design, just further from your home. These materials could be used selectively for landscaping at least 30' from your home.

The best mulch to use immediately next to your home out to five feet is an inorganic one (rock, brick, or pavers).

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

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### Get Prepared!

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The annual "Learning Starts Here" luncheon, benefiting Mainspring Schools, brings people together to help disadvantaged, full-of-potential kids and their families in Austin.

Join us on Thursday, April 19 to learn about the issues facing Austin's families and children in poverty, celebrate the achievements of the last year and consider how we can help these children in the future.

What: Mainspring Schools "Learning Starts Here" Luncheon

When: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 19  
(lunch is served at 11:30)

Where: Renaissance Austin Hotel

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Seth Pollak

Dr. Seth Pollak, professor and researcher at the University of Wisconsin, will discuss the role that early experiences in children's lives have on development of brain structure and function, which is

a crucial topic for so many children at Mainspring and across Austin.

Backed by years of fascinating research, Dr. Pollak's particular area of interest is how the quantity and quality of early experiences in children's lives influences how they think about and process information. The goal is to understand how developmental change occurs to develop effective prevention and intervention strategies for children most at risk for emotional, learning and behavior problems.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.mainspringschools.org/learning-starts-here-luncheon/](http://www.mainspringschools.org/learning-starts-here-luncheon/)

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## REMINDER:

### NOT TRIMMING OF OAK TREES

Spring has sprung, buds are budding, and the sweet smell of Mountain Laurels fill the air. It's a beautiful time of year to get outside and start sprucing up the yard. But don't get too carried away just yet. (Cue sound of screeching halt.) Your oak tree trimming ambitions need to wait until July when the oak wilt carrying beetles take a rest. Oak wilt is a serious threat to the oak trees in central Texas, so do the right thing and schedule your tree trimming activities for the months of July through January. But there's no need to wait until July to schedule an appointment with a tree trimming service. Save yourself some heartache and get on their schedule before the busy season hits.

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# TIPS FOR A KILLER GARAGE SALE

**DRAW CUSTOMERS IN** with effective product placement and display. Put the best, most visible items like furniture out front and center.

## MAKE IT EASY FOR CUSTOMERS TO BROWSE AND BUY

- Display like items together
- Use easy-to-read price tags
- Provide written descriptions for unique items or even a story about where it came from
- Create room displays with furniture and décor
- Have a designated, easy to find cashier table
- Use larger signs to help customers navigate through your "shop."

## PRICE TO SELL

Don't base it on how much you paid for a thing 20 years ago, or how much it means to you. If you can't let it go for cheap, then you shouldn't be selling it at all.

## OFFER FREE STUFF

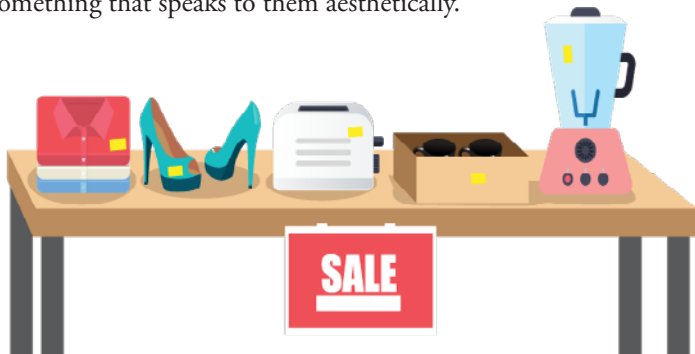
If your primary goal is to rid your home of clutter, why not have a designated free pile of those items you really want to purge from your life.

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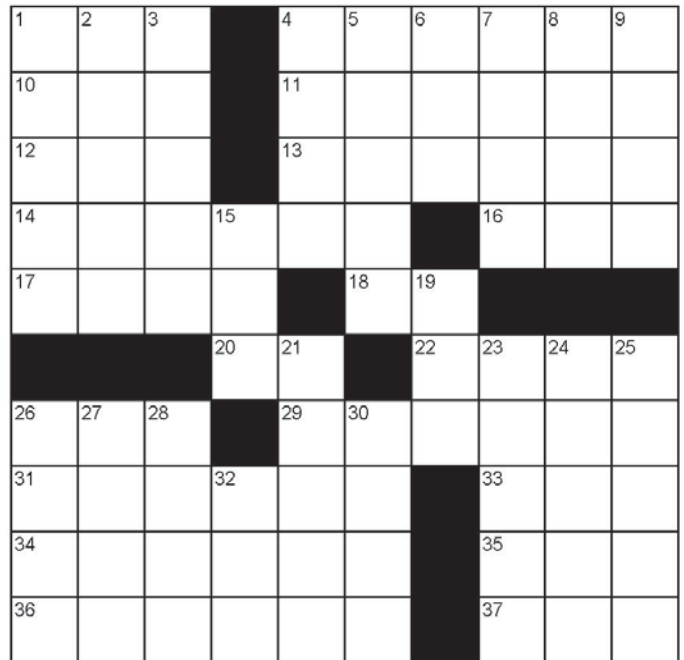
Bag up those random craft supplies, hardware, holiday decorations or what have you and sell the whole lot for one low price.

## KNOW WHAT CUSTOMERS WANT

Garage sale shoppers are different than retail shoppers. The majority are looking for daily-use items at a low cost. And some shoppers are looking for bargain supplies for their hobby or collection. The best-selling items are: Clothing in good condition, tools, furniture, games/toys/bicycles, books, small appliances, camping/fishing gear and sports equipment. Still, there are a few outliers who stop by because something unique caught their eye or they are looking for something that speaks to them aesthetically.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- Owns
- Short people
- Grain
- In the air
- Single
- Nun's headwear
- Musician (3 wds.)
- Homesick
- Booty
- Horsepower (abbr.)
- Cincinnati locale
- Hasten
- Mountain Standard Time
- Eras
- Cover
- Eccentric
- Beaches
- Vane direction
- Hug upon greeting
- Danish krone (abbr.)

### DOWN

- Coat hangers
- Root beer brand (3 wds.)
- Stone
- Aurora
- Ponder
- Build up
- Holes
- Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
- Sledge
- Gone by
- Not against
- Cycles per second
- Pimpled
- Glob
- Organic compound
- Soft mineral
- Prig
- Tyrant
- Mexican money
- North American country

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