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Hard to believe another year is almost over. It seems like we just had an annual meeting and, for some of us, barely got last year's holiday decorations put away. Nonetheless, the calendar says it's November so -- in addition to being inundated with political ads, catalogues you've never seen before, and Christmas music already playing in malls -- it's time for our reminder to homeowners that their voting proxy for our annual meeting in January will soon be arriving. Please watch for it. It really helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives so that it doesn't get lost or forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on through the holidays. Prompt return of your proxies helps to insure that we meet the requirements for a quorum, and we avoid the loss of time and HOA money should we have to renotice and reschedule a second annual meeting. The proxy only counts if, for some reason you can't make the meeting. If you sent in a proxy but later find that you are able to attend the annual meeting, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person. Further reminders and information about the 2019 annual meeting will appear in future newsletters and on the Courtyard's website: www.courtyardhoa.org. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member or our management company representative, Marilyn Childress.

During this month, which encourages us to focus on the many good things in our lives, the Board wishes all volunteers to know how

grateful the Community is for the gift of your time. Consider for a moment all the things that volunteers contribute to our well-being. Thank you to: those who organize our Easter egg hunts, garage sales, and holiday events; edit our newsletter and publish our broadcast emails, those who stop to pick up trash from our streets and yards, bring in a neighbor's newspaper, mail, or garbage can, and help maintain our Park. Here's to the "elves" who make our meeting notice signs magically appear and disappear; and to our handyman types who are always taking care of "little" problems that need fixing -- at no cost to the HOA. Thank you also to those who take the time to continuously monitor pending actions of state and local governments and interact with area neighborhood groups so that we can better assess and take action on matters impacting our neighborhood. No one else is doing this if you aren't.

Finally, to every individual who makes the effort to drive the speed limit and encourages others to do so as they travel through our neighborhood streets – keep up your good efforts.

Happy Thanksgiving to all residents of the Courtyard!

May your holiday be safe and filled with family, friends, fun, and of course, good food!

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COURTYARD FIRE SAFETY

READY, SET, GO! Program Tenants

1. READY - Be ready!

Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.



Use fire¬ resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures.

Be registered with Warn Central Texas http://warncentraltexas. org/. Registering with Warn Central Texas allows emergency personnel in our local area to directly contact us by phone, text or email during a wildfire alert or evacuation, or other disaster or public safety event. Using Warn Central Texas, emergency response teams can warn residents about dangerous conditions and situations as events unfold. They can quickly give specific directions that affect our neighborhood such as evacuation orders and directions.

People with disabilities and medical issues who need special assistance in the event of evacuation should register with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR). The STEAR program is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in our community. Register online at https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov.

2. SET – Be aware.

Pack your emergency items. Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

3. GO - Act early!

Follow your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

Where to Go

The Temporary Refuge Area (TRA): Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club tennis courts unless otherwise directed. This is where Austin Fire Department expects us to be. Do not attempt evacuating via highways 360 or 2222. This would impede fire responders and could potentially be more dangerous than taking refuge in the community TRA.

How to Get There

Primarily via side streets to Courtyard Drive. Walk rather than drive, if you are able. Parking is limited, and we wish to avoid congestion that might impede firefighters and other emergency responders.

What to Take

Prepare your emergency supply kit and a Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan now. See the Fire Safety page at http://www. courtyardhoa.org for details.



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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

December 6, 2018 at NOON 3907 C Belmont Park Dr. Austin, TX 78746

Join the Courtyard Book Club for a pot luck luncheon at the home of Judy Campion on Tuesday, December 6, 2018.

Since we will have completed our reading list for 2017, your only assignments for the December meeting are:

- 1. Bring a favorite dish to share. (But, hey, if cooking isn't in the cards for you that day, come anyway! There will be plenty of food to go around.)
- 2. Bring a gift-wrapped book, new or used, for a book exchange. This is a fun tradition where everyone gets to go home with a new book for their holiday reading.

Come and enjoy some food and fun with your neighbors and get a sneak peek at the book selections for 2019.

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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52ND ZILKER TREE LIGHTING

November 25, 2018 | 6PM

Austin's annual Zilker Holiday Tree lighting kicks off the season of festivities in Zilker Park the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and its complimentary and open to anyone to enjoy! Now in it's 52nd year, the Zilker Holiday Tree is the largest man-made holiday tree standing 155 feet tall, composed of over 3,000 lights and built upon one of Austin's 17 historic moontowers.

Food vendors and other merchants will operate at the tree throughout the month of December. The Zilker Holiday Tree will be on display each night from 6:00 p.m. to midnight until the end of the year.

On December 10, 1967, the first tree was first lighted by Mayor Pro Tem Mrs. Emma Long. In subsequent years, this honor has been awarded to the young winner of a city-wide tree art contest.

Find out more info here: https://austintexas.gov/zilkerholidaytree







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