



**COURTYARD HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

COURTYARD CALLER

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HOLIDAY HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help install holiday decorations at the entrance to the Courtyard. If you are interested in helping install lights and decorations, please contact Ed and Jan Ueckert at (512) 345-6137, or by email: edueckert@earthlink.net.

Thank you!



DECEMBER BOOK CLUB

The December Courtyard Book Club will be gathering at, the oh so festive, home of Judy Campion on Dec 10 for our annual Christmas luncheon and book swap. Judy's address is 3907 Belmont Park Drive. Each member is to bring a contribution to the luncheon and a gift wrapped book to swap. We will be meeting at 11 am. Any questions can be sent directly to Judy at 512-347-8717 or judycampion@gmail.com. For car pooling over there contact me (Lou) at 512-551-2659 or loublemaster@gmail.com



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Being November, we'd like to start this month's message by taking special note of all our wonderful community volunteers and letting them know how grateful the HOA is for their help. Your list of contributions is endless -- as is your generosity and thoughtfulness. We couldn't do our work without you. Please keep up your efforts. Newcomers and "old" timers -- please consider offering a little free time to a neighborhood project. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. If you don't have any free time right now, your ideas and suggestions are also welcome. Everything helps and the cumulative effect of each person's contribution goes a long way to helping keep the Courtyard a great place to live.

Although it may seem a bit early, November is also when we start our campaign to remind Association members how important it is that they send in their voting proxy for the Courtyard's annual meeting in January 2020. Our Declaration requires that a quorum of members be present at the annual meeting so that we can conduct necessary business and, without a quorum, we will be forced to spend the additional money and time to re-notice and reschedule this meeting to complete the required work. We've found that it helps if homeowners sign and mail in their proxy form as soon as it arrives. This way, it doesn't get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities we have going on in December and January. It also insures that your vote will be counted if you don't attend the annual meeting. If you send in a proxy but are able to attend, you can simply pick-up your proxy at the meeting and vote in person. Further reminders and more information about our next annual meeting will appear in the December and January newsletters and/or on our website: www.courtyardhoa.org. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member or our property manager, Marilyn Childress.

SECURITY UPDATE: Recall that last May, our new License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras were installed at both entrances into the Courtyard. In early September, we are happy to report

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(Book Club - Continued from Cover)

that our LPR cameras were able to identify the license plate of a vehicle driving through the neighborhood that was caught by a resident's video camera tampering with mailboxes. This violation fits into the realm of a federal crime and our information has been reported to the U.S. Postal Service for further investigation. Congratulations and thank you to Security Chairman Jim Lloyd and the resident who worked with our Security Committee. Their collaborative efforts produced the type of information law enforcement needs to help find and prosecute these offenders. The Security Committee further asks that all residents: (1) immediately report any criminal incidents to the Security Committee; and (2) consider installing their own video surveillance cameras. The technology for these devices has never been better while the costs have been going down - all of which makes it easier to protect and secure our homes and the neighborhood.

TIME FOR OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE: Now that we've moved past summer's heat and dryness, we are asking residents to take a good look at your yards and please get started on necessary recovery work. Everyone understands that it is hard to keep things completely green in the Texas summer heat, and we are not asking anyone to water more than the City's rules allow. However, some yards look like they have not been watered at all – for months. Unless you have a xeriscape yard approved by the ECC, you should not have dead grass, weeds and just plain dirt making up your yard. The Declaration requires that all owners "keep, maintain, and care for ... all trees, plants, or foliage" on their property in "its condition when new." It is not "OK" to simply let your yard die during the summer. Grass needs some minimal summer care, such as aerating, adding topsoil, and maybe some extra hand-watering if it is to survive. If you don't know how to maintain a yard and don't want to hire a company to take care of it for you, then go online for advice from City and State public services. Talk with the ECC if you want to substantively change your landscaping. One thing you cannot do is simply let your yard deteriorate to dirt, weeds and burned up grass.

YARD WASTE Along these lines, please remember to not let leaves or droppings (Chinaberry trees are particularly BAD) accumulate along the curb and sidewalks in front of your home and do NOT let your landscape crews (or yourself) blow leaves or dump tree trimming materials into the street, a neighbor's property, or HOA common area. Please be a responsible homeowner and take care of your own yard waste. Remember, the City will pick it all up for free on Fridays. Just bag it and sit it out along the street.

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 – please keep up your good efforts. Happy Thanksgiving to all residents and families of the Courtyard! May your holiday be safe and filled with family, friends, fun, and of course, good food!

May the
blessings of this
Thanksgiving
fill your hearts
and homes!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING COURTYARD



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COURTYARD SOCIAL NEWS

Ladies Bunco

What a great Bunco kickoff party hosted by Sarah Morgan and LeFayne Hodde on Thursday, September 19th at the Courtyard Tennis Club. We had a HUGE turnout with 24 players and several neighbors who came just to visit. The food was delicious and everyone had a blast!



Join us for Bunco on Thursday, November 14 at the home of Sharmila Mehta. This month we are playing on the second Thursday, instead of our usual third Thursday. Since Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday, we decided to move our game day up one week so the men can play poker on the third Thursday.

If you would like to be on the email list for Ladies' Bunco, please contact Joany Price at joanyprice@gmail.com.

Men's Poker

Men's Poker will be held on Thursday, November 21st, and we need a volunteer to host. Please contact Terry Edwards at t.edwards54321@gmail.com if you would like to be on the players email list, or if you would like to host in November. Don't worry, Terry has the poker chips and will help organize the games and help new players learn the rules. Just a tip, beginner's luck IS a thing!



Courtyard Blue Santa Holiday Party

Mark your calendars now for the annual Courtyard Blue Santa Holiday Party on Thursday, December 12th at the home of Denise Hogan and Terry Edwards. Our own Joany Price has organized this event for several years, and it is so much fun to be together with our Courtyard neighbors to connect and have fun. Donations are optional, but in past years we have had such a generous outpouring from you all, raising thousands of dollars that go directly to families in need



during the holiday season. For those who want to donate, we suggest a gift card to either a grocery store or a clothing/toy store. There's a rumor that our AFD Station 31 firefighters may make a "surprise" appearance at the party to collect our donations....who knows if they will be dressed as Santas, or ?????

If you would like to volunteer to help with food or beverages, please contact either Joany Price at joanyprice@gmail.com, or Denise Hogan at denise.1.hogan@gmail.com.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES



If you visit Wood Hollow Drive in Northwest Hills, you won't be able to miss the work of artist Bill Tavis. "Wildflower Meadow" is a 3,900 foot mural commissioned by the City for the Art in Public Places TEMPO 2D initiative, as was featured in the Austin American Statements

The mural took a month to complete and will be on view for the next year. To find the locations of other pieces produced for Art in Public Places, you may visit: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/art-in-public-places>

TURKEY FRYING SAFETY

Excerpt from www.pbs.org by Chief Fire Marshal Mike Julazadeh of the Charleston Fire Department of South Carolina

When it comes to deep frying turkey, you want to take every precaution to keep your family and your home safe.

Fried turkeys are delicious, but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires as well as many deaths and injuries happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember these safety tips:

1. Stay Away from The House – Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.

2. Find Flat Ground – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.

3. Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.

4. Monitor the Temp – Use caution when touching the turkey

fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

5. Be Prepared – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.



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A CHRISTMAS AFFAIR 2019

When: November 20-24th, 2019

Where: Palmer Events Center

Know before you go: tickets for Market entry are \$15

Now in its 44th year, A Christmas Affair is a five-day holiday market that hosts over 200 retail merchants from across the country and attracts over 25,000 patrons. This year's theme, "I'll Be Home for Christmas", celebrates Christmas spent with loved ones and captures the anticipation of The Junior League of Austin's first Christmas in its new home, The Community Impact Center. The 2019 A Christmas Affair dates are November 20-24th at Palmer Events Center.

The Junior League of Austin uses the funds raised at A Christmas Affair to provide essential funding and volunteer hours to programs such as Coats for Kids, FIT-Food In Tummies and over 30 local community non-profits.

Dinosaur Hunter

- 1) I lived throughout the Pleistocene Epoch
- 2) My fossils are found in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa
- 3) My height is up to 11 feet and my weight up to 7 tons!
- 4) I have a thick coat for a cold climate and enormous tusks to dig for food and defend against predators



Answer: Woolly Mammoth

A vertical advertisement with the text "GO GREEN" at the top in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below the text, a pair of hands is shown holding a small globe of the Earth. A large green leaf is placed over the globe, partially covering it. At the bottom of the advertisement, the text "Receive your newsletter in your inbox" is written in white. Below this, it says "For details go to www.PEELinc.com and click the RESIDENTS tab". In the bottom right corner, there is a small circular logo with the letter "P" inside.

Excluding Pests



When the weather turns towards autumn and leads into winter, many pests start looking for a cozy place which can often lead them inside your home. By performing a thorough inspection, you can locate areas where these pests may enter and stop them before they become a problem.

Inside the home, look around doors and windows and if you see light around them it's a sign there isn't a good seal and weather stripping should be replaced. Inspect the attic for holes or entry points for small mammals such as rats, mice, and squirrels. Attic vents should be covered with stainless steel screening to block animals from entering. Outside, inspect the perimeter of the home for cracks and crevices in the foundation that should be sealed. Locate pipe and wire penetrations that enter the structure and seal areas that allow pests to enter.

Ideas on how to exclude pests from your home:

- Trim back or prune any trees and shrubs that touch or overhang the home
- Seal pipe & wire penetrations with copper mesh, sealant, or expanding foam

- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows if there is not a good seal
- Repair or replace window screens with holes
- For homes with brick or stone facades, stuff weep holes with copper mesh
- Clean debris from gutters to reduce harborage areas for pests
- Inspect all furniture, boxes, and bags for pests before carrying them into the home
- Inspect all plants for insect pests before bringing them into the home
- Do not store firewood inside the home, against outside walls, or near doors
- Use sheet metal, hardware cloth, or steel wool to seal any areas where animals have chewed to enter the home**

**make sure animal is not in the home or you'll seal it inside!

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

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THE COURTYARD Q3 2019 STATS

July 1 - September 30, 2019

HOME STATS

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SOLD

\$306.37

AVG \$/SQFT

1

DAYS ON MARKET

TOWNHOME STATS

5

SOLD

\$263.48

AVG \$/SQFT

9

DAYS ON MARKET

HOMES WITH BOAT DOCK STATS

1

PENDING

\$412.65

AVG \$/SQFT

8

DAYS ON MARKET

THE COURTYARD Q3 2019 ACTIVITY

HOMES – 1 Pending, 2 Available
TOWNHOMES – 1 Pending, 2 Available
WATERFRONT HOMES – 1 Pending
PROPERTIES SOLD – 7

For more details on what is going on in The Courtyard, please give me a call.

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