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BOARD MESSAGE

The HOA Board held its first ZOOM Board meeting on Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30PM to 8PM. Since March, meetings of more than 10 people have been suspended city-wide due to COVID-19, and that resulted in the postponement of Board meetings as those restrictions were extended.

HOA Board meetings are held to conduct Board business and report work and activities performed since the previous Board meeting. Because the date for the restrictions on in-person meetings kept getting pushed further into the future, the result was that six (6) months of Board items needed to be covered during the September meeting.

Our September Zoom Board meeting was attended by a total of 40 Courtyard homeowners, plus Marilyn Childress, our Goodwin Property Manager. Of that total, 5 Board members and 5 Committee Chairs were present. Thirty residents listened to the Board conduct its business meeting, and at the end of the meeting, a Neighbor Question section was held in which neighbors were permitted to ask a question or make a comment. This is similar to in-person Board meetings, where sometimes neighbors attend and are given the chance to speak after the Board handles its agenda.

Although not required, the Board typically reserves some time at the end of Board meetings for Association members to present comments, questions, or requests to the Board. Typically, if a member is requesting some type of action or presenting an idea, the member is asked to follow-up with a proposal or some type of supporting materials with a plan of action, including costs, a “straw” poll of neighbor interest, possible vendors with quotes or bids, and a structured idea of who and how the idea could be implemented. The Board cannot simply take every idea that could be thought of by a member and turn that idea into a project to be researched by the Board. This would be an impossible task to manage and an onerous burden of time for our volunteer Board members.

Sometimes members want their complaints to be heard by the Board. Sometimes these are complaints against other homeowners; sometimes they are complaints about receiving a compliance request or notice of violation from the Board. The Board endeavors to

maintain the rules in accordance with our Declaration and By-Laws and equitably for the good of the entire community rather than the needs or desires of a specific individual residents.

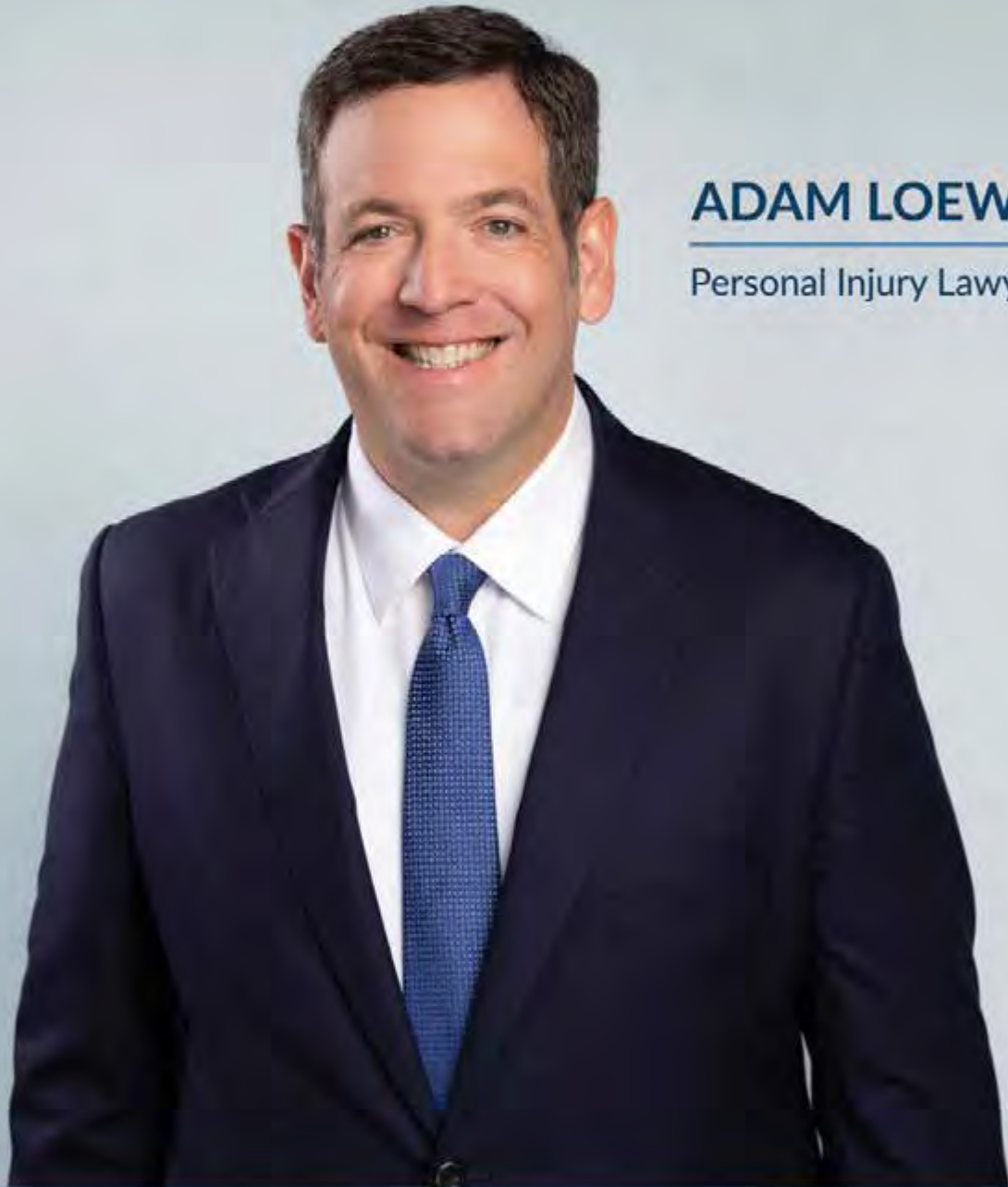
If you ask any of our Courtyard neighbors, many will tell you that they bought property in the Courtyard because it's such a nice neighborhood, it looks beautiful, we have such a unique location on Bull Creek, we have opportunities for water access, and of course, we have our own gem of a private Park. The work that the HOA Board and its Committees perform to maintain all of those wonderful qualities requires a whole lot of time and dedication to the goal. Sometimes it means that rules must be enforced, in spite of how much we truly like each and every one of our neighbors.

We'd like to generally address some of the questions, comments, and suggestions raised by members during the Neighbor Question section at the end of our September Board meeting. Although it is not possible to give written responses to every single comment that could possibly be made, nor is it feasible to expect written responses after every Board meeting, the Board would like to provide some information that we hope will be well received in the spirit of neighbor communication. A communication of this nature will be given either in the form of an email or discussed at the next Board meeting.

The HOA Board would like to sincerely thank every homeowner who was present on the Zoom call and listened to the Board conduct HOA business. We do hope that it will give residents a better understanding of the work the Board is doing on behalf of the neighborhood, a glimpse into the care and consideration that is given during the decision-making process, and a clearer picture of how action items are moved forward. We also hope to reassure our neighbors that we work on behalf of all residents. We encourage every resident to get involved in community service through volunteerism on committees, during Park Volunteer Days, and participation in Community Social events (when we are able to start them up again).

Happy FALL, and remember to drive SLOWLY in the Courtyard!

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Injuries to Children | Motorcycle Accidents | Slip and Falls | Truck Accidents | Wrongful Death



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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

1 P.M. 5612 N. SCOUT ISLAND CIRCLE



As I Lay Dying, the 1930 classic by William Faulkner, is the book of the month for discussion at the Courtyard Book Club meeting, Tuesday, October 6th.

If you want to meet some new Courtyard neighbors, the book club is a great way to start. Whether you've read the book or haven't quite finished, you will find the conversation lively and relevant in this group of knowledgeable, articulate, and well-traveled women from a variety of backgrounds.

The book club chooses to read one classic each year and Faulkner's novel, **As I Lay Dying**, is consistently picked as one of the most influential American novels of the 20th century. With 15 unique narrative voices, the book's focus is the story of the death of Addie Bundren and her family's quest to honor her wish to be buried in her hometown of Jefferson, Mississippi. This sends them on a cross-state odyssey to fulfill her dying wish. The book is laced with tragedy as well as dark comedy. The use of multiple characters' voices marks Faulkner's experimentation with a narrative technique that depends more upon explorations of individual consciousness than on a series of events to create the story.

The book club is hosted by Lou Blemaster and meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at 5612 North Scout Island Circle. To receive book club emails, contact Lou at LouBlemaster@gmail.com. With COVID-19 still preventing in-person gatherings, the meetings are being held via ZOOM video-conferencing until in-person gatherings are deemed more safe. If you notify Lou, she will help get you in touch with the Zoom call.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FALL 2020 PARK VOLUNTEER DAY

What: Volunteers needed for the annual 2020 Park Volunteer Day

When: Saturday, October 17, 9AM - Noon

Where: The Courtyard Park, 5905 Cone Circle

Activity: We are going to be performing maintenance activities in the park while maintaining social distancing. Everyone who attends will be provided with a commemorative bandana to use as a face shield. We are going to be spreading Kiddie Cushion in the playscape area and removing downed branches from the trails and wooded areas. Bring your gloves, shovels & wheel barrels if you have them. Snacks and water will be provided.

Kayak Area: Residents who have a space in the Kayak Storage Area should also take this time to perform their semi-annual cleanup of the Kayak Storage Area.

Contact: Contact Terry Edwards with any questions

Email: t.edwards54321@gmail.com

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Participants will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Have you updated your contact information and are still not receiving HOA communications? Be sure to add denise.l.hogan@gmail.com to your address book or contact list so HOA emails are not directed to your spam folder.

We continue to update our Courtyard HOA Website Directory as more of you are sending us your current contact information – thank you! This helps your HOA Board AND your fellow residents in the Courtyard stay connected with you. Notices for the neighborhood, **park gate code changes**, website password changes, neighborhood event information, and Fire Safety alerts are all sent via email, so please make sure your listing is up-to-date by completing this simple process:

1. Go to CourtyardHOA.org
2. Click on Directory.
3. Enter "courtyard" (all lower case) as the username.
4. Enter the Directory password.
5. Look up your contact information.
6. If any of your contact information is incorrect or missing, email Denise Hogan and copy Erik Maye.

If you need the Directory password or have trouble with any part of this process, please email Denise Hogan at denise.l.hogan@gmail.com and copy Erik Maye at erikmaye@gmail.com ; we will help you have success!

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Styrofoam Recycling: The City of Austin styrofoam recycling program is currently on hold during the stay-at-home order. Styrofoam cannot be recycled curbside in your blue receptacles. Please consider saving your styrofoam for drop off at the City recycling center once the center has reopened. Thank you!

AUSTIN RECYCLE & REUSE CENTER HAS REOPENED

On Tuesday, September 8th the Recycle and Reuse Drop-off Center reopened by appointment only following a temporary closure in March 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. The center will resume its acceptance of hard to recycle items such as Styrofoam and plastic film, as well as household hazardous waste. Austin/Travis County residents can schedule a drop-off time: austintexas.gov/dropoff



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AUGUST 2020

AS OF 9/3/20



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8 from
AUG 2019



35

LISTINGS SOLD

6 from
AUG 2019



21

AVG DAYS ON MARKET

48 from
AUG 2019

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