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The President's Corner

The final few pieces of the Jester Blvd./RM2222 entrance project took a little longer than expected, but should now be in place. It really looks great. We appreciate all the folks who donated dollars (see the list elsewhere in this edition) as well as those that spent a lot of time on this project.

Now we can all look forward to trying to survive the RM2222 bridge construction project! The www.2222cona.com website will have current info on this project and the Lakewood bridge project until they are completed.

We have two social events planned for the remainder of the year, the Halloween Parade this month and the Santa on a Fire Truck in December. Teresa Gouldie and her helpers do a great job with these events – please call her if you can lend a hand.

*Until next time –
Philip Kolman*

Feral Hog Update

October 5, 2009

Since June 15, 2009, Texas Wildlife Services has been working with the City of Austin to manage property damage caused by feral hogs. The majority of the damage has been occurring in the Jester and Great Hills neighborhoods. We have concentrated our trapping efforts in and around these areas and have currently removed 39 feral hogs.

The city is currently in the process of constructing a fence on the west side of Jester, from F.M.2222 to Arterial 8 Dr. The fence should start in the next few weeks and will take about a month to complete.

If you see feral hogs or receive yard damage from feral hogs please call 311 and report the incident. We will use this information to track feral hog activity, which in turn allows us to select the best areas to target the pigs.

*Jacob Hetzel
Wildlife Damage Management Biologist
Texas AGRILife Extension- Wildlife Services*



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- Vicky and Peter on Anaqua
- Bridget and Matt on Beauford
- Eric and Ashley on Lakewood

Another two packages were delivered on Jester Wild and Winterberry. Eight houses were sold in September, so the Welcome Committee remains busy even after the end of the summer buying season.

Last month, we visited 2 new neighbors who had relatives already living in Jester. Two additional families were moving within Jester. Most others we visited were moving from other Austin neighborhoods. In September, though, three of the new neighbors we visited were from much further afield: two couples were from California, and one family from Mexico by way of France!

If you want to join the Welcome Committee and meet new neighbors, please contact JoAnn Welles at 512.346.0349 or joannwelles@sbcglobal.net. There are still a lot of houses on the market right now in Jester, so we don't expect the pace to slow down anytime soon.

Vicky and Peter on Anaqua



Rocio and Vicente with Santiago and Anna Maria (Son Vicente not in Picture) on Asmara



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Bull Creek Workdays for Volunteers

by Dale Bulla, Jester Resident

I have received the volunteer workday schedule for those interested in helping protect and preserve our Bull Creek Watershed. Volunteer if you can. All work days are almost in our backyard. Volunteer as little or as much as you would like. Great for family projects to enjoy and preserve the beauty of nature near our neighborhood.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Project leader George Innis has scheduled work days at the northern mile of the Bull Creek Greenbelt trail November 14, December 12, January 16, February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 15. The work will be from 9 AM - 12 Noon. Each outing will concentrate on some combination of trash removal (inside the park and along the road, including 360), vegetation management (removal of exotics like ligustrum, nandina, chinaberry and Chinese tallow and thinning cedar), wire removal and trail maintenance (moving vegetation back from trails, creek crossing repair, and erosion control).

The meeting spot is at 5304 Old Spicewood Springs Rd Austin, TX 78731. The Google map location is <http://tinyurl.com/prtkut>

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Scientists believe that hawks use a myriad of tools to find their way along migratory routes. First and foremost, they orient themselves by using a sun compass, or knowing where the sun should be at any given time of day. Some also use a polarization pattern of light for orientation, and are able to find the portion of the sky where light is uni-directional and utilize it to estimate the sun's position. Lastly, most hawks bring into play a magnetic compass, which allows them to orient themselves to the Earth's magnetic field.

In order to get airborne and use these internal orientation systems, hawks find thermals, or large columns of warm air, and ride these rising air currents in a spiral, high into the sky. From this vantage point, they



glide slowly down in the intended direction, and search for the next thermal to help move them along their way. From these elevated perspectives, hawks generally navigate by large geographic features or landmarks, such as coastlines, waterways, and mountain ranges.

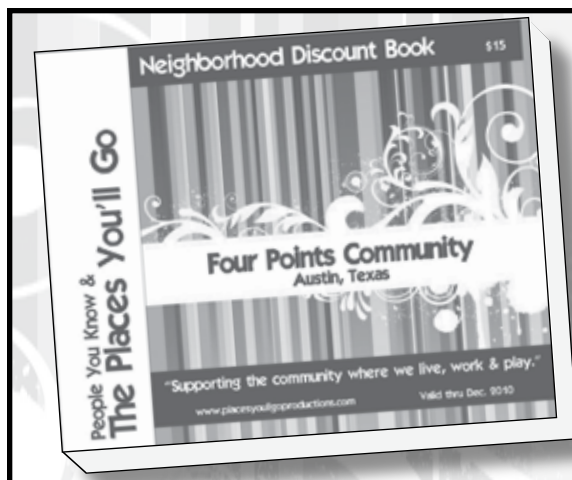
The most common species of hawk that migrate over our area start with the Mississippi kite, continue with the Broad-winged hawk, and end with Swainson's hawk. Dark gray above and pale gray below with a red eye, long pointed wings, and a dark flared tail, the Mississippi kite hunts primarily insects, eats on the wing, and nests in loose colonies in woodlands and swamps in the southeast and south central United States. Brown-gray above with white underwings bordered in black, and a broad tail with black and white bands, the Broad-winged hawk breeds in the eastern woodlands of the United States and

southern Canada. The largest of the three, the Swainson's hawk light morph is the color form that is most likely seen in our area. In flight, their long, narrow pointed wings exhibit a dark trailing edge and light leading edge, a dark chest bib, and light face and lower belly. These hawks hunt chiefly small mammals and insects in the grassland areas of the western United States and Canada.

Large groups of hawks flying overhead are called kettles. During fall migration, single kettles of 10,000 hawks are routine, and single flights of over 100,000 hawks or more have been recorded. Occasionally, a strong cold front will ground several thousand hawks for the day and result in an overnight roost. Weather in the northern and eastern United States is one of the biggest factors in determining the timing of these migratory flights.

With the large number of hawks taking part in this annual event and the vast geographic areas that they cover, it was late into the 19th century before migration was beginning to be understood. With large populations of hawks shifting from breeding to wintering habitat, migration is a seasonal and predictable event that can be enjoyed year after year!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. *-Jim & Lynne Weber*



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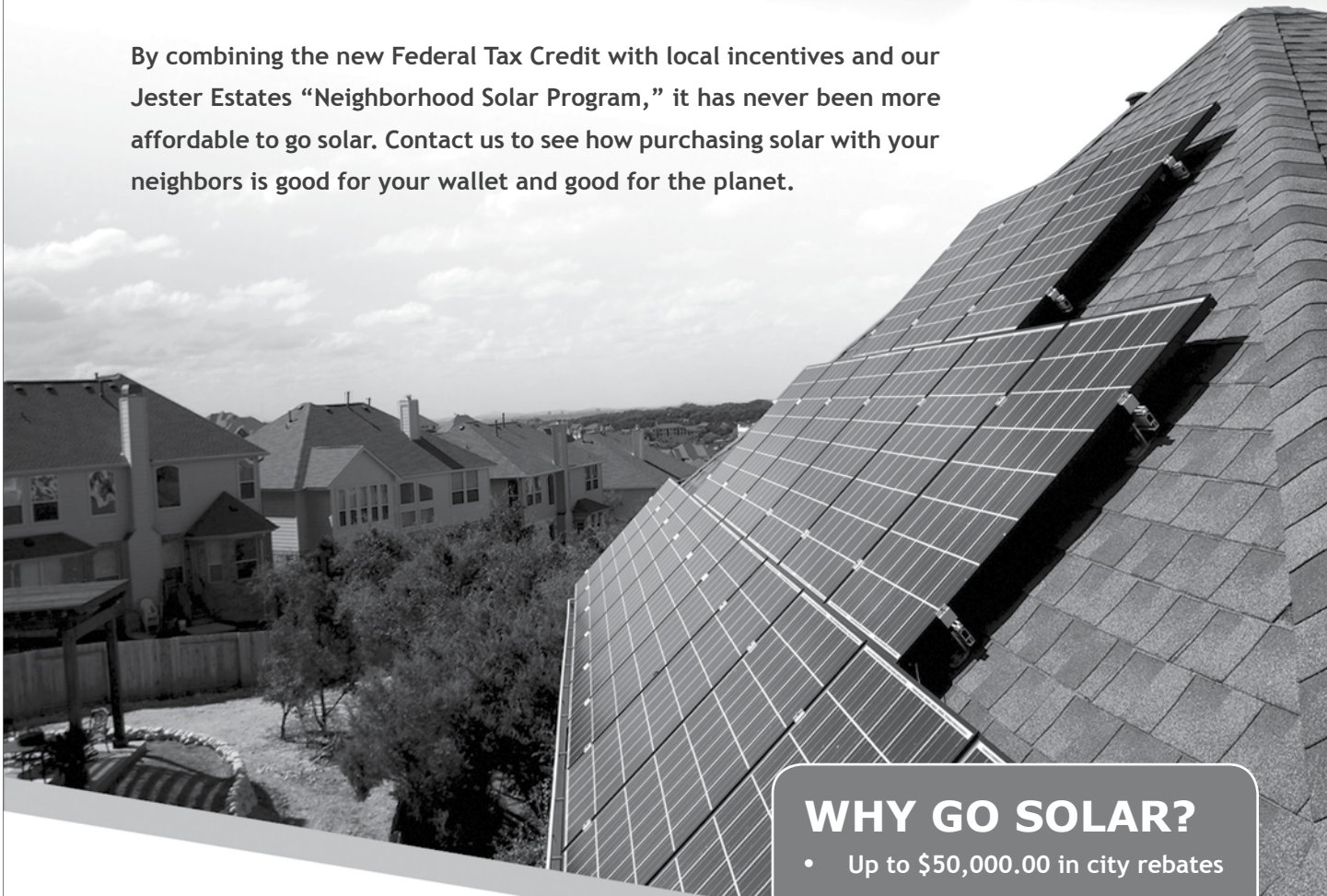
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The Dog Days of Bull Creek Park

by Earl Russell, Jester Resident

These are indeed “dog days” at Bull Creek Park. I just completed the online survey regarding the off-leash area at Bull Creek Park on Lakewood Drive. While the survey was apparently designed to be done only by dog owners (I am not), I wish to provide additional comment for consideration by our Jester neighbors.

We moved to Jester over four years ago, attracted in part by the beauty of Bull Creek Park. Soon afterward, we were disappointed to learn that the park is used relatively little by the general public because of all the dog feces, loose dogs, and degraded grounds. Then the problem got much worse with the drought of the last two years as the creek became putrid.

I BELIEVE OFF-LEASH DOGS SHOULD BE BANNED FROM THIS PARK FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Most critically, dogs seriously pollute the water. This creates an obvious public health hazard on site. Further, it is reported that 50 percent of Lake Austin’s water comes from Bull Creek, in years with normal rain, meaning that Austin’s water supply is polluted by dog feces.
2. Off-leash dogs are intrusive to park visitors. Many of the dogs are poorly trained and jump up on visitors, shake the filthy water from Bull Creek off their coats and onto park visitors, etc.
3. Sadly I think of this as “Dog Park” because it seems like the dogs have taken it away from the people who live nearby and don’t want to be bothered by dogs when they go to the park.

The good news is that dog owners have 11 other off-leash locations in Austin that are less environmentally sensitive than Bull Creek Park. Fenced-in back yards may be the best off-leash location in the city. Responsible dog ownership does not include degrading our water supply, public health, and public spaces.

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These toilets (Alexis 3001 Model) are approved for the City of Austin rebate program, maximum \$200 per toilet. The toilet footprint is similar to most original equipment installed in Jester. The flush mechanism consists of 2 buttons on top of the tank. These toilets work well. Our installation was completed on August 4, 2009. We received the rebate payment from the city on September 22, 2009. The rebate was \$590, not \$600. (no Idea why)

If you own a newer home in Jester, (ours was built in 1991) you probably have 3.5 gallon flush toilets. Older homes may have 7 gallon flush toilets. Upside: water savings should be incredible. Downside:

these toilets are not American made, like most other products available for purchase, today, and the 2 button flush mechanism is a relatively new design.

OUR ACTUAL COSTS:

3 low flush toilets (including Tax):	\$330.72
plumber installation cost:	\$323.26
Subtotal:	\$654.26
City Rebate:	\$590.00
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C'mon Jester & City of Austin residents, do the math. Lets save water & \$ too.

- Michael Denosky, Jester Resident



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Health Tips for Food Lovers

by Diana O'Connell, H.C., Jester Resident

Whether you're reading national health experts like Andrew Weil, M.D. and Mark Hyman, M.D., or just watching Dr. Oz on TV, there is a consistent message regarding proteins: Americans eat much more meat than is good for us. It's a habit we've grown accustomed to, and it's not always easy to see other protein options. Beans are a great alternative as they are readily available to us year round, packed with protein and fiber, and very cost effective, especially when bought in the bulk foods section.

If you're trying to manage your weight, plant based proteins that are REPLACING fast burning carb snacks and animal proteins are a great way to go. Proteins in general use more energy to digest and keep you feeling full longer. Have you tried to eat just a salad for lunch and feel like you're still hungry afterwards? Well, along with nuts, beans are a great salad topping to help your body feel satisfied longer and balance out the meal.

A healthy habit to incorporate into your weekly routine is skipping the meat at lunch or dinner every couple of days. You will be amazed at how easy it can be and how good it feels. A serving of Sautéed Kale w/ Chickpeas and Pine Nuts, along with some brown rice on the side, makes for a great, easy to prepare meal, and works great as leftovers. Try hummus instead of turkey in a wrap or sandwich. Make a Tuscan Bean dish for dinner and put it on top of a salad the next day. Make a bean based chili for dinner, and put it in a wrap with leftover brown rice, sunflower seeds and shredded cabbage the next day for lunch.

Do you have trouble digesting beans? Don't give up hope. Send an email to dianaconnell@yahoo.com and I will forward you the tips on how to make beans easier to digest.

Give it a try! Your body will love it!

Tuscan Beans

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup chopped onion
- Fresh rosemary
- 1 – 2 tbs. Olive oil
- 1 can white cannellini beans

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Sauté chopped onion until soft
- 2) Rinse beans well and drain. Add beans and herb to sauté pan, and sauté until hot.
- 3) Season with sea salt, and serve

VARIATIONS:

This is a basic dish that would be good with any typical Italian herb, like basil and oregano. Try different beans, or add a vegetable such as spinach, chard, kale or mushrooms, which can be added after the onion, before the beans.

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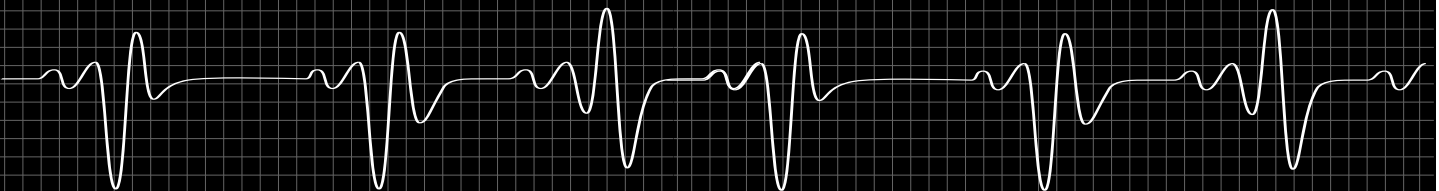
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Free Stuff for Your Computer (And Cell Phone)

Submitted by Laurie Scott

As holiday spending approaches, here are some free programs to make your computing easier and more fun with zero impact on your budget.

Everybody hates dealing with usernames and passwords at login screens, and as a result I see a LOT of people who have very easy passwords (like the name of their dog) not only for their computer but even for their online banking! Well, here's LastPass to the rescue (download from <https://lastpass.com>) with a password manager that works with Windows, Mac OSX and even Linux. With LastPass you can have strong passwords that are hard to impossible to remember, but don't have to remember because LastPass will remember for you. Your passwords are encrypted using a master password that only you will know, so your private information is always safe. LastPass will work across all your browsers and computers. You can even retrieve your passwords online from another computer on their web site (where no one but you can access them.)

How about free music, legally! Amazon has over 1,000 songs in all styles from Blues to Folk to Rock to Opera. Many of these are new groups getting their music out, but I've seen everything from Alice Cooper to Andres Segovia to Jeff Beck to the Boston Pops. If you use iTunes, Amazon's download manager will seamlessly add

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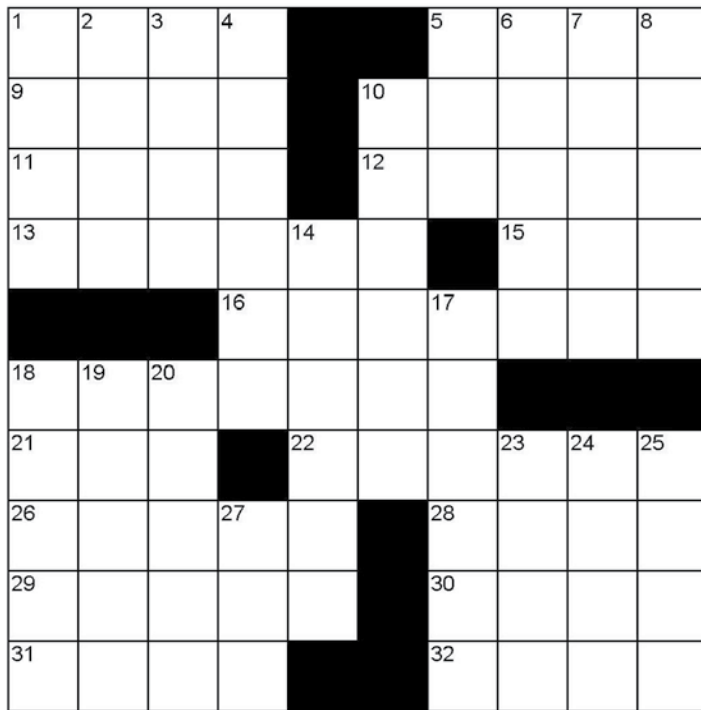
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