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## NATURE WATCH - CICADA CYCLES

by Jim and Lynne Weber

A sure sign that we are in the midst of a hot summer is the sound of cicadas buzzing in the air. For their size, cicadas make as much noise as a large animal, and can be heard up to a quarter of a mile away. In fact, the word 'cicada' is a direct derivation from the Latin meaning 'buzzer.'

Most species of cicadas in North America are in the genus *Tibicen*, and are generally called the annual or 'dog-day' cicadas because they emerge every year in July and August, the dog days of summer. More widely known are the periodical cicadas from the genus *Magicicada*, who have a very long lifecycle of 13 to 17 years, and when they emerge, do so in great numbers.

Male cicadas have structures called 'timbals' on the sides of their abdomens, and it is with these structures that they create their buzzy songs. Unlike grasshoppers or crickets that rub their wings or legs together to produce sound, cicadas vibrate these timbals against their hollow abdomens which amplifies the resonance of the sounds. They can even modulate the sounds by wiggling their abdomens toward or away from the tree trunk on which they are perched. Each species has its own distinctive sound, and they use different mating songs to attract the appropriate mate.

The lifecycle of a cicada is quite fascinating. After mating, females deposit hundreds of eggs in a slit made in the bark of a twig, normally on an oak tree. When the eggs

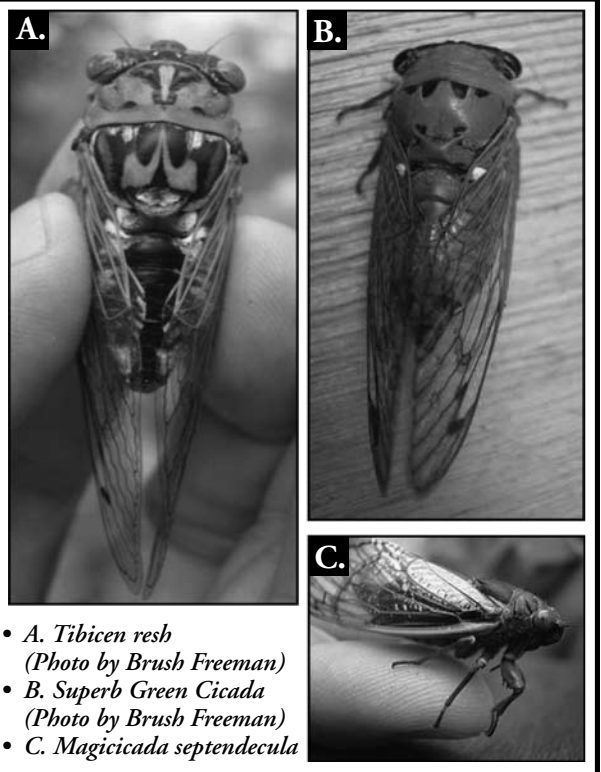
hatch, the nymphs drop to the ground and burrow from 1 to 8 feet, feeding on the juices of the tree roots. These nymphs spend most of their lives underground, from 2 up to 17 years, depending on the species. The nymphs then construct an exit tunnel to return to the surface in mid-summer, molt or shed their skin on the bark of the tree, and emerge as adults. These adult insects are usually 1-2 inches long, have prominent, wide-set eyes, short antennae, and transparent, membranous front wings.

While there are over 40 species of cicadas in Texas, the late summer afternoon air in Austin vibrates with the sounds of several annual cicada species such as *Tibicen* *resh* (which has no common name) and the Superb Green Cicada (*Tibicen* *superba*). Once every 13 years, the periodical cicadas *Magicicada* *septendecula* (which also has no common name) emerges but they are becoming increasingly scarce.

Cicadas go by a number of common names: locusts (which is technically not correct as cicadas are unrelated to true locusts which are part of the grasshopper family), jar flies (for the way they vibrate or 'jar' when held in the hand), June bugs or July flies (in the southeastern US), heat bugs (in Canada and

the mid-West), and dry flies (in parts of the southern Appalachian mountains for the shell they leave behind). Whatever you call them, you'll be sure to hear and see them in the heat of a Central Texas summer!

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# WELCOME

## COMMITTEE NEWS

Since the last Warbler the Welcome Committee delivered 3 new welcome packages. This month there weren't many sales in Jester. And, of those, several were leasebacks, where the new residents haven't moved in as yet. However, summer looks to be heating up as far as the number of new residents that we will be welcoming. This month's deliveries were to:

- 1. Missy and Allen with their children Lucy and William on the 8100 block of Jester
- 2. Roshan and Sara Gupta with their dog Frisco on the 8400 block of Asmara. Roshan and Sara enjoyed downtown Austin apartment living after leaving San Francisco, but are now excited about their first house.
- 3. Mike and Vicki on the 6700 block of Beauford. Mike and Vicki are just moving in after doing extensive remodeling.

We're excited to have two new members for the Welcome Committee, Eva Wisser and Jennifer Schwan. Eva is a long term Jester resident who just moved with her husband Jon to their second house in Jester. Jennifer and her husband Brent moved to Jester last year. Welcome, Eva and Jennifer! We're looking forward to these new members giving us their ideas about what information new residents need to know. Please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 346-0349 or joannn-welles@sbcglobal.net if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a package but not found you home!



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*Left:  
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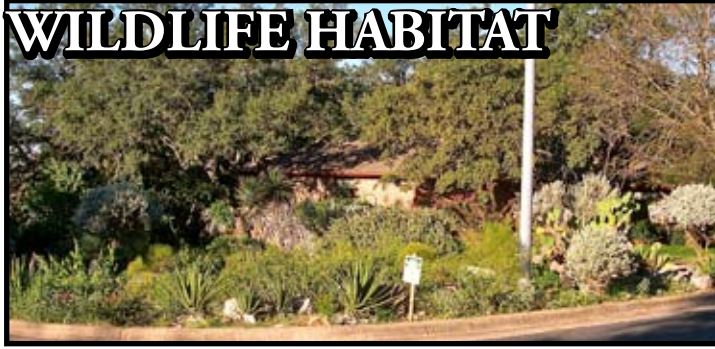


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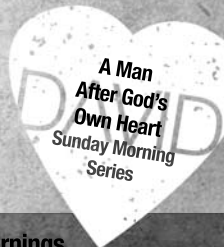
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*We look forward to getting this group together this summer!*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GATORS SWIM TEAM – by Jayne Rosso

We are off to a great summer swim season! You may have noticed all the fun and fast swimming they were practicing at the Jester Pool in May. We have 92 Jester kids on the Gator's Swim Team, with the kids ranging in ages from 4 to 18 on the Gator's from Jester. Some of our Jester swimmers have been on the Gator's for 12 years - the Tarantolo and Swenson families. The Gator's compete against other local swim teams every weekend right up until the last weekend in June where they will finish by competing at the Champs meet that will be held at U of T. We are shaping up to be a very competitive team this year. Anika Beach, Charles Cagle, Seth Crowley, Josh Crowley, Jordan Donie, Declan Jackson, Liam McDonald, Beau Player, Grey Player, Josh Player, Lizzie Rolls, Paige Swenson, Casey Swenson, Mitchel Tomazin, Josh Tomazin and Robbie Tarantolo have all brought home at least one 1st place ribbon so far this season. The Gator's developing team is getting stronger and faster everyday. Our newest swimmers are learning how to legally swim breaststroke and butterfly. One of our youngest swimmers, Seth Crowley (age 4) debuted his swimming career in a freestyle relay where he was the swimmer of the first 25m leg. He made it down the lane very quickly and then promptly turned around and came back. He beat his own team mate swimming the second leg of the relay in the same lane. Since a 50M race can intimidate 11 year olds, we are very excited to see the swimmer Seth will become. But most importantly he had a blast! *Swim Fast! Have Fun!*



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"This time of year we are bursting at the seams with cats and kittens who through no fault of their own, are homeless," says Frances Jonon, AHS Executive Director. "This year there are

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- Taking care of a cat can help teach a child about responsible pet ownership.

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*In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you have saved a life by adopting a cat from a shelter, your reduced adoption fee also includes up to date vaccinations, spay/neuter, coupon and food giveaways, microchip and a free month of pet health insurance. If you are unable to have a cat in your life at this time, there are still plenty of ways to help the cats and kittens we serve at AHS. Through volunteering, adopting, providing foster care and donating, the community can support these life saving efforts!*

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER

Jacob Johnson | LI#17528 | Austin Water

Many residents put a lot of effort into maintaining their irrigation system, which is a necessary step towards efficient watering. However, people then often overlook an equally important aspect of irrigation—scheduling. An essential element of proper scheduling is knowing how to operate the controller. Not knowing that can cost you.

A normal flow rate for a residential irrigation system is around 14 gallons per minute. Compare that with your shower of 2 to 3 gallons per minute or a dishwasher that uses less than 10 gallons per load and you can see just how quickly minutes on the irrigation controller can add up. So if you see your usage dramatically rise in the summer months, check your irrigation settings before chastising your teenagers for their long showers. Well, I guess doing both would work.

### Common features on an irrigation controller

- 1) Multiple Program Capability: Controllers give you the option of setting multiple programs, usually labeled A/B/C, etc. These programs let you fine tune your watering. For example, you could set up your turf stations to water twice per week in the summer while keeping shrubs on a once per week schedule. The important thing to remember is that no matter what program you leave the controller on, it will run all programs that are present! Even if two programs coincide with each other, the controller finishes the first program and stacks the next program to run directly afterwards.
- 2) Multiple Start Times: You can also set multiple start times for your program(s). Start times represent what time the program will begin and most controllers offer the option between 3 and 16 start times. There are very few controllers that require start times for each individual zone. The benefit of using multiple start times is to allow for absorption in the landscape because many sprinkler heads can apply water faster than our soils can absorb it. Find the stations times you are happy with and then cut them in half. Instead of the program coming on at only 4:00 a.m., you could have the program (now with reduced station times) come on at 3:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Remember, if using multiple start times, every minute you add or delete really equals 2 or 3 minutes depending on the number of start times present.
- 3) Seasonal Percentage Adjustment: Another handy feature, the seasonal adjust, allows you to increase or decrease all of your stations times in 5 to 10 percent increments. This is useful if your entire landscape needs more water, but often stress will only occur in certain areas. It's a good idea at that point to only add time to the stations that need more water and an even better idea to inspect those stations to make sure the stressed area isn't getting water due to a clogged nozzle or misaligned head. When setting station times, it's recommended to have the seasonal adjust at 100% because the seasonal adjust button uses 100% as the reference point and makes changes relative to what that number is. Some controllers will show the increased or decreased times while others will continue

to show the original times, but are actually running something different.

- 4) Memory Back Up: Most controllers now come with a non-volatile memory built into the control panel. This helps retain your settings during brief power outages, but will usually clear itself out after long periods with no power. Other controllers will revert to a default program to run everyday for ten minutes per station after a loss of power. If you have a controller that does this, remember to change out the 9 volt battery every spring when you turn your controller back on and just to be safe, check the settings after thunderstorms.

Plant material, watering components, sun exposure, soil health, and how important each area of your landscape is to you all goes into the decision of how long you should run each station. An irrigation program with the same time on every station is usually a signal that there is room for improvement. This may involve taking time from some stations that are doing well and adding them to others that are showing signs of stress. Monitor your landscape and make changes as needed. Remember, automatic irrigation systems are great for carrying landscapes from one rain event to another, but a lack of rain will highlight deficiencies in the irrigation system.

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## PICK UP THE PILE *by Tracy Johnson*

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H<sub>2</sub>O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms (E. Coli), campylobacter, and salmonella which is found in pet waste can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. The concerned Austinite was alarmed to see just how many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.

Her nationwide campaign went into effect June 1st. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. Johnson notes that it's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores. Johnson believes that education is key to shedding light on this problem. She also thinks the next generation of pet parents will show greater concern for the issue. As a way of introducing young people to the Pick Up the Pile Campaign, she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia, and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting [www.pickupthepile.com](http://www.pickupthepile.com).

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## Social Groups - (Continued from Page 10)

**ROWING** - Interested in sweep rowing and sculling? Contact Julie Donnie at 340-0432 or JulieDonnie@yahoo.com.

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP** - Interested in developing relationships and sharing spiritual life experience? Contact Jim Irwin at jimirwin@austin.rr.com or 502-0797

**WELCOME COMMITTEE** - Darla Rowan and JoAnn Welles are co-chairs of this committee, which is designed to welcome new residents to Jester, including newborns. Volunteer to help by emailing JoAnn at joann-welles@sbcglobal.net or call her at 346-0349

**WOODWORKING GROUP** - Join our woodworking group to share knowledge and techniques! Contact John Parker at 345-6991 or JParker84@austin.rr.com

## PET REGISTRY

Get your pets registered TODAY! This is a complimentary neighborhood service!

Mail (or drop off) your pet info to:



Carol Philipson  
7502 Clematis Cv  
Austin, TX 78750



Include type of pet, name, male or female, description, age, medications, veterinarian's name, whether it is microchipped, and pet owner's name, address, and contact information.

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July						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

In recent years, more Central  
Texas children have drowned in  
**JULY** than in any other month!

## JOIN US IN HAVING A SAFE SUMMER IN THE WATER!



### July - August 2011 The Hospital at Westlake Medical Center Flamingo Sale to Benefit Colin's Hope!

When the beloved garden center, Pots & Plants closed its doors- several flamingos were injured in the move. You can help them return for the best care in town at The Hospital at Westlake by donating \$15. ALL profit in June, July and August benefits Colin's Hope. You can add to The Hospital at Westlake's flock, or start your own flock at home. Visit [www.westlakemedical.com](http://www.westlakemedical.com) for more details or stop in The Hospital's Waterfall Café, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Building L, level 3 to sponsor your flamingo. Spread the word on Facebook and raise even more funds for Colin's Hope.



### August 28th 3rd Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

Athletes ages 5-15, mark your calendars for August 28th. Our Kids Triathlon will once again take place in the Lake Pointe neighborhood. NEW this year are athlete training clinics sponsored by Austin Cycle Camp, Jack & Adams and Nitro Swimming. Go online to register at [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org).

For more information,  
check out our website at

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## July Events

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July	<b>Children's Day Art Park (Wednesdays)</b> <i>Wed. mornings through July 27 (except July 6), featuring musicians, dancers, storyteller, magicians, mimes and crafts.</i>	Symphony Square 476-6064 <b><a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a></b>
Thursdays	<b>Nature Nights at the Wildflower Center</b> <i>Interactive explorations of plants, animals and the ecology of Central Texas.</i>	LBJ Wildflower Center 232-0100 <b><a href="http://wildflower.org">wildflower.org</a></b>
Thursdays - Sundays	<b>53rd Annual Zilker Summer Musical – Footloose</b> <i>Tony-nominated score augmented with the rockin' rhythms!</i>	Zilker Hillside Theater 479-9491 <b><a href="http://zilker.org">zilker.org</a></b>
Saturdays	<b>Free Crafts for Kids</b> <i>From 11:00 – 3:00 pm for kids ages 3 and up!</i>	Lakeshore Learning Ctr. <b><a href="http://lakeshorelearning.com">lakeshorelearning.com</a></b>
Saturdays	<b>Splash Party Movie Nights</b> <i>Every summer Saturday night, catch a flick and take a swim- at the same time.</i>	Deep Eddy Pool 476-4521 <b><a href="http://ci.austin.tx.us/parks">ci.austin.tx.us/parks</a></b>
July 4	<b>Jester 4th of July Parade &amp; Activities</b> <i>Decorate your bikes, your pets &amp; yourself!</i>	Jester Club 751-8000 <b><a href="http://allaboutjester.com">allaboutjester.com</a></b>
July 4	<b>H-E-B Austin Symphony &amp; Fireworks</b> <i>Come early, bring a picnic, claim a grassy spot and enjoy the patriotic music of the Austin Symphony Orchestra.</i>	Auditorium Shores 476-6064 <b><a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a></b>
July - Aug. 23	<b>Hairspray</b> <i>Soultastic, hair hoppin', dance-til-you-drop musical!</i>	Zach Theatre 476-0541 <b><a href="http://zachtheatre.org">zachtheatre.org</a></b>
July 14 - 17	<b>Ducks Vs. Squirrels</b> <i>A New Play for Young Audiences by Andrew Perry</i>	The Long Center <b><a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a></b>
July 22 - 24	<b>Custom Sounds Texas Heatwave</b> <i>One of the largest custom truck &amp; car shows in the nation.</i>	Travis Co. Expo Center <b><a href="http://heatwaveinc.com">heatwaveinc.com</a></b>

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