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## SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR WILDLIFE & HELP TO KEEP AUSTIN WILD!

*Submitted by Dale Bulla*

The 2011 Wildlife Austin Habitat Stewards' Training registration process is now open! Become an important part of YOUR city's efforts to Keep Austin Wild! Austin is the largest metropolitan area in the country to receive the designation as a Community Wildlife Habitat™ by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). This success has been made possible by people like you, who have made the effort to create native wildscapes at their homes and in public places and to teach and assist others. That's what the Wildlife Austin Habitat Stewards' Training is all about. Becoming a Habitat Steward™ not only means that you make a big difference here in Austin, but that you join the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) nationwide team of volunteers who serve their communities as Habitat Stewards™. The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and their partners, NWF, the Travis Audubon Society, Wildlife Rescue, Inc., are offering a specialized training to teach you how to help others create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other private and public areas. This training is engaging, fun and highly informative and you get to meet and interact with local conservation professionals and other similarly interested folks.

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Saturday, September 17, 2011 8:45am-3:00pm  
Thursday, September 22, 2011 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Saturday, September 24, 2011 8:30am-12:30pm  
Saturday, October 1, 2011 8:30am-12:30pm  
Thursday, October 6, 2011 6:00pm-8:00pm

*An important part of becoming a Habitat Steward is giving back. We ask that each Steward commit to 30 hours of volunteer habitat work in the community.*



*The course fee is \$40 and covers the cost of materials. Scholarships are available. Deadline for registration is August 15, 2011. For More Information CALL (512)974-4009 or EMAIL [wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:wildlife@ci.austin.tx.us)*

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*All news must be received by the 9th of the month prior to the issue.*

## WILDLIFE HABITAT



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## ATTENTION PARENTS of Incoming Hill Kindergarten Students!

Are you a Jester/Lakewood resident with a child who will be entering Kindergarten at Hill in the Fall? If so, we thought it would be fun to set up a series of neighborhood playdates between May and August to give the kids some time to play and get to know each other. Hopefully, knowing other kids in their class will make their transition into Hill easier. Playdates are scheduled twice per month, alternating between week days and weekends. If you are interested in getting e-mail notices for these playdates, please send your email address to Beth Schaffer at [beth@schaffer.com](mailto:beth@schaffer.com).



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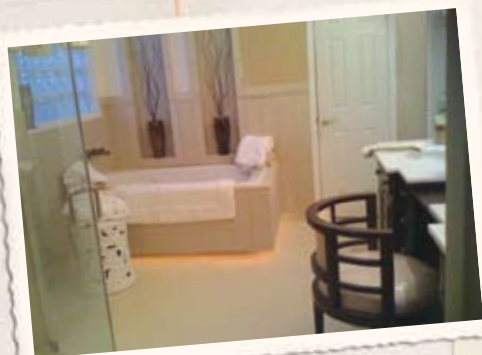
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### *Packages were delivered to:*

1. Gregg and Laura and their two children on the 7400 block of Jester. Their daughter Casey is 6, and their son Graham, 4. They have been working and living on the campus of St Stephen's for the last six years, and are enjoying having their own house and pool.



2. Matt and Angel with their children Damian and Lily on the 7100 block of Foxtree Cove.

3. Donna and Ed with their son David on the 6800 block of Jester.



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4. Greg, Wendy, with their children Layne and Georgia on the 7900 block of High Hollow. *(pictured left)* They've just moved from Lakewood but were long term Dallas-ites.

5. Amy, Jason, and baby Tommy on the 6900 block of Rusty Fig. They've relocated from Kansas.

6. Madelyn, Rory with their daughter Emily on the 8100 block of Bottlebrush.

We also left a package on the doorstep of a new resident on the 8100 block of Jester Blvd. The dog was barking so we knew the residents wouldn't be gone long!

If you're wondering why we sometimes have more information and/or pictures from some deliveries than others, it's because we arrive unannounced and don't want to disturb residents who are busy. They may be eating dinner, be on the phone or getting children ready for bed. We've talked about ways to schedule deliveries at times when we know the families are available, but the logistics of doing that have eluded us so far!

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## JESTER'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE

*by Social Chairman, Teresa Gouldie*

Excited children and grandchildren of our Jester residents gathered at Jester Club for our annual 4th of July Parade, and they were a sight to behold! Dressed in patriotic red, white, and blue, they had decorated their bicycles, wagons, strollers, and even pets! Led by a colorfully decorated golf cart, they paraded down Jester Blvd, around Basil, and back to the club. Thanks to the people on the parade route who came out of their homes to cheer them on...the kiddos always love an audience!

Upon returning to the club, the children realized the fun had only just begun! Awaiting them were a variety of activities including a ball toss, coloring sheets, and the always popular prize walk. Various prizes included red, white & blue erasers, sunglasses, necklaces, and visors. Parents and children alike donned colorful hats for photos and a great time was had by all.

As always, this event would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. Eva Wisser, Darlene Rutland, Glen and Jason Brown, Gary Johnson, Anita and Ray Deveau, and the guy with the beagles and his friend who helped move the tables! A special thanks goes to Jester Club for providing the location and Billy Gouldie for donating a golf cart to use. These functions are only successful through a team effort, and the real gratification is in seeing the smiles and excitement on the children's faces.

If you would like to volunteer for our Halloween event, please call me at 751-8000. We always need help in preparing the week before, as well as assistance on the day of the event itself. Any bit of time you could spare would be greatly appreciated!

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**JESTER DOG LOVER'S GROUP** - Put a smile on your dog's face and a wag in his tail — sign up now to be a founding member of the Jester dog lovers group. Contact Carol Powell at 340-0321 or email her at [carolpowell@austin.rr.com](mailto:carolpowell@austin.rr.com)

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

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### Friday, September 2nd- The 2nd Annual Got2Swim 4 (and 8) Miles for Colin's Hope

In celebration of Colin's Birthday on September 2nd, 50 swimmers will be heading down Lake Austin to the Walsh Boat Landing (near the Tom Miller Dam). Some of the swimmers will be going 4 miles while others will be swimming 8 miles. Their journey will be safeguarded by kayak Water Guardians, a team of volunteers and The Expedition School. The goal of this swim is to raise \$50,000 for Colin's Hope while raising awareness for water safety and drowning prevention. Please go to [www.tinych.org/got2swim](http://www.tinych.org/got2swim) to meet our swimmers and make a pledge towards our \$50,000 goal. All funds raised from this event will go directly to Colin's Hope. Visit [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org) to find out where you can go on September 2nd to cheer on the swimmers.

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Thur - Sun.	<i>Tony-nominated score augmented with the rockin' rhythms!</i>	479-9491 <b>zilker.org</b>
Aug. 6 - 7	<b>2011 Austin Summer Musical for Children</b>	Carver Museum 971-0810
	<i>“The Curious Case of Rumpelstiltskin”.</i>	<b>summermusical.com</b>
Aug. 13	<b>Austin Ice Cream Festival: The 5th Scoop</b>	Waterloo Park 923-1726
	<i>Activities, contests, live entertainment, and Ice Cream!</i>	<b>icecreamfestival.org</b>
Aug. 17	<b>KGSR – Blues on the Green</b>	Zilker Park
	<i>Los Lonely Boys – Free concert!</i>	<b>kgsr.com</b>
Aug. 17 - 21	<b>Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus BARNUM 200</b>	Frank Erwin Center
	<i>An interactive, high-energy circus extravaganza!</i>	<b>uterwincenter.com</b>
Aug. 19 - 21	<b>Tax-Free Weekend</b>	(800) 252-5555
	<i>In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student.</i>	<b>window.state.tx.us/tax</b>
		<b>info/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html</b>
Aug. 26 - 28	<b>16th Annual Austin Fall Home &amp; Garden Show</b>	Austin Convention Center
	<i>Turn your home and garden dreams into reality!</i>	<b>showtechnology.com</b>
Aug. 27	<b>7th Annual Austin Bat Fest</b>	Congress Ave Bridge
	<i>Arts, crafts, music, food, bat watching, children's activities...</i>	<b>roadwayevents.com</b>
Aug. 28	<b>Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival</b>	Waterloo Park - 454-5766
	<i>Catch the fever - join us for fun, music, and hot sauce!</i>	<b>austinchronicle.com</b>
Aug. 28	<b>The Go-Go's 30th Anniversary of “Beauty and the Beat!”</b>	Paramount Theatre
	<i>The last tour stop - Live with the Ladies Gone Wild tour</i>	<b>austintheatre.org</b>

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