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Santa is Coming to Jester Aboard a Firetruck!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
9:00AM - JESTER CLUB**

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Wastewater Averaging Starts

submitted by Dale Bulla

Many folks are not aware that their waste water or sewer bill is averaged over three months in the winter when outside watering is at a minimum. From November to the end of February, the lowest three months of water use are averaged and that amount will be your wastewater cost for the next twelve months. So remember that every drop you save through February, will save you all next year.

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Welcome a New Addition

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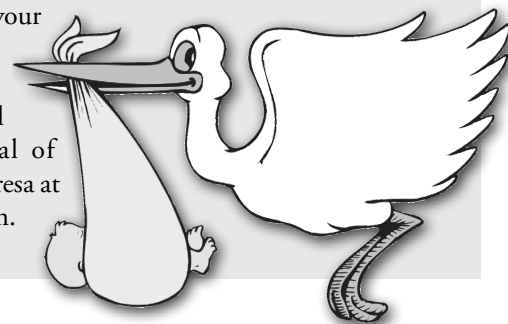


Grey Christopher Smouse was born on September 16th, 2011.
Proud parents are Chris & Christina who live on Anaqua Drive.

Congratulations from your Jester neighbors!

JESTER STORK REPORT PLEASE SUBMIT INFO & PHOTO!

If you have a new arrival (baby or grandbaby), email us the pertinent information along with a photo and we'll publish it in the Warbler. Let your neighbors share in celebrating your happiness! Email info on the arrival of your little one to Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com.



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Jester Halloween Parade

by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman

Jester Homeowners Association hosted its annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29th. Excited neighborhood children and grandchildren were dressed in an incredible array of creative costumes. Led by a decorated golf cart, the participants provided a sea of color as they marched up Jester, around Basil, and back. Thanks to all residents on the parade route who came out of their homes to wave and cheer the children on. Our Jester kiddos definitely LOVE an audience!

Upon their return, the children were treated to refreshments and an assortment of games and activities, including the ever-popular "prize walk". A great time was had by all! Our Jester volunteers included Eva Wisser, Gary and Judy Johnson, Diana Miller, Raymond and Anita Deveau, and Scott Martin. A special thank you, as always, goes to Kenfield Golf Cars along with Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location.

We are in need of volunteers for our "Santa on a Fire Truck" event on December 10th. Please contact me at tgouldie@gmail.com or call me at 751-8000 if you can participate.

SEE PARADE PHOTOS ON PAGE 4

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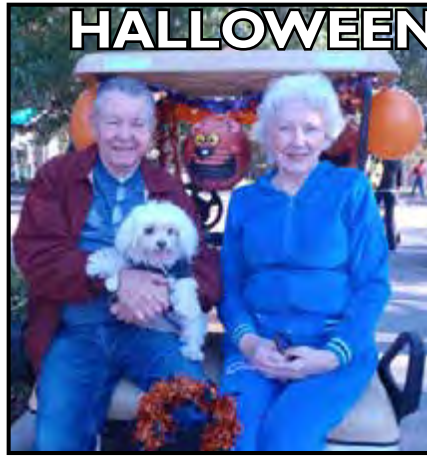
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LAST MONTH THE JESTER WELCOME COMMITTEE DELIVERED WELCOME PACKAGES TO:

Chris and Colleen with daughter Eva, 11, and son Brendon, 8 on the 8200 block of Asmara. They moved locally. *Nick and Meriah on Fawnhollow Cove.* They were in process of a beautiful renovation – new floors, new kitchen, and they even removed a wall. They moved from a rental in Tarrytown and the house on Fawnhollow Cove is their first to own. By the time the Warbler is published, they should be done with the construction and moved in. *Katy and Mike with baby Claire on the 8200 block of Guthrie.* *Nadeem and Wedad with their 2 sons and bird Ray on the 7800 block of Lakewood.* *Elisabeth and John with children Gabrielle and Robert on the 7000 block of Rusty Fig.*

We were unable to deliver 4 other welcome packages because the new owners weren't home. In several cases it was clear that major renovations were taking place. It's wonderful to see the care the new owners are giving their Jester homes. 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!



Nick on Fawnhollow (top left) - Nadeem and Wedad on Lakewood (top right) - Elisabeth and John on 7000 block of Rusty Fig. (below)



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NatureWatch - Silent Flight

by Jim and Lynne Weber

One of the most unique adaptations in the natural world is the silent flight of owls. Their primary flight feathers have comb-like leading edges, which break down the turbulence created by air flowing over their wings and allow these birds to fly with great stealth.

The Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) goes by many other common names, but is probably best known as the 'hoot owl', due to its call ('who cooks for you, who cooks for you all'). This owl prefers to live in large blocks of forest, especially near water, and in our area is most often found near the Colorado River and its associated lakes and streams. The only typical owl in the eastern United States with brown eyes instead of yellow, the Barred Owl has a pale face, dark rings around its eyes, and a yellow beak. Its head is round and lacks any ear tufts, and its body is a light gray-brown mottled by horizontal barring on its chest and lengthwise streaks on its belly.

A medium-sized owl at 17 to 19 inches tall with a 40-plus inch wingspan, the Barred Owl has been expanding its range westward in the last century. Like the Eastern Screech Owl, its main predator is the Great Horned Owl, and although they often live in the same area, they will avoid overlapping territories. They eat small mammals, birds, and invertebrates, as well as amphibians and reptiles, and often wade into water to catch crayfish, fish, and turtles. In fact, the belly feathers of some barred owls are tinged pink, most likely due to the amount of crayfish in their diet.

Barred Owls typically nest in cavities of deciduous trees, use open nests made by larger animals such as hawks, crows, or squirrels, and even man-made nest boxes. Although they are permanent residents, they may wander after the nesting season, often coming back the following year to reuse the same nesting site. In Central Texas, 2 to 4 eggs are laid in January, with hatching occurring in 4 weeks and the young fledging 4 to 5 weeks later. Hunting occurs largely at dusk and dawn, by waiting on a perch and swooping down on prey. Of all the owls in Texas, however, the Barred Owl is the one most likely to be active during the day, especially when hunting for food to feed hungry chicks.

The most widely distributed owl in the world and the most widespread of all birds is the Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*). With a white or mostly white underside, lightly spotted breast, dark eyes and a heart-shaped, white face surrounded by a tawny halo, its scientific name literally means 'white owl', but it is also known as ghost owl, death owl, and demon owl due to its appearance and eerily silent flight. Long legs, a round head with no ear tufts, and drawn-out, hissing scream for a call add to the image conjured up by its common names.


Found in open habitats such as grasslands, marshes, and agricultural fields, this owl hunts at night by flying low over the ground, looked for small mammals. While it has excellent low-light vision, it is its ability to

locate prey by sound alone that sets it apart from any other animal species. With a 12-15 inch length and a 40-50 inch wingspan, the Barn Owl is one of the few bird species where the female is showier than the male. Having a reddish chest marked by more numerous spots, those females that are heavily spotted appear to be more successful at mating, raising chicks, and resisting typical parasites and diseases.

Barn Owls can breed up to few times per year, depending on the food supply. During courtship, both the male and the female screech, and the male will then conduct what is known as a 'moth flight', where he hovers in front of the perched female with his long legs dangling, for several seconds. Barn Owl pairs typically remain together as long as both are alive. Their clutch size can vary widely from 2-18 eggs, which are laid in nest cups made from shredded owl pellets. These owls use both man-made structures such as nest boxes and buildings, or natural cavities in trees and cliffs, for locating their nests.

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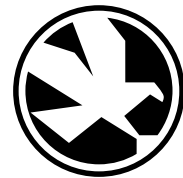
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PLAYGROUPS

Parents of Newborns - 3

Kate Murdock - KFM.associates2005@sbcglobal.net



Parents of Children 3 - 5

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Beer Pairing: Hop Zombie

LEMON-CRANBERRY COBBLER

Beer Pairing: Coffee Porter

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As a recipient of a gift, have you ever turned around to immediately give a gift back to the giver? Many who have received coats for their children and grandchildren at the annual Coats For Kids distribution day have returned the same day to volunteer. They gave their gifts right back to the community, a circle of service truly indicative of a successful program.

Coats for Kids is a program in its 25th year that provides warm winter coats each December to disadvantaged children and teenagers in Central Texas through a community-wide collection and distribution process. Each year, The Junior League of Austin, Jack Brown Cleaners, KASE 101 and KVUE partner with the community to ensure the children of Central Texas stay warm. On average, 30,000 coats are distributed per year with the help of over 2,600 community volunteers. So how can you participate? Donate a new or gently-used coat to your nearest Jack Brown Cleaners, organize a coat drive through many outlets in your community (schools, places of worship, offices, neighborhoods), volunteer during sorting days or distribution days or spread the word.

FACTS

- **Distribution Day:** Saturday, December 10th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Distribution Site:** Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road
- **Community Coat Drive:** Monday, November 14th through Wednesday, December 7th. Please drop your coats off at any local Jack Brown Cleaners.
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