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FALL GARAGE SALE

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JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday October 6th at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday promoting this neighborhood-wide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call her at 751-8000 if you would like to register your garage sale location. Maps with lists of garage sale addresses will be available at the entrances to Jester.

**SATURDAY,
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2012 Neighborhood Habitat Challenge

by Patricia Seeger

The Neighborhood Habitat Challenge is doing well. Thanks to all residents who registered their property. However we need more to win.

THE RULES ARE FAIRLY EASY:

1. Create and Provide these habitat basics – Food (plants), Water (bird bath or saucers), Cover (bushes) and Places to raise wildlife young (protected areas).
2. Neighborhood participates in a Jester community habitat project. (we have one)
3. An article about the Habitat Challenge is published in a neighborhood newsletter and/or website. (done)
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5. Celebrate! The top three neighborhoods that complete all the requirements and certify the most new habitats between April 15th and Nov. 14th, 2012 will be recognized by the City of Austin and eligible for prizes.

To request a pre-paid habitat certification application or for contest details, contact the Wildlife Austin program at 512 978-2606 or www.keeperaustinwild.com

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	WS	Dallas!	5 p.m.
	MS	Dallas!	7 p.m.
9/9	WS	Huston-Tillotson!	5 p.m.
	MS	Huston-Tillotson!	7 p.m.
9/19	WS	Trinity!	7 p.m.
9/21	VB	Mary Hardin-Baylor\$	7:30 p.m.
9/22	VB	Mississippi College\$	12:30 p.m.
	WS	East Texas Baptist^	2 p.m.
	MS	East Texas Baptist^	4 p.m.
	VB	Texas-Tyler\$	5:30 p.m.
9/23	WS	Austin College^	2 p.m.
	MS	Austin College^	4 p.m.
9/28	VB	Sul Ross State	7 p.m.

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MS (M. Soccer)

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Math Buddy Volunteers Needed

by Amy Kulik

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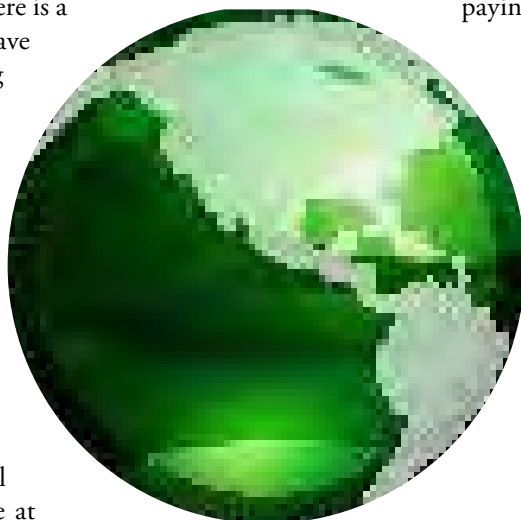


What Can You Do To Reduce Global Climate Change?

by Dale Bulla

If you are one of those persons that care about the climate and would like to do something, here is a suggestion you can do today and perhaps save some money in the future while lowering your carbon footprint. Austin Energy has a Green Choice program available to all of its customers. By signing up, all of your electricity will come from non-fossil fuel sources such as wind and solar. You will pay a bit more per kilowatt-hour but your fuel cost will be locked in until 2021. So you will have no increase in that portion of your bill for nearly 10 years.

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Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

The gossamer-winged butterflies (or Lycaenidae) are a large family of small butterflies that include the coppers, hairstreaks, and blues. Usually noticed when flying erratically in an up-and-down fluttering motion, they bask in the sun with their wings open, and when perched sit with their wings closed, often rubbing their hind wings together. The blues are especially small with a wingspan of about one inch, and while mostly blue above, the identifying field marks are found mainly on the undersides of their wings. In Central Texas, the most commonly seen blues in open, sunny habitats are the Eastern Tailed-blue, Marine Blue, and Reakirt's Blue.

Eastern Tailed-blues (*Cupido comyntas*) are common and can be identified by the one to three orange spots near the tail on the underside of the hind wing. The males are deep blue on their uppersides while the females are a lighter blue to brown. They occur in the eastern half of the United States from the coast to the Great Plains.

The Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*) is a fast flier (for a blue) and is found from Texas west to Southern California and south to Mexico. Its underside is strongly striped gray-brown often with a pale purple fringe. The male has a blue upperside with a strong purple overlay, while the female has a brown upperside with some blue at the base of the wings.

While the other blues fly mostly spring to fall, Reakirt's Blue (*Echinargus isola*) flies year round in Texas. The males are lavender-blue above while the females are primarily gray-brown with a touch

of blue basally, and they are identified by the conspicuous row of five white-ringed black spots on the underside of their forewings.

Each of these blues utilizes legumes as their larval food plants, so you can often see them flying around plants in this family, including alfalfa, mesquite, clover, dalea, mimosa, and indigo species. The caterpillars of these butterflies are slug-shaped, somewhat flattened, and are often tended to by ants, which feed on the sweet liquids secreted by the larvae and in turn protect the larvae from other predators. As adult butterflies, they feed on nectar from a variety of herbs found flowering in grasslands, fields, meadows, and along creeksides.

Interestingly, these blues are part of a group of butterflies called the *Polyommatus* blues, originally studied by the self-taught butterfly expert and famous mid-twentieth century novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who hypothesized that they arrived in the New World from Asia in waves over millions of years. While few professional scientists took his ideas seriously at the time, recent DNA and gene-sequencing technology has proved him absolutely correct – that this group of butterflies originated in Asia, moved over the Bering Strait at a time when the land was relatively warm 10 million years ago, and eventually headed south all the way to Chile!

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WELCOME

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Last month may have been the Dog Days of Summer, but even so we had many new residents move into Jester, heat or no heat (well, mostly heat). Please keep an eye out for moving vans on your block, and greet any new arrivals.

The Welcome Committee was able to successfully deliver 10 Welcome packages last month. In the last 3 months, there were 19 closes in Jester. We've delivered to 14 of these residents – only 5 more to go!

We saw a great diversity of residents in our deliveries. Most were moving from somewhere else in Austin, one from just down the hill in Lakewood. Several were young couples in their first houses, moving from either downtown or the Domain. We caught several in the process of painting and other renovations, and several who had just moved in after doing painting and other renovations.

The packages we delivered were to 1) Justin and Beth on Tree Fern Lane, 2) Chrissy and Marty with daughters Morgan and Gabbi on the 7000 block of Beauford Drive, 3) Beth and Chad with their dog Sophie on Fig Vine, 4) Jennifer and Ryan also on Fig Vine, 5) Greg on the 7700 block of Basil Drive, 6) Tony and Alisa with their children Allison, Lila and Kate on the 8000 block of Bottlebursh Drive, 7) Farah and Nimesh on Jester Wild, 8) Judi and Rod on the 6700 block of Beauford Drive, 9) Jeff and Jan with their children Jenny, Cole and Delaney on Aralia Drive, and 10) Emily and Greg with their young son Meason on the 7100 block of Anaqua.

For the last year, committee member Deb Lewis has been baking cookies for the Welcome packages. Last month's macaroons were delicious and even healthy. The rest of the Welcome Committee always gets to taste the month's cookies before doing our deliveries, so we appreciate her effort as much as the new residents!

Please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 346-0349 or joann-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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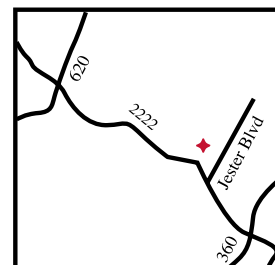
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Dripping With Taste Wine & Food Festival 2012

By Around Dripping Springs - www.AroundDrippingSprings.com

The 5th annual Dripping with Taste Wine & Food Festival will take its popular foodie-tainment event to another level on Saturday, September 8, with a new location and expanded offerings of gourmet foods, local wines, craft beers, artisans, and live music.

Shannon Moler, Director of the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau which sponsors the festival, said the venue relocation to the Texas Hill Country Olive Company offers the perfect setting.

"The Texas Olive Company's Tuscan-styled tasting room and orchard is breathtaking, and right in the heart of Dripping Springs," Moler said.

Moler, who is also the event chair, said the festival showcases the variety and quality of foods and wines throughout the Central Texas Hill Country region, starting with Dripping Springs.

"Local wineries like West Cave Cellars and Bell Springs are coming, and Fredericksburg wineries like Grape Creek and Becker are coming," Moler said. "We have more than 20 wineries from throughout the region, as well as chefs and dozens of area gourmet and specialty foods, plus, more than two dozen creative artisan vendors, too."

"Another surprise for visitors to Dripping Springs is the local craft beers, which will be represented at DWT2012 by area breweries like Jester King, Thirsty Planet, Independence, and Twisted X."

Moler said other locally crafted, unique beverage options at this year's festival will include sparkling hard cider from Argus Cidery, and Texas Sake. Making their first appearance also will be Texas Coffee Traders from Austin. Even Williams Sonoma is sending a chef to the festival for the first time, to present two cooking demonstrations.

The lineup of live music entertainment will be varied and upbeat, with five bands scheduled to play throughout the day. The festival will close with a VIP awards ceremony from 7pm - 8pm, for the best in show chefs, wines, and foods. And speaking of VIP, even the women's bathroom facilities on site will be upscale, with "Elite Silver Platinum" air-conditioned trailers featuring individual stalls with sinks and mirrors.

Proceeds from this year's festival benefit the non-profit Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, launched in early 2012 with a mission to attract Hill Country visitors and guests to the town. According to Moler, the Dripping with Taste festival is made possible through a concerted community effort that pays off for visitors and residents alike.

"This event takes a lot of energized volunteers, community leaders and business owners but the effort is worth it," Moler said. "Visitors are delighted to learn they can experience all the Hill Country has to offer this close to Austin. Everyone loves this event and it just gets better each year."

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Local dog rescue collecting unwanted pet items September 6-9

by Kristen West



Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH), a rescue and rehabilitation center for neglected dogs, is collecting new or slightly used pet items from Thursday, September 6, through Sunday, September 9.

The organization recently moved to a remarkable six-acre plot in southwest Austin to better enable them to assist dogs in need. WHH is reaching out to the community to help them prepare for their growing number of rehabilitating dogs and increasing financial costs.

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Sept. 2 & 9	Lyle Lovett and His Large Band	The Moody Theater acl-live.com
Sept. 9 - 19	Blue Lapis Light Heaven – Earth - One <i>Mesmerizing aerial dance performance</i>	Long Center thelongcenter.org
Sept. 13 - 15	Mike Daisey – The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs <i>Many are calling this the most notorious and controversial play of the decade by Daisey hailed as “the master storyteller”</i>	McCullough Theatre texasperformingarts.org
Sept. 18 - 23	The Improvised Shakespeare Company <i>The Boys of the Bard are back by popular demand!</i>	Long Center thelongcenter.org
Sept. 21	Bill Engvall <i>One of the top comedians today</i>	Paramount Theatre austintheatre.org
Sept. 23	Austin Museum Day <i>Thirty Austin Museums – all free, all day, plus special Museum Day events</i>	austinemuseums.org
Sept. 20 - 27	Fantastic Fest: 8-day Film Festival <i>Featuring a range of genres: full feature and short films</i>	fantasticfest.com
Sept. 22 - 23	Piccadilly Circus <i>Man & beast together in perfect harmony. Agile acrobats! Motorcycle Madness! Comedic circus clowns!</i>	Travis County Expo Center 854-4900
Sept. 29 - 30	Old Pecan Street Fall Festival <i>Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn 6th street into a lively street fair.</i>	6th Street 443-6179 oldpecanstreetfestival.com
Sept. 30	An Evening with Steve Miller Band <i>One of rock music's all-time greats</i>	The Moody Theater acl-live.com

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