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JESTER HALLOWEEN PARADE & ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
9:30 AM @ JESTER CLUB

(You do not need to be a member to participate)

Parade route is up Jester, around Basil, and back. Come out and cheer on our Jester kiddos – they love an audience!

Letter from Jester Resident *Regarding Firewise Property Assessment*

Several members of Jester's Firewise Committee have completed classroom training and accompanied trained assessors on numerous inspections. These individuals are now qualified to assist residents with a FREE Firewise risk assessment. To get a wildfire risk analysis of your property, go to www.jesterneighbors.com, and click on the "Wildfire Preparedness Assessment" link on the home page.

Here is a letter received after a recent risk assessment:

Thanks so much for reviewing our Jester Estates residence. My wife Kathy and I will most assuredly implement your recommendations by contacting appropriate providers next week. The really good news is that these fire protections are not expected to cost much. And I was impressed that not only did you address fire issues but some of your evaluation even disclosed a potentially a dangerous burglary weakness which we will have corrected immediately. We are very pleased that we had the benefit of your expertise and feel that implementation will result in a residence safer for Kathy and me and for our neighbors. I strongly recommend your work.

Warmest Regards,
Bob Richardson
Agave Cove



Jester Fall Garage Sale

Saturday, Oct 5th at 8:00 am

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Redistricting in NW Austin Including Jester

The 10-1 Redistricting work underway by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) is now in its second round of public hearings to gather input for the district maps they will draw. They are seeking input on common interests of the neighborhoods that fit along the natural geographic boundaries into which the voting precincts might be drawn. The ICRC has a set of guidelines it needs to use for crafting the districts, which for the North and Northwest parts of Austin are most sensitive to being compact, geographically contiguous areas that represent common concerns and interests.

To clearly articulate those common interests and draft suggested boundaries, a group of leaders constituted the Northwest Austin Coalition (NWAC) which has been meeting since April. After several meetings, NWAC drafted a map of 3 districts for the area, reflecting common interests and compact geographically contiguous areas. This map is being refined, to reflect numbers of voters who fit the constraints of about 80,000 per district, and to truly represent the neighborhoods included, and to accommodate the work being done on minority-focused districts for the City. To help with the refinement, NWAC is reaching out to the major neighborhood associations to get their input and support. Jester's input and involvement would be very helpful to the effort.

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If your yard has been certified in the past but you have just put up your sign, let me know that too. We want every one of our 176 certified yards to show off their love for habitat with a sign, which is the best way for neighbors to get on board to protect our environment and keep Jester a Green Neighborhood.

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It was another huge month for the Welcome Committee with 8 deliveries completed. This summer was incredible – 33 new sales in the May through August timeframe – and those are only the ones sold through MLS. We really appreciate the efforts of Teresa Gouldie and her staff for letting us know what addresses have been sold so that we can deliver our welcome bags to the new residents. Without their help, we'd be chasing moving vans down the street!

Deliveries were made to:

1) 8200 block of Asmara Drive: Jennifer and Jeff with their children Caiden, Eli, and Sebastian, plus their dogs Beckham and Zani, just moved from Houston

2) 8300 block of Elander: Rebecca and Chris with their children Julia and Graham moved from another Austin neighborhood.

3) 8000 block of Bottlebrush: Christian and Amy with their son Evan also moved from another Austin location.

4) 7200 block of Holly Fern Cove: Reed and Tim came a little further, from Indianapolis.

5) 7000 block of Quill Leaf Cove: Jian and Yaguo also moved from Indiana.

6) 7800 block of Lakewood Drive: Louis and Lore with their children Jeremy, Matthew and Yana, along with their dogs Cognac, Hydro, and Leo moved from Wimberley.

7) 6600 block of Lakewood Point Cove: Robbie and Shanna with their children Jackson, Will, and Brooklyn moved from Manor.

We also left a welcome bag on the doorstep of a new resident on 7000 block of Beauford Dr.

If you have a new resident on your block, and many of us do, please introduce yourself and see if there are any questions you can answer. We love hearing that new residents have been welcomed before we are able to deliver Welcome bags.

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 bag to you but not found you home.



Jennifer and children on Asmara Drive



Chris and Rebecca with their children Julia and Graham on Elander



Amy and Christian on Bottlebrush

WELCOME COMMITTEE PHOTOS



Reed on Holly Fern Cove



Jian and Yaguo on Quill Leaf Cove



Robbie and Shanna with their children on Lakewood Point Cove



Lore and Louis with their children on Lakewood Drive

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CYCLING - Want to join a Jester road biking group and participate in organized rides? Contact Troy Reish at troy.reish@gmail.com or call 241-0592.

HILL 2013 KINDERGARTEN GROUP - This group is helping connect Jester families with others who also have children entering Hill Kindergarten in the Fall 2013. Email Jester resident, Kevin Fricke at Kevin@lonestarmedia.com to be added to our email distribution list.

JESTER UNCORKED - Wine lovers of Jester, unite! Join our ever-growing group of wine lovers. Contact Karen Kershaw at kershaw@me.com.

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

JESTER KIDS YAHOO GROUP - This group is helping Jester parents connect with other parents who have children with similar ages or interests! Email jesterkids-subscribe@yahoo.com to subscribe.

JESTER PAGE TURNERS - Check out the Jester Page Turners, a neighborhood book group that meets the second Wednesday evening of each month. Contact Nicky Shore at Shoren@me.com.

KAYAKING - Have some fun with this great water sport!

NETWORKING GROUP - Are you a resident who owns a business or provides a service? Build your business by referral! One individual or company per professional category. Contact Paul (Griff) Griffiths at 241-1644 or griff@albioncomputergroup.com

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

Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Hardy Half-Wings



LEAF-FOOTED BUG

It may surprise you to learn that not all bugs are true bugs, so when is a bug really a bug? True bugs are those that fall into the scientific order Hemiptera, which comes from the Greek words hemi, meaning half, and pteron, meaning wing. This description refers to their fore wings, which are hardened near the base and membranous near the ends, giving them the appearance of having a half-wing. Other common features shared by true bugs is that they have piercing, sucking mouthparts (rather than a mouth

with which to chew), and antennae with typically five segments. This diverse group of insects is made up of about 80,000 species, and includes cicadas, planthoppers, aphids, water bugs, and shield bugs.

Because this order is so diverse, these insects are found in a wide variety of habitats. But this time of year, one superfamily called Pentatomoidea or shield bugs, are especially numerous and noticeable. Also known as stink bugs, these insects have glands in their thorax that emit a foul-smelling compound, which when disturbed, they use as a defense to discourage potential predators. About 1/2 inch long, green or brown in color, and trapezoidal in shape, stink bugs feed on many different species of plants, from natives to crops to ornamentals.

Similar in appearance, but not to be confused with stink or shield bugs, are the leaf-footed bugs belonging to the superfamily called Coreoidea. Also particularly active in the fall, these bugs are about 3/4 inch in length, and dark brown with a whitish to yellowish stripe across the central part of the back. Their hind legs have flattened, leaf-like expansions on their tibia. In Central Texas, adults are often found feeding on the joints and fruits of prickly pear cactus.



SOUTHERN GREEN STINK BUG

Like all true bugs, stink bugs and leaf-footed bugs do not go through metamorphosis from larva to full grown adult. Instead, the nymphs that hatch from eggs laid in the spring are tiny versions of the adults, without sexual organs or wings. After hatching they huddle together on top of their abandoned eggshells, dispersing as they grow larger, and molting several times before reaching adult size some time in the fall.

When the nights become cool, stink bugs and leaf-footed bugs appear in large numbers, as they clamber along openings in structures in search of indoor shelter. While they can hibernate in deep leaf litter at the edge of forested areas, many attempt to crawl inside attics and walls during the winter, only to emerge in early spring. Various species of these half-wings are found in 38 states, and while not harmful to homeowners, many consider them a nuisance. They are also an agricultural pest, often feeding on cotton, tomatoes, and peaches, and seeds such as pecans, soybeans, and sorghum. Regardless of how you might view them, there is no doubt that they are hardy half-wings!

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*by Dr. Beverly Hamilton
President, Austin Diaper Bank*

Have you ever heard of diaper need? Most people haven't. Diapers are a basic need for babies and toddlers yet 1 in 3 Americans struggle to afford diapers for their children. While Austin is currently experiencing an upswing in its economy, many of its citizens remain in poverty. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, 29% of Austin's children live in poverty (below \$24,000 household income for a family of four). Diapers are expensive, averaging \$100 a month, and they are not covered by federal assistance programs such as WIC or food stamps. Disposable diapers are typically a requirement of daycare centers so diapers are needed for parents to be able to work. Babies without adequate diaper changes are subject to skin issues, infections and discomfort. Increased crying in babies is linked to heightened stress and abuse in households already stretched by economic woes.

The good news is that we can easily alleviate this situation. By providing diapers to those babies in need, parents can work, health issues are reduced and wellbeing is improved. Austin Diaper Bank strives to meet this need. A diaper bank takes donations of diapers and funds to purchase diapers at discounted rates. Partnering with social service agencies that are already helping families in need

through comprehensive programs and services ensures that diapers are distributed to the families that need them the most and in the most effective way. Diapers not only provide health and happiness to families and babies in need, but they are also a resource to the partners and organizations to which they are given. Having these diapers as a resource increases the services these organizations can provide to the community.

How can you help Austin Diaper Bank assist those less fortunate babies and seniors?

There are several ways:

- Donate diapers. Our donation drop-off spot that is closest to your neighborhood is at Pumpkin Patch Children's Store on West Anderson Lane.
- Donate funds at www.austindiapers.org.
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Breast Cancer: Importance of Early Detection

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

Screening is vital because early stages of the disease are easier to treat. The American Cancer Society recommends women:

- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
- Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
- An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

For more information about breast cancer and early detection, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, visit the American Cancer Society Web Site at: www.cancer.org, or visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site at: <http://nbcam.org/>



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Oct. 5 - 6	Fall Plant Sale & Gardening Festival	wildflower.org
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Oct. 9	ZZ Top - longest running major rock band of original members	acl-live.com
Oct. 12 - 19	The Boy Who Loved Monsters and The Girl Who Loved Peas	The Long Center
	<i>World premier of this award-winning new play</i>	thelongcenter.org
Oct. 18	Superheroes	The Long Center
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Oct. 23	Yamato - array of Japanese drums	texasperformingarts.org
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Oct. 24 - 31	Austin Film Festival	Various Venues
	<i>Eight days of films & parties celebrating the art of film</i>	austinfilmfestival.com
Oct. 25 - 26	Prevention R3 Summit: The Ultimate Health & Wellness Weekend	The Long Center
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Oct. 25 - 27	Austin Record Convention	North Austin Event Center
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Oct. 26 - 27	Texas Book Festival	State Capitol Building
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Oct. 27	8th Annual Goblins in the Garden - Wear your costume!	LBJ Wildflower Center
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Oct. 27	Halloween Children's Concert - Wear your costume!	The Long Center
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