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If you plan to attend, please contact Colette at

Colette@realtyaustin.com or call her at 512-294-1781 so she and Edgar know how much wine to buy.

Thanks goes out to Glen and Melody Brown who hosted a recent Jester Uncorked event that was well-attended and loads of fun! Glen has graciously agreed to be the contact person for this group, so please let him know if you would like to attend an event or even host one. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, share some "wine" experiences, and have a fun-filled night close to home!

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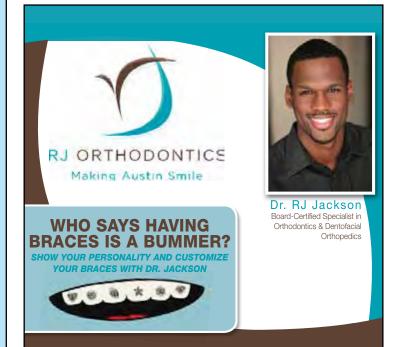
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# <u>Jester Estates</u> WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

The Welcome Committee has had quite a summer, with 12 deliveries just last month! Based on the moving vans that we see there won't be a slow down any time soon. All but one of the families we met were moving from Austin neighborhoods – North, South, East, Northwest, just down 2222 and even one from within Jester! The one family we met from out of town, though, is from way out of town – Rhode Island. That's got to be tough moving here from New England to a Texas summer. You'll notice a grouping of new residents on a few Jester streets. There were 3 deliveries made to Moonflower Drive, and Moonflower is only one block long. Lakewood Drive was another hot bed of moving activity with 4 deliveries to residents living in close proximity. Elander Drive is only a short block long and had 2 deliveries! The Welcome Committee didn't meet new residents at 2 of the addresses, one each on Elander and Moonflower Drives, but left Welcome Bags as we knew they had moved in. The new residents we did meet were:

Scott and Sandy on the 7800 block of Lakewood. They closed in April but were doing renovations and just moved in.

Tee and Jean also on the 7800 block of Lakewood. They've lived nearby in Davenport Ranch, but before that they were in Santa Fe.

Alex and Shannon with their daugher Cora, also on the 7800 block of Lakewood. They moved from Houston.

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Arthur and Kathryn



Doug and Stacy with Isabelle Sophie and Emily



Geoff and Victoria



Laura and Jon





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Sue and Diego, with their children Olivia (almost 4 years old) and Henry (2) also on the 7800 block of Lakewood. They moved from further northwest Austin.

Leigh, Molly and Mason on the 7600 block of Basil. They moved from just down the street on Kolache Cove, so they didn't need all the contents of the Welcome Bag, but we did leave cookies for them.

Geoff, Charlotte and their daughter Victoria on Elander Drive. They moved from South Austin.

Doug and Stacy with their children Isabelle, Sophie and Emily on Moonflower Drive. They're the ones that just moved from Rhode Island. We met them just as they returned from the Jester Club pool. What a great way to cool down from our Texas heat! Arthur and Kathryn, two doors down on Moonflower, moved from a condo close by.

Sabra, Jon, William and Claire on the 7300 block of Holly Fern. They moved from East Austin.

Jon and Laura with their children Reagan, Hudson and Paige on the 7900 block of Jester. They moved from further northwest Austin.

There were so many deliveries that the Welcome Committee had to split up to do them in one evening.

We really enjoyed meeting these new residents. If you live near them, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, 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.



Sandy and Scott



Shannon and Cora



Sue and Diego with Henry and Olivia



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# Nature Watch by Jim and Lynne Weber

**Resident Raptors** 

Raptors, or birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls, are often birds that migrate in the spring and fall, but there are some species that remain in central Texas year round. The most common are the Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis), Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus), and Crested Caracara (Caracara cheriway).

The most common hawk in North America, red-tailed hawks are often seen soaring above open fields or perched on highway utility poles eyes fixed on the ground to catch the movement of any potential prey. Most red-tailed hawks are rich brown above and pale below, with broad, rounded wings and a short, wide tail. On mature adults, the tail is pale below and cinnamon-red above, and on young birds, the tail is alternating bands of brown and cream. These hawks often have a streaked belly and on the underside of their wings, a dark bar extending from shoulder to wrist. Red-tails can be deceiving, however, as they can exhibit a wide variety of plumages. Red-tailed hawks are amazingly adapted for life in the air. While one of the largest birds you'll ever see at up to 19 inches long with a wingspan topping out at 42 inches, the biggest females weigh in at only 3 pounds. When courting, these raptors put on an amazing aerial display, in which they soar in wide circles at a great height. The male will repeatedly dive steeply then shoot up again, and as he approaches the female from above, he will extend his legs and touch her briefly. When their talons clasp,



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they plummet in spirals toward the ground before pulling away. Usually mating for life, red-tailed hawks have been seen hunting as a pair, guarding opposite sides of the same tree to catch squirrels.

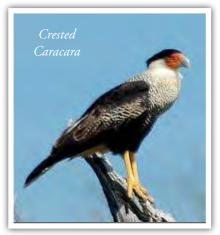
Another common hawk in our area is the Red-shouldered Hawk, which is a medium-sized hawk that prefers riparian habitats over open fields. It has barred reddish-peachy underparts and a strongly black and white banded tail, with reddish shoulders and wing linings. In flight, these raptors can be identified by the pale crescent near their wingtips. Considered a hawk of the forest, this bird frequents creeks, rivers, and swamps, and hunts prey ranging from mice to frogs and snakes. Red-shouldered hawks return to the same nesting territory year after year, often rebuilding the previous year's nest. The male will enact a 'sky dance' as a mating display, where he soars while calling, then making a series of steep dives toward the female, climbs back up in wide spirals before rapidly diving to perch on the female's back. By the times they are five days old, nestling Red-shouldered hawks can shoot their feces over the edge of their nest, making the rearing job much easier for their parents.

The Crested Caracara is a raptor in the falcon family, and is considered a tropical version of a vulture that reaches the United States only in Texas, Arizona, and Florida. Often seen at carrion along with black and turkey vultures, it is a bird of open grasslands. A large, long-legged bird, the caracara has a black body, pale neck, faint barring on the upper back and chest, and a black cap with a short crest. Its' tail is white-based with a wide black tip, and it has white patches at the ends of dark wings. A noble looking bird, the caracara is often commonly referred to as the 'Mexican eagle'.

As winter approaches and many other raptor species migrate south, keep an eye to the sky for those that stay -- our resident raptors!

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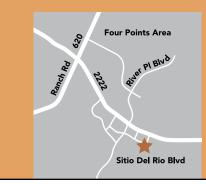
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