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JESTER HALLOWEEN PARADE & ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9:30 AM

JESTER CLUB

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NATURE WATCH

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Fields of Gold

Cooler temperatures and shorter days mark the onset of autumn, and the golden colors of the season begin to surround us. Among the amber and scarlet hues making an appearance in the landscape, one cannot help but notice two of our most common fall-blooming native plants: Goldeneye (*Viguiera dentata*) and Prairie Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*).

A member of the sunflower family, Goldeneye is a bushy, drought-tolerant, multi-branched plant that tends to grow in colonies, providing rich swaths of golden color along our roadsides and in open areas. It has narrow leaves and numerous 1.5 inch daisy-like flowers at the tips of long, slender stalks. Growing to 3 feet tall in full sun or up to 6 feet tall in partial shade, this plant is native not only to Texas but to Arizona and New Mexico as well. It prefers relatively dry, partially shaded areas such as woodland edges and open prairies, and in Mexico is also known by the common name Chimalacate.

The mid to late fall blooms of Goldeneye not only provide seasonal color, but provide for native wildlife as well. Goldeneye is the larval food plant for

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Goldeneye (Photo by Joseph A. Marcus)

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JESTER MOMMIES - We're the Jester group for moms who would like to get to know other neighborhood moms. We go to local restaurants or enjoy evening activities nearby, usually without our kids. Interested in the next outing? Contact Suzi Brown Paulsen at oksuzi@hotmail.com.

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Jester Estates

(Nature Watch ... Continued from Cover)

both the Bordered Patch and Cassius Blue butterflies, and if spent flower stalks are left to stand through most of the winter, they will provide good seed forage for Lesser Goldfinches and other birds. Infusions of this plant are still used today as an antibacterial treatment for baby rash.

Prairie Goldenrod, also called Gray Goldenrod, is a slender-stemmed plant 1.5 to 2 feet tall, that blooms from June through October. A member of the aster family, it has thin, coarsely-toothed leaves and yellow flowers that are borne on the upper side of hairy stalks, arching out and downward to create a vase-shaped flower cluster. Individual plants bloom at various times, extending the flowering season, but they are most noticeable in fall, especially when paired with purple Gayfeather and red Autumn Sage. An excellent addition to a wildflower meadow or a sunny garden, Prairie Goldenrod is naturally found in dry, open woods and upland prairies, and does well in full sun to part shade. A carefree plant, it can become invasive if left alone, but is also easily controlled.

Of special value to bees and butterflies for its pollen and nectar, and to several species of finches for its seeds, Prairie Goldenrod was also used by Native Americans to treat jaundice and kidney disorders, and as a wash for burns and skin ulcers. The Navajo burned the leaves as incense, and used the seeds for food.

As you wander along roadways and pathways this fall, admire these fields of gold that delight not only our senses, but provide a bountiful harvest for our wild neighbors as well!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, look for our book, *Nature Watch Austin*, published by Texas A&M University Press.



Prairie Goldenrod (Photo by R. W. Smith)

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

The rush of new residents moving during last summer may be over, but not before the Welcome Committee delivered bags to 8 new homeowners. We met some great new people last month and hope they've had a chance to meet a lot more of our friendly neighbors since then. Several of the new residents were expecting babies at the time we did the Welcome Bag deliveries, so we expect there are some new, very young residents that have since made an appearance.

Bags were delivered to:

Mark on the 7700 block of Basil. He moved in about 3 months ago but did some major renovations. His son goes to UT.

Justin and Kim on Jancy Drive with their 3 year old Erin. They've lived in Austin for years but are new to Jester.

Wayne and Rose on the 8400 block of Asmara Drive moved from the Onion Creek area.

Corey and Laura with their children Rhett (3 years old) and Julianne (2 years old) on the 7500 block of Kolache Cove. When we delivered the Welcome Bag, they were expecting a newborn.

John and Wendy with their children Samuel and Christine on the 8000 block of Asmara Drive, also from the Austin area.

Matt and Holly with their son Max and a 2nd baby due any day when we delivered the Welcome Bags. Matt grew up in Austin and knew the local Austin schools. They've been welcomed by neighbors, and especially have enjoyed living next door to Gregg and Michelle.

Jerome and Joy with son Tyler (3 ½ years old) and Bella (6) on the 7400 block of Jester Boulevard. They moved from Round Rock.

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.



The Jones Family on Kolache Cove



Mark on Basil

Jester Estates Stork Report

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DISTRICT 10 City of Austin Candidate Forum

Residents from Lakewood, Jester Estates and Great Hills are co-hosting an Austin City Council District 10 candidate forum. All 8 candidates have agreed to participate.

WHEN

Monday, October 6 Meet & Greet 6:00-6:30; forum 6:30-8:30

WHERE:

Lakewood HOA Clubhouse, 7317 Lakewood Drive

Be an informed voter. Bring your questions and hear from the candidates.

Candidates listed in alphabetical order

Margie Burclaga	Matt Lamon
Tina Cannon	Jason Meeker
Mandy Dealy	Robert Thomas
Sheri Gallo	Bill Worsham

Light refreshments will be served but feel free to bring a sandwich.
For questions contact: Event Organizer Joanne Richards at phjfr@swbell.net



The logo for Northwest Hills Smiles, featuring a circular arrangement of colorful leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green. Below the leaves, the text "NORTHWEST HILLS SMILES, PA" is written in a serif font, followed by "HONEST. HEALTHY. SMILES." in a smaller, sans-serif font.
The Invisalign logo, consisting of a blue star-like icon followed by the word "invisalign" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

A photograph of three female dentists, Jessica Heggen, Jacquelyn Yo, and Shana Atassi, all wearing white lab coats and smiling. Above them is a red banner with the text "MEET OUR DOCTORS". Below the photo is a red banner with their names and credentials: "JESSICA HEGGEN, DDS", "JACQUELYN YO, DDS", and "SHANA ATASSI, DDS".

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Can you Afford a Decorator?

By Jester resident Erin Arnold

About three months ago, my family moved into this wonderful neighborhood, with our two young boys. My husband and I have been married for ten years, but due to post-graduate schooling and moving and babies, we had yet to invest in “grown up” furniture. This home is by far the largest and most lovely home we have lived in. In short, we moved into a big, beautiful home, with no furniture to fill it.

I work part-time, and my husband works full-time. In my little spare-time, I enjoy some HGTV and perusing of decorating magazines and websites. However, when it came to filling our own home with paint, furniture, and accessories, I lacked the time and confidence to go it alone. We wanted to be proud of our new home, but also didn't want anything too “showy.” Considering the cash outlay that just happened with the home purchase, we felt like we were hemorrhaging money, so the budget was a top concern. Although several retailers offer free design services, we were hoping for a look that was creative and unique; something that didn't come straight out of a showroom or catalogue. And, it was important that anyone helping us was realistic about the wear and tear our furniture would endure from our catsup-fingered, dirt-dusted, pillow-throwing, car-banging boys. We wanted our home to be livable. We had high expectations, but didn't think we could afford a decorator.

So, I found a local decorator featured in Austin Woman magazine, whose design aesthetic I really appreciated, and I gave her call. Just to see...and this is what I learned:

- Designers can charge you either an hourly rate, or a percentage of your total budget.
- In Austin, you can find a designer from \$50/hour to \$250/hour.
- A standard design fee percentage is about 40%.
- A certified designer gets 10%-30% off at most stores.
- Some designers will pass these savings onto you, and some won't.
- You can hire a designer for a wide range of services – from helping you select a single piece, to providing a design and source list, to actually overseeing and implementing a full design project.
- The cost of an install, including the cost of contractors, should be included in your budget and your designer will be responsible for managing it all.
- Most designers have contacts with contractors whom they trust and with which they have experience. They often get fair pricing with these contractors as well.

So, we did some math similar to the following. Let's say a full design budget was \$8,000 for a room. If you did it on your own, all \$8,000 would go toward “product”, meaning furniture, wallpaper, paint, contractor fees, accessories, etc... If you chose to work with a designer for 40%, then \$3,200 would go to design fees, and \$4,800 to “product.” To us, this seemed like too much reduction in the \$\$ that would actually live in the room, even though our designer does

pass all of her savings onto her clients. If you could find a designer in the \$100/hour range, \$3,200 would imply 32 hours of work – or four full days. Maybe this was reasonable, but we just weren't sure, so we agreed to work with our designer on an hourly basis to help keep track of the project!

We had three areas that we wanted a designer to fully decorate – meaning design, shop, and install. At the initial meeting we communicated our total budget, X. But in all honesty, we were mentally prepared to spend X + 10%. About 10 weeks passed from the first meeting to the finale. At seven weeks in, the decorator met with us and reviewed an itemized spreadsheet of every expense, including her hours, up to that point. Along the way, we paid the tile installer, wallpaper installer, and handyman directly, but this was accounted for out of the budget. We also gave our decorator money to spend on furniture shopping. We settled everything at the end. Depending on the extent of your project, some decorators might cover all costs and invoice you for the total at the end. We appreciated not being hit with it all at once. Our final total came in around X + 15%, but we are partially responsible for the overage. Our decorator presented us with some final choices at our review meeting, and we selected items knowingly expanding our budget. Interestingly, the final decorator hours came to about 15% of our total budget. Although, our decorator probably under-billed us on her hours, so you might want to set your expectations a little higher than 15%.

We were ignorant to the entire “hiring a decorator” experience, which is why we wanted to share what we have learned. However, just covering the mechanics of the process does not do it justice. We LOVE the final product. It is beautiful, welcoming, AND child-friendly. It is 10x better than what we could possibly have done on our own. And, the time and energy required was 1/10th of what it would have been. Instead of dragging our two boys to furniture stores on the weekend, we took them swimming, and built Legos. Instead of arguing with each other over what pieces work or how to arrange the furniture, we deferred to our decorator. Instead of predictable paint and comfortable choices, we have wallpaper and wall tile and fun pieces. And, instead of struggling with hanging light fixtures and chasing down mis-shipped items, our decorator handled it all. This is the conclusion we came to:

***You get a better result
with less effort
for the same \$\$
by hiring a decorator.***

We will definitely be bringing our decorator, and now friend, back for round two early next year! We had such a great experience and are happy to share it! If you would like to see photos or see it in person, or have questions, feel free to shoot me an email (Erinchandlerarnold@yahoo.com). Happy decorating!

Pruning Guidelines for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas

NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE YOUR OAKS TREES

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:

- To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.
- To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
- To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
- On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.
- Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30. Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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When It's Just You in an Emergency



"Mom!" you yell down the stairs. "Where's my math book? I can't find it and the bus is coming! Please help me ... it's an emergency!"

It is kind of an emergency with the bus coming and all, but what about a medical emergency? That kind of emergency is usually more serious. If you don't have your math book or miss the bus, that would be bad. But a medical emergency means someone needs care from a doctor right away. Let's find out the right thing to do.

QUICK THINKING: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Liz and her little brother Jamie are out for a walk. Jamie decides to race ahead down a very steep hill. He's running pretty fast when he suddenly trips. Over and over he falls, rolling down the hill at high speed until he's sprawled out on the sidewalk at the bottom.

Liz rushes to her brother's side, hoping that he's OK. Then she sees some blood on the pavement. And Jamie isn't moving at all. What should she do? First things first: Liz should look around for a grown-up and call him or her to help right away. If no one is close by, she should make a phone call either on a cell phone or from the closest phone.

Calling for help is the most important thing a kid can do in an emergency. If you're going to be the one making the emergency phone call, here's what to do:

- Take a deep breath to calm down a little.
- Call 911.
- Tell the operator there's an emergency.
- Say your name and where you are (the exact address if you know it).
- Explain what happened and how many people are hurt. (The operator will need all the information you can provide, so give as many details as you can.)
- Follow all of the operator's instructions carefully.
- Stay on the line until the operator says it's OK to hang up.

After calling for help, your first thought might be to rush over to the person who's injured. But stop and look before you do.



Be a Hero - the Smart Way

In an emergency, a kid might think about playing the superhero by driving a car or racing into a burning building. Don't do it! You could cause another accident or make the situation worse. If you get hurt, too, who will call 911?

Make sure the scene is safe. If it's not, wait in a safe spot until a grown-up or an emergency team arrives.

If the scene is safe, and as soon as Liz is sure someone is calling 911 — or she has called it herself — she could return to her brother and wait until help arrives. (She shouldn't move her brother at all because he could have a neck or other bone injury. Moving someone who has that sort of injury can make it much worse.) She can help him feel calm by being calm herself.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared for one. Knowing what to do ahead of time can help you stay in control so that you can help. Here are some suggestions

on how to be ready to help in an emergency:

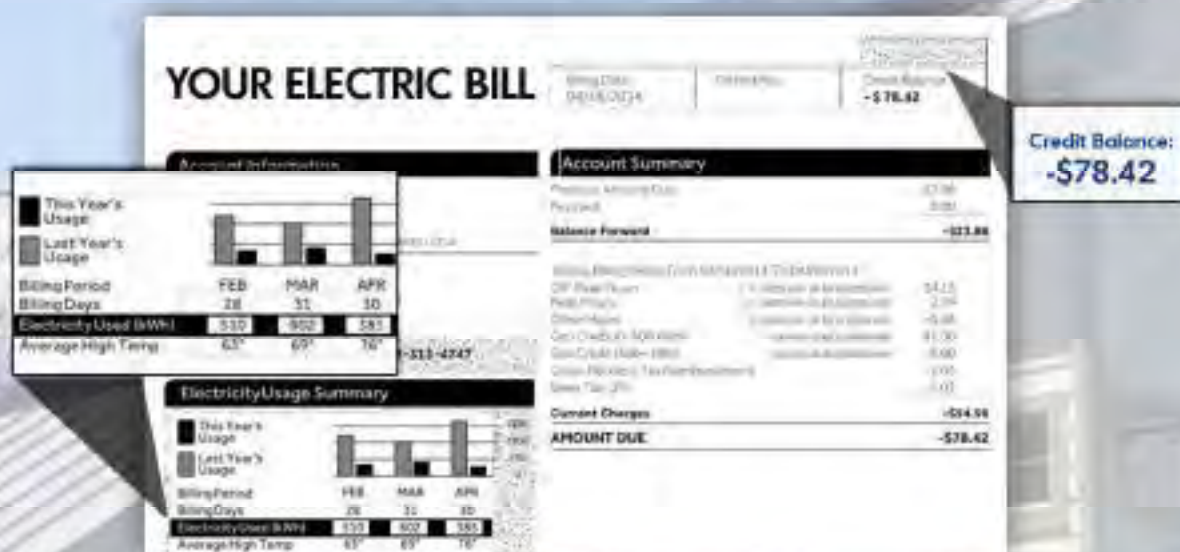
- When you're outdoors, make sure you're in an area where you can call out for help even if you don't have a phone with you.
- Know how to dial 911 or your local emergency number (in most areas in the United States, it's 911).
- If you have one, carry a cell phone or know how to use your parent's cell phone.
- Learn first aid. Look for basic first-aid classes with your local Red Cross, the YMCA or YWCA, the Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, your local hospital, and other organizations. Or ask your school nurse to have a first-aid class just for students in your school.

It's scary to think about someone getting hurt. But the truth is that accidents can and do happen. They happen when people are being careless and careful. Sometimes, kids are the ones who get hurt. Sometimes, grown-ups get hurt. Either way, it's good to know what to do if someone needs emergency medical help. Even though you're a kid, you can make a big difference by doing the right thing.

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Oct. 7 - 12	Beauty and the Beast - Broadway musical for all generations	texasperformingarts.org
Oct. 10 - 11, 17-18, 24-25	Boo at the Zoo Go on the haunted hay ride or trek through the haunted house	Austin Zoo austinzoo.org
Oct. 10 - Nov. 29	A Year with Frog and Toad Whimsical musical tells the story of a friendship that endures	Zach Theatre zachtheatre.org
Oct. 10 - 12	Fall Native Plant Sale - Choose from nearly 300 species of hardy Texas native bred to thrive with our Central Texas climate	wildflower.org
Oct. 12	Ringo Starr and His All-Star Band	act-live.com
Oct. 12 - 19	The Pumpkin Express - Pack a picnic lunch and take a steam train to Bertram, pick up pumpkin and chat with Farmer Brown	austinteamtrain.org
Oct. 16	La Dolce Vita Food and Wine Festival	thelongcenter.org
Oct. 16	Gong Show Live - Iconic classic TV show brought to life	thelongcenter.org
Oct. 24	Symphony of Terror - Get into the Halloween spirit with rock	austinsymphony.org
Oct. 26	Lone Star 26th Annual Vegetarian Chili Cook-off Keeping chili weird, but also vegan and delicious	veggiechilicookoff.com
Oct. 26	Halloween Children's Concert - Wear your costumes!	austinsymphony.org
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2	Austin Fan Fest - Six stages, interactive displays, food trucks, racing simulators, kid's zone & more, presented free to the public	Downtown austinfanfest.com
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