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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year Jester Neighbors! Feeling good about 2015 and want to share this optimism with you. Let's start the new year with more smiles and friendly waves when you are driving, bicycling or walking around the neighborhood. A good way to get to know your neighbors is to attend the next scheduled Jester Homeowners Association, Inc. 2015 annual meeting on February 24th at 7:00 pm at the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church, 6909 West Courtyard Drive. We will have Board nominations, reports from our committees, and an open discussion period to hear questions and concerns of our neighbors.

Please consider getting more involved in our community this year. We hope that with more involvement on the Jester Board, we can do more for our neighborhood. Please contact any of the Board members listed on the following page if you are interested in serving on the Board or on a committee.

*Look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!*

*Jester is a great place to live...*

*Diana Miller*

*President*



# JESTER UNCORKED

## SAVE THE DATE!

*by Social Chairman, Teresa Gouldie*

Join us for a night of wine-tasting and fun on Saturday, February 28th beginning at 6:30 pm at the home of Melissa Adams at 7205 Guava Cove. Our host will purchase the wine in advance and each person is asked to contribute \$15 to cover the cost. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with the group!

If you plan to attend, please contact Melissa at [Melissa\\_Adams@Dell.com](mailto:Melissa_Adams@Dell.com) or call her at 512-415-4361 by February 20th so she can determine how much wine to buy.

Thanks goes out to Colette Fitzgerald and Edgar Figueroa who hosted a recent Jester Uncorked event that was well-attended and loads of fun! Hope to see you at our next gathering. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, share some "wine" experiences, and have a fun-filled night close to home!

## *Jester Homeowners Association* **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, Feb 24th at 7 PM**

**Registration starts at 6:30 PM**

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**JESTER UNCORKED** - Wine lovers of Jester, unite! Join our ever-growing group of wine lovers. Contact Glen Brown at 610-504-8999 or [jesterhoa\\_board@att.net](mailto:jesterhoa_board@att.net).

**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](mailto:oksuzi@hotmail.com).

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**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](mailto:joann-welles@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 346-0349.

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# JESTER, MORE THAN A NEIGHBORHOOD, IT'S A COMMUNITY!

by Erin Arnold

These ladies met at the pool and at the park and at school over the last few months. We all have young kiddos and are relatively new to Jester. By striking up a conversation with your neighbor, you may be finding a new group of friends! These moms and kiddos meet at the park every Monday at 9 am. Feel free to bring your little one! For questions, contact Erin Arnold at [erinhandlerarnold@yahoo.com](mailto:erinhandlerarnold@yahoo.com).



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# NATUREWATCH

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

## BAG LADIES

While winter is the time of year when we hang man-made ornaments on our trees and shrubs to commemorate the holiday season, it is also the time of year when nature-made ornaments are most apparent in the landscape. These ornaments are as widely unique as snowflakes, and their appearance varies with the bits and pieces of leaves, twigs, and bark fragments woven into silken bags in a shingle-like fashion. They reveal themselves on the bare branches and limbs in winter, and they are created by female bagworms.

Members of the Psychidae family, there are about 1,350 species of bagworms worldwide, also commonly known as bagworm moths or bagmoths. Although different bagworm species vary slightly in habits and life cycle, bagworms spend the winter months in the egg stage sealed within the bags produced by females the previous fall.

In late May to early June, very tiny caterpillars hatch, produce a silken strand by which the wind can carry them to new foliage (called 'ballooning'), and construct a tiny conical bag carried upright with them as they move. During leaf-feeding, the caterpillars emerge from the top of the bag and hang onto the host plant with their legs, sometimes aided with a silken thread. The bottom of the bag remains open to allow fecal material (called 'frass') to pass out of the bag.

By August or September, fully grown caterpillars have developed larger bags, and pupate within them. Seven to 10 days later, the pupae of the male moths work their way out of

the bottom of the bag, and emerge from their pupal skin. These males have half-inch long clear wings, feathery antennae, hairy black bodies, and they spend their time seeking out a female to mate. Females, on the other hand, are immobile and stay in the larval stage, do not develop into moths, and remain inside the bags. After mating, the females produce a clutch of 500 to 1000 eggs inside their bodies and then die.

Bags vary in size, up to 2 inches long and about a half inch wide, and are spindle-shaped. They can be quite ornamental, covered in a somewhat patterned array of bits and pieces of plant matter. A wide range of broadleaf and evergreen trees and shrubs serve as hosts for bagworm species, including juniper, cedar elm, bald cypress, live oak, persimmon, sumac, sycamore, willow, yaupon, and native fruit and nut trees.

Since these bags are composed of silk and plant materials, they are naturally camouflaged from predators such as birds and other insects. While birds can eat the egg-laden bodies of female bagworms after they have died, the eggs are very hard-shelled and can pass through the bird's digestive system unharmed. This represents yet another way to disperse bagworm species over a wide-ranging area, and helps in creating a whole new generation of bag ladies!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. Check out our blog at [naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com) if you enjoy reading these articles!



*Bagworm in Juniper*



*Bagworm in Yaupon*



# LADIES' NIGHT OUT

## JOIN OUR JESTER LADIES NIGHT OUT GROUP!

This is a great way to kick back and have some fun with girlfriends from the neighborhood of all ages! We meet on the third Thursday of the month, and events include appetizer potlucks at neighborhood homes and excursions to area restaurants. Join us for an evening of fun close to home! For more information, contact Social Chairman Teresa Gouldie at 512-751-8000 or [tgouldie@gmail.com](mailto:tgouldie@gmail.com).

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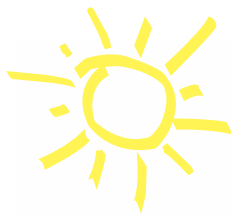
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## Keeping Kids Active on the Jester Tennis Court

by Erin Arnold

Every Tuesday, Coach Jayne and Coach Lainey teach neighborhood kids, aged 4-10 the basics of tennis. However, the kids are learning more than how to hold a racquet and how to hit a ball. As Coach Jayne says, "Activity is so good for kids. I've read that building hand-eye coordination builds unique pathways in the brain." The benefits of exercise are indeed far reaching. WebMd notes that in addition to the obvious physical benefits, activity helps kids sleep better, focus better in class leading to better grades, and get along

better with friends. In fact, a recent Michigan State University study shows for the first time that kids with ADHD can better drown out distractions and focus on a task after a single bout of exercise. It's obvious that something good is happening for the Tuesday tennis crew. The kids are developing hand-eye coordination, getting aerobic exercise, and building friendships. Stop by the Jester courts between 4:30 and 7:00pm to meet coach Jayne and coach Lainey and see what it's all about!



*Liam M. and Ryan M. keeping their eyes on the ball.*



*Coach Jayne and Coach Lainey and the kids.*

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Feb. 13	<b>Texas Country Kickoff</b> featuring Josh Abbott Band	<b>cedarparkcenter.com</b>
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Feb. 14	<b>The Association</b> - Spend Valentine's Day listening to some of music's most treasured love songs	One World Theatre <b>oneworldtheatre.org</b>
Feb. 17	<b>Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons</b> <i>Legendary singer with his three-and-a-half-octave vocal ranges and his group perform a catalog of hits</i>	The Long Center <b>thelongcenter.org</b>
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