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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Jester Home Owners Association (HOA) Board of Director's annual meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The President welcomed all attendees and thanked them for coming to the meeting. The Financials were reviewed and all accounts are on budget. The 2015 HOA assessments were mailed in March.

Teresa Gouldie, Chair of the Social Committee reviewed the many events that were held for our community in 2014 and encouraged residents to contact her to help with upcoming events. Janice Toreki and Eva Wisser discussed Welcome Committee activities. On average, they deliver welcome baskets to four or five homes per month. Board nominations were discussed. We currently have a Board

position open and would like to recruit a member who would be interested in serving on the Architectural Review Committee. This is an important committee, because Jester Neighbors value their sense of community. The Jester HOA Board of Directors encourages all Jester Neighbors, regardless of their membership status, to help protect their property values by adhering to the deed restrictions and Architectural Control.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your effort to help maintain the beauty and integrity of the neighborhood.

Jester is a great place to live.... Diana Miller President

#### **Residents Keeping Austin Weird AND Wild**

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Austin Tops National Wildlife Federation's List of America's Top 10 Cities for Wildlife

The National Wildlife Federation is honoring the Top 10 Cities for Wildlife whose citizens have the strongest commitment to wildlife as part of their celebration of National Wildlife Week 2015 – and Austin ranks number one! Its residents not only want to Keep Austin Weird – they're the best

in America at keeping their city wild.

The National Wildlife Federation ranked America's largest cities based on three important criteria for wildlife – the percentage of parkland in each city, citizen action to create wildlife habitat, and school adoption of outdoor learning in wildlife gardens.

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## Congratulations Jester,

for Having the Largest Number of Habitats of Any Austin Neighborhood!

Jester has helped make Austin's #1 ranking possible!

A special thanks to Dale and Pat Bulla for their tireless efforts in helping our neighborhood stay environmentally conscious!



### Garage Sale Register your location so you

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JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on

JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday May 16th at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday promoting this neighborhoodwide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call her at 512-751-8000 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, May 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

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**CONTACT INFO** 

BUNKO - If you'd like to join or be put on the list as a sub, contact Vallie Marana at valliemarana@gmail.com or 925-408-5206 (cell). They are a lively group and play on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 pm.

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.

**JESTER UNCORKED** - Wine lovers of Jester, unite! Join our evergrowing group of wine lovers. Contact Glen Brown at 610-504-8999 or 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.

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 Shorenm@gmail.com.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT -** Kick back and have some fun with girlfriends from the neighborhood of all ages! Events include appetizer potlucks at neighborhood homes and excursions to area restaurants. Contact Teresa Gouldie at tgouldie@gmail.com or 512-751-8000.

**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 Diana Miller at 512-496-0777 or diana0777@att.net.

**TEXAS HOLD'EM GROUP -** Join the fun and play tournament style Texas Hold'em. We meet once a month. Contact David Singerman to be put on the list. Email dsingerman@gmail.com or call 512-207-0930.

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

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## LOVELY LUPINES NATUREWATCH by Jim and Lynne Weber

Bluebonnets are often thought of as the 'floral trademark of Texas', akin to the shamrocks of Ireland, the cherry blossoms of Japan, the roses of England, and the tulips of Holland. Loved for centuries, bluebonnets were described by early explorers as they roamed the vast prairies of Texas, planting them around the Spanish missions by early-day priests, and making them the subject of several Native American folk tales. Technically known as 'lupines' or 'lupins', bluebonnets received their present-day common name due to the shape of the flower petals, which resembled the bonnets worn by pioneer women to shield their faces from the sun.

Bluebonnets are part of the legume or bean family, and like other members of this family they offer nitrogen-fixation through their

root system's symbiotic relationship with Rhizobia bacteria. This gives them the useful ability to grow in poor, disturbed soils, and bring much-needed nitrogen back to these soils as they decompose. Ironically, bluebonnets are all in the genus Lupinus, which is Latin for 'wolf-like', from the original but erroneous belief that these plants ravenously exhausted the soil.

In our area, bluebonnets normally bloom between March and April, but the timing and extent of the blooms depends on the amount of rain received the previous fall and

winter. The flower is purple to blue in color, about half an inch long, with a white spot on the upper petal or banner. This banner spot acts as a target to attract the bumblebees and honeybees that pollinate the flower. When the pollen is fresh and sticky, the banner spot is white, and is seen by the bees as reflected ultraviolet light and appears to them as a good landing spot. But as the flower and its pollen age, the banner spot turns yellow and then reddish-magenta, and is ignored by the bees, whose vision cannot see red. The decline in bee populations has a direct effect on how many seeds a bluebonnet can produce, because bluebonnets cannot self-fertilize. Each plant has the potential to produce hundreds of seeds, but often only a small number result, due to the recent decline in the number of bee pollinators.

Infrequently, both white, and more rarely, pink bluebonnets can occur naturally. In fact, there is a legend associated with how the pink bluebonnet came to be. Many years ago, in a spring wildflower field near San Antonio, children came across a pink bluebonnet on their way to Lenten devotion at the mission church. Their grandmother told them the story of Texas, when it was a remote province of

Mexico. After their Constitution was overthrown by a terrible Mexican dictator, a war broke out between the brave new Texans and the Mexican troops. The troops eventually overwhelmed the Texans, and much blood was shed and lives lost. Several years later, the grandmother saw her mother place a pink bluebonnet in a vase by the statue of the Virgin Mary. She said she found it by the river, where "it had once been white, but so much blood had been shed, it had taken a tint of it." Interestingly, the only place in the state where the original native pink bluebonnets were found was along the side of a San Antonio road not far from the original mission.

Texas has 6 state flowers, more or less, and they are all bluebonnets. In the spring of 1901, the Texas Legislature selected a state floral

emblem after much debate and consternation. Both the cotton boll and prickly pear cactus were hardy contenders, but the National Society of Colonial Dames of America won the day, and the Sandyland Bluebonnet (Lupinus subcarnosus) was selected and passed into law on March 7th. And that's when the bluebonnet war started. The Sandyland Bluebonnet is a dainty little plant growing in the sandy hills of coastal and southern Texas, and many thought it was the least attractive of all the bluebonnets. They wanted the



Texas Bluebonnet (Lupinus texensis), which was a showier, bolder bloomer. For the next 70 years, the Legislature was encouraged to correct its oversight, not wanting to get caught in another botanical trap or offend any supporters. As politicians often do, they solved the problem with clever maneuvering by creating an umbrella clause, and in 1971 added the two species together, plus "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded" (including potential species not yet discovered), and lumped them all into one state flower.

Long before the bluebonnet became the Texas state flower, many stories existed about its origins. Some believed it was a gift from the Great Spirit, and that it arrived with rain after a young, orphaned girl sacrificed her precious doll in the hopes of bringing a terrible drought to an end. Whatever you believe, look for these lovely lupines during our central Texas spring!

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

#### Jester Estates

(Residents Keeping Austin.. Cont. from Cover)

"We have terrific partners in the city's Wildlife Austin program and the Austin Independent School District," said Susan Kaderka, Regional Executive Director of National Wildlife Federation's South Central Regional Center. "Through our Habitat Stewards Program and our K-12 education programs, we work together to educate Austin citizens young and old on how to be heroes for wildlife."

The National Wildlife Federation determined the Top 10 Cities for Wildlife by analyzing the total number of NWF Certified Wildlife Habitats per capita in each city to measure citizen engagement. NWF also tallied the number of schools per capita that participate in NWF's Schoolyard Habitat or Eco-Schools USA program.

Finally, NWF looked at the percentage of parkland within a city, using data from the Trust for Public Land's Park Score Index. Each criteria was given equal weight.

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Before After





After

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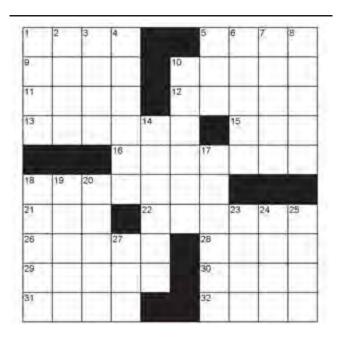
Finally, I went to see Dr. Loveless. His philosophy was to correct the root problem and not just to treat the symptoms. I had never experienced that before. Not only did Dr. Loveless apply the veneers, he stopped the grinding by fixing my bite. I can't imagine anyone being more technology-savvy to get this done. I was so impressed by his staff and their hands-on approach to dentistry.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Extremity
- 4. Nun's headwear
- 10. Men's neckwear
- 11. Asian nation
- 12. Limited (abbr.)
- 13. Serf
- 14. Flower
- 16. Poem
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Atomic number
- 20. Paid (abbr.)
- 22. Package label
- 26. Punching tool
- 29. Esc
- 31. Fine
- 33. Modern
- 34. Cat mystery writer Braun
- 35. Lingerie
- 36. Elevate
- 37. Sign language

#### DOWN

- 1. Reference book
- 2. Swanky
- 3. Award
- 4. Marry
- 5. Abraham's son
- 6. Mr..'s wife
- 7. El \_\_ (Texas city)
- 8. Precede
- 9. Women's magazine
- 15. Brim
- 19. American Football Conference (abbr.)
- 21. Coffee shop order
- 23. Ballroom dancing
- 24. Aromas
- 25. Particular style
- 26. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
- 27. Lash
- 28. Lounge
- 30. Delivered by post
- 32. Roman three

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	Smokey Robinson - Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member	austintheatre.org
	Austin International Poetry Festival The largest non-juried poetry festival in the U. S.	aipf.org
Apr. 10	Los Lobos & Los Lonely Boys Two musical forces of nature come together for one night	Moody Theater acl-live.com
Apr. 10 - 12	MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas Watch the world's fastest bikes	Circuit of the Americas circuitoftheamericas.com
Apr. 10 - 12	Sesame Street Live "Let's Dance!" Up-close interactive experience that includes dance parties	Frank Erwin Center uterwincenter.com
Apr. 10 - 18	Austin Fashion Week One of the premier fashion events in the country	afw.fashionxaustin.com
Apr. 12	Capitol 10K Silly to seriouswalk it, jog it or run it – just don't miss it!	Barton Springs / S Congress cap10k.com
Apr. 17	Mack, Jack & McConaughey presents Jack Ingram & Friends With opening act & emcee Jimmy Kimmel	The Moody Theatre acl-live.com
Apr. 19	Neil Diamond Tour 2015 - rock and pop singer/songwriter	uterwincenter.com
Apr. 21 - 26	Annie - One of the world's best-loved musicals	texasperformingarts.org
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