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## President's Corner

Hope you are all enjoying this summer. Jester continues to be a very desirable neighborhood. We can appreciate a great park and pool, the nice bike lanes, and limited pass through traffic. It's also great to have the convenience of the many businesses located down the hill in Jester Village. With Austin's heavy growth, we are fortunate to be bordered by both Loop 360 and 2222. I have volunteered to serve on Texas Department of Transportation's Loop 360 Improvement Study, which kicked off in late 2014. The study identifies a range of potential mobility and safety improvements along Loop 360. Through a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process, TxDOT is soliciting input from a cross section of users who live and/or travel along the corridor, including commuters, residents, businesses, bicyclists, and environmentalists. A Loop 360 online survey opened to the public in March 2015, receiving over 1,800 responses thus far. The survey is still active and, if you have not already done so, I encourage you to participate by visiting www. Loop360Study.com. A summary of survey responses received to date is also available at this website.

The Jester Homeowner's Association will be having a social get together on Tuesday, July 21st. Please see announcement on this page. We hope many of you can come join us and meet your neighbors!

> Jester is a Great Place to Live Diana Miller, President

### Tuesday, July 21st 6 - 8 pm My Place in Jester Village

The HOA invites you to come socialize with your neighbors at a gathering at My Place! Light appetizers will be provided and happy hour price drinks will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!





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## **PARADE & ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, July 4 - 9:30 am

Paint your wagons, decorate your bikes, your pets, and yourself, and join in this festive parade! Gather at Jester Club at 9:30 am (you don't need to be a member of the club to participate). Parade route will be up Jester, around Basil, and back. Games and activities to follow!

Please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or tgouldie@gmail.com if you would like to help at this event!

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> www.peelinc.com/articleSubmit.php. All news must be received by the 12th of the month prior to the issue.

### **SOCIAL GROUPS**

**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 gm.brown2@att.net.

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 512-484-7588.

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## BRING THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS INTO YOUR BACKYARD

by Jester Resident, Dale Bulla

As Jester residents, we live here because of the beauty of our natural surroundings and our desire to enjoy nature while still living in a unique community near a vibrant urban center. In addition to this, we also have a responsibility to the environment living near a special habitat preserve.

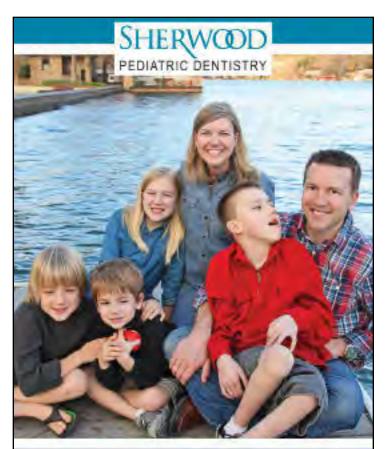
The National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Habitat program can help you save a place for wildlife right in your own backyard while opening your eyes and heart to the natural world, to be nourished by its wonders. Backyard Wildlife Habitat landscapes nurture wildlife and, at the same time, benefit the overall quality of the environment by improving air, water, and soil throughout the community. Habitat restoration is critical for wildlife where commercial and residential development has eliminated many natural areas.

Locally native plants are the backbone of any wildlife habitat. Plants native to the soils and climate of our specific area provide the best overall food sources for wildlife and at the same time require less fertilizer, water and pest control. Locally native flora and fauna have co-evolved, and native plants may support 10 to 50 times as many species as non-native plants.

Jester has over 175 certified habitats. If you are not one, please consider joining your neighbors. If you are interested in providing appropriate food for butterflies and birds as well as water (anything ranging from a simple birdbath to a decorative pond or fountain), cover and protection for animals along with a place for them to raise their young, you are ready to get started. If you would like to save money and reduce yard work, water usage, fertilizers and insecticides by incorporating native Texas trees and plants into your present or future landscape. There is more information at the Wildlife Austin Website: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/wildlife-austin or contact Dale or Pat for more information on certifying your yard as a Wildlife Habitat.

Dale or Pat Bulla 7202 Foxtree Cove 345-9528 dale-bulla@pobox.com

It is estimated that more than 25 million acres of land in the U.S. are planted in residential lawn. These lawns consume 30-60% of potable municipal water and more than 70 million pounds of chemical pesticides and 70 million tons of fertilizers each year. In addition, per hour of operation, a typical lawn mower emits approximately 10-12 times as much polluting hydrocarbon as a typical automobile. Today's American lawn-dominated landscapes offer little value to wildlife and have very real environmental costs. A Backyard Wildlife Habitat comprised of locally native plants and plant communities is a much better environmental choice. Set a goal of reducing your lawn size by 50%. You can restore ecological balance to your yard by planting natives and reducing the chemicals. The city of Austin offers rebates for those interested in doing just that.



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## Jester Estates





# Welcome Committee News

The Welcome Committee had our work cut out for us last month, with 9 deliveries of Welcome Bags to new Jester residents. It is interesting to note that all the new residents we met moved from elsewhere in the Austin area. Clearly Jester is appealing to those who know Austin neighborhoods. We also got some great pictures!

#### Our deliveries were to

Jessica and Hilton with their 2 children Chance (5) and Ella (2). They moved to Jancy Drive in Jester from Great Hills and are both medical professionals.

Ilan, Nicol, Aaron and Jordan who now live on Gutherie Drive. They just moved up the hill from Lakewood, but are originally from much further – South Africa!

Mike and Carly with their beautiful cat Koozie on the 7700 block of Basil Drive. They moved from South Austin.

Chris and Kristen with their toddler son and black lab on the 7600 block of Jester Boulevard. They also moved from South Austin.

David and Lindsey with their young son Luke, newborn daughter Olivia, and dog Riley on the 7800 block of Lakewood. They've lived in Austin 4 years and Dallas before that.

Heather and son Jack on the 7100 block of Rusty Fig Drive. Heather's a long term Austinite. They have 2 rat terriers Killer (good piece of irony there) and Katie.

Matt and Isabelle with their son Maverick on Tree Fern Lane. They moved from Avery Ranch to get that great view and were enjoying out of town visitors when we delivered the Welcome Bag.

Ben, Frances, George and Marie on the 8400 block of Asmara Drive. They moved from elsewhere in Northwest Austin, and are loving their great views.

Howard and Julie with their 18 month old Abby on Fawnhollow Cove. They moved from South Austin.

If you live near any of these new residents, 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.



Mike and Carly on Basil Drive



Heather and son Jack on Rusty Fig



Hilton, Jessica, Chance and Ella on Jancy Drive



Chris, Kristen and son on Jester



Howard, Julie and daughter Abby on Fawnhollow Cove



## NATUREVVATCH

by Jim and Lynne Weber

## In a Blink of an Eye

For many of us, the outdoor magic and mystery of summer nights was best embodied by the blink of fireflies or 'lightning bugs', which are neither flies nor bugs, but beetles. With over 170 species of fireflies in North America, and about 36 of those species in Texas, fireflies fall into three main genera: the Photuris, Photinus, and the Pyractomena. The most common species in Texas is the Pennsylvania Firefly (Photuris pennsylvanicus), which ranges from the eastern U.S. to Kansas and into Texas.



Pennsylvania Firefly

Most likely to be spotted at night in fields and near wooded areas, the adult Pennsylvania Firefly's elytra (hardened forewings that form a protective covering over flight wings) are dark brown with yellowish margins and slanted stripes. The head is yellow around the sides and red in the middle, and their overall length is about half an inch. After mating, the female lays tiny, spherical eggs singly or in small groups in damp soil, around grass or moss, and they hatch in about 4 weeks. The larvae feed in the grass on slugs, snails, earthworms, and cutworms, and in this immature phase their light isn't visible unless they are turned over. They overwinter as larvae in small chambers within the ground, waiting for the spring months when they pupate and emerge in early summer as adult fireflies, giving them an average lifespan of approximately two years.

Firefly mating is dependent on the female seeing the distinct flashes of a mate-seeking male, and each must find the exact right blinking pattern in order to mate successfully. Males begin flying after dark, emitting yellow or yellow-green flashes, some flying above the tree canopy. Interestingly, ambient light around a firefly's natural habitat decreases

the chance it will find a mate. In order to rise to the challenge of producing offspring with artificial light around, fireflies must increase the intensity of the flashes they produce in order to be seen. This increased light emission decreases the stored energy supply in the firefly that would normally be used directly for reproduction. Artificial light also exposes the fireflies to nighttime predators, even when they are not blinking. This combination of effects from artificial light directly decreases

the chance that fireflies will survive and mate.

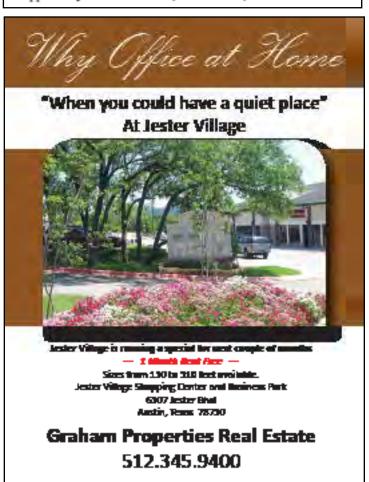
Flashes of light can be emitted by both male and female fireflies, and can also be used for purposes other than mating. One additional use is to lure prey to them; in fact, females from the Photuris genus will often mimic the flashes of a female Photinus firefly, and a male Photinus that falls for it will quickly be devoured! Not all female fireflies are capable of flight, however, as some species are wingless and bear a strong resemblance to larvae rather than to adult males of the same species. Often, these types of fireflies are referred to as 'glowworms'.

The abundance of fireflies has been decreasing over the years, greatly challenged by both the increasing presence of artificial light and the rapid development of our open fields and forests. As human light pollution and development continues to spread, fireflies just might disappear altogether, in a blink of an eye!

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, check out our book, Nature Watch Austin (published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

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## Jester Estates Stork Report

Congratulations! Let us help celebrate... email info on the arrival of your little one to diana0777@att.net.





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Carol Philipson 7502 Clematis Cv Austin, TX 78750



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- Lance Loveless, DDS, FAGD, LVIF

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Cicadas have 2-5 year life cycles and appear in Texas in mid to late summer. Females insert egg clusters into branches of trees using their saw-like ovipositor

(egg laying structure). Eggs hatch after about 6 weeks and small nymphs drop to the ground where they burrow into the soil. Nymphs feed on sap of tree roots with their piercing-sucking mouthparts. After becoming fully developed, nymphs emerge from the ground at night and climb onto nearby objects such as tree trunk, plants, fences, etc. Adult cicadas emerge from the last nymphal stage leaving behind the exuviae (cast skin). Adults can live 5-6 weeks.

Male cicadas are well known for their "song". They rest on a tree and produce a whining sound to attract females. The sound is produced by two vibrating membranes on the side of the abdomen. Females do not "sing". Adults feed on juices from tender twigs, but usually do not cause lasting harm to the plant from feeding.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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