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FALL GARAGE SALE

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JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on Saturday October 17th at 8 am. Ads will run in the American Statesman and Craig's List promoting this neighborhood-wide 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, OCTOBER 17TH AT 8:00 AM

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Ladies Night Out Thurs., Sept. 24

Chris Holland will be hosting at her house. Chris moved back into her house after the fire and has been busy making it beautiful!

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Where: 7507 Jester Blvd.

Chris Holland's house

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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 ever-growing group of wine lovers. Contact Melissa Adams at 512-415-4361.

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 Debra Ellsworth at 512-627-5323 or debra@ellsworthteam.com.

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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The summer moving season isn't over quite yet, so the Welcome Committee was very busy last month. We were able to deliver 5 bags and met 3 new residents, but there were more we knew hadn't moved in yet or were unable to find home. So we'll have plenty of deliveries remaining in addition to this month's new listings. Our deliveries were to:

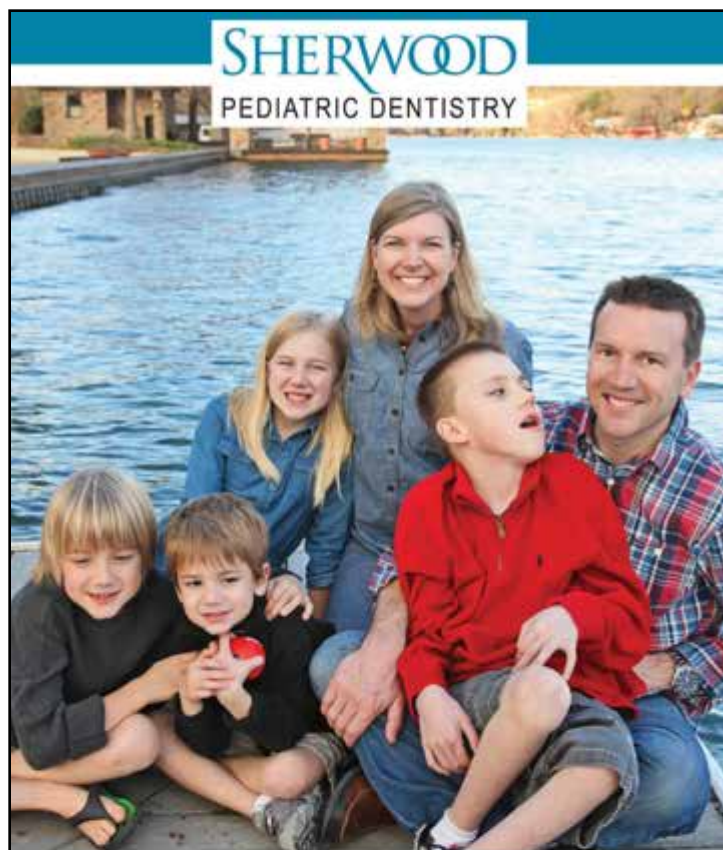
Travis and Krista with their two dogs Leila and Athena who recently moved to Almond Cove. They met while at university and lived awhile in South Austin afterwards. They told us how they fell in love with their home in Jester.

Ravi and Ana moved from Memphis to the 6800 block of Tree Fern. They both work in hi-tech. They also told us they fell in love with the house and view.

PK moved from Minneapolis to the 7200 block of Holly Fern because he accepted a position at UT. PK's next door neighbor, Jennifer, is on our Welcome Committee, and once again found out that it's a small world. Jen and her husband graduated from the University of Michigan, which is where PK got his PHD.

We left Welcome bags at the front door of 2 residences, one on the 6800 block of Winterberry and one on the 8400 block of Asmara. Because the bags contain cookies, we don't leave them unless there's an enclosed area, or somewhere we can hang the bag up high – wouldn't want to feed cookies to dogs or other animals!

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.



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One of the most common lizards in the Austin area is the Texas Spiny Lizard (*Sceloporus olivaceus*). It is also one of the largest, averaging 7.5 to 11 inches in length, with the females being larger than the males.

A Texas spiny lizard is often hard to spot, as its dorsal pattern can vary by locality, serving as adequate camouflage in its chosen habitat. Typically grey in color with black, white, or reddish-brown blotches or crossbands down its back, it blends in perfectly against the bark of resident trees. Its underside is usually uniformly light grey, and males commonly have bright blue patches on either side of the belly. The scales appear particularly pointed and spiny, and it has long toes and sharp claws suitable for climbing.

All of these features serve this lizard well, as it is diurnal and arboreal, spending much of its time in trees. While it prefers larger tree species with a significant amount of leaf litter below, such as live oaks, post oaks, red oaks, pecans, hackberries, and elms, it may also be found in brushy trees such as mesquites and junipers. This lizard can also be seen climbing on man-made structures such as fence posts, walls, and telephone poles, especially when the base of these objects is covered in brush.

Typically shy and wary, this lizard quickly retreats to the opposite side of a tree trunk in the presence of a predator or human observer. If startled when approached closely, it will suddenly jump from a tree trunk and flee noisily into the leaf litter below, making it almost impossible to locate. Trees not only provide protection for this lizard, but they also provide for its food. Being insectivorous, it can find cicadas, crickets, grasshoppers, beetles, ants, butterflies, and caterpillars in the leafy canopy.

Male Texas spiny lizards are territorial, often defending a single tree from encroachment by other males. When challenged, the two males will have what appears to be a push up contest, until one is intimidated enough to give up and scurry away. Active on the surface from March to November, these lizards are reproductively



Texas Spiny Lizard

active throughout the warmer months of the year. Females lay up to four clutches of eggs in a shallow depression in leaf litter, with hatchlings emerging 45-60 days later. In the cooler months of the year, they take cover for weeks at a time under rocks, logs, and in deep leaf litter, and are occasionally seen basking in the sun on warmer, sunnier days.

So when you're out and about in your yard or at a park, and you hear something skittering in the leaf litter or retreating up a tree, it most likely is a Texas Spiny Lizard!

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by James Asghar (Troop 511)

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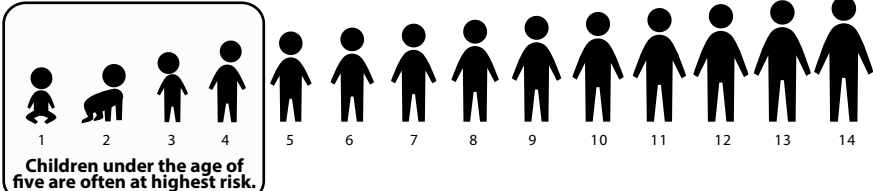
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Sept. 12	Dripping with Taste Wine, Food & Arts Festival <i>Texas wineries, restaurants, chefs, caterers, artisans, musicians</i>	drippingwithtaste.org
Sept. 13	CASA Superhero - 5K & Kids 1K and Costume Contest	casasuperherorun.com
Sept. 16 - 27	Blue Lapis Light: Edge of Grace <i>Award-winning aerial dance company</i>	10331 Old Manchaca Rd. bluelapislight.org
Sept. 18 -	Winnie the Pooh	Zach Theatre
Dec. 12	<i>See beloved characters in this charming musical</i>	zachtheatre.org
Sept. 21	Van Halen w/ guest Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	austin360amphitheater.com
Sept. 24	Clint Black <i>One of the most successful modern singer/songwriters</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org
Sept. 26	Ridiculous Obstacles Challenge Race <i>A 5K course with game show inspired obstacles</i>	Travis County Expo Center rocrace.com
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