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HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

TUESDAY NOV 17

6 – 8:00 PM

SCORECARD IN JESTER VILLAGE

(formally My Place)

The HOA invites you to kick off the holiday season with a gathering at Scorecard (formally My Place). Come socialize and network with your neighbors and get into the holiday spirit! Light appetizers will be provided and happy hour priced drinks will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Santa Aboard a Firetruck In Jester!

**Saturday, December 12th
9:00 am – Jester Club**

More details to follow in December issue



Jester Lights Spectacular 2015

by Rachelle Abercrombie

Hi neighbors! It is time to start talking about the Jester Lights Spectacular for this year's holiday season. To those who are new to the neighborhood, get ready to be challenged. Each year, Jester neighbors try to win a prize in our neighborhood lights contest by getting crazy, creative and classic with their holiday lights and decorations. This year is sure to be no exception!

Last year's prizes and gift certificates included Bamboo, Truluck's, Studio Bella, Bridgeview Dental, Children's Center of Austin, and Waterloo. This year's great prizes are still in the works, so you'd better pull out all the stops to get one!

This year's categories are:

- Favorite tree(s)
- Favorite scene
- Best street (or run of homes decorated)
- Keeping it simple
- Creative and Crazy
- Judges pick for any reason

Recruit your friends and family, borrow their lights and ladders and get busy decorating! It isn't too early to get started. Judging will take place from December 10th through the 13th. Make us smile, make us laugh and do your part to make Jester sparkle and shine this holiday season!

To nominate your favorite houses or to post pictures of your decorating adventures and mishaps, go to www.facebook.com/jesterestates or email me at rabercrombie@hotmail.com.

Cheers!
Rachelle

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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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Thursday, Nov. 19

With the holidays coming up with scrumptious traditional meals of turkey and ham, we are going to try something different in November.

When: Thursday, November 19

Time: 6:30

Where: Thai Spice

3600 N Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite A-110

512.330.0203

www.thaispiceaustin.com/westlake/

Please RSVP to:

Debra Ellsworth

debra@ellsworthteam.com

Typically we get together the 3rd Thursday of the month. Let me know if you would like to host at your home for any month. It's easier to chat to more people in a home environment than sitting at tables in a restaurant, but that has worked well too. Otherwise, we will continue to explore restaurants in Austin.

If you have suggestions for locations or forms of entertainment, let me know!

JESTER LADIES

HOLIDAY

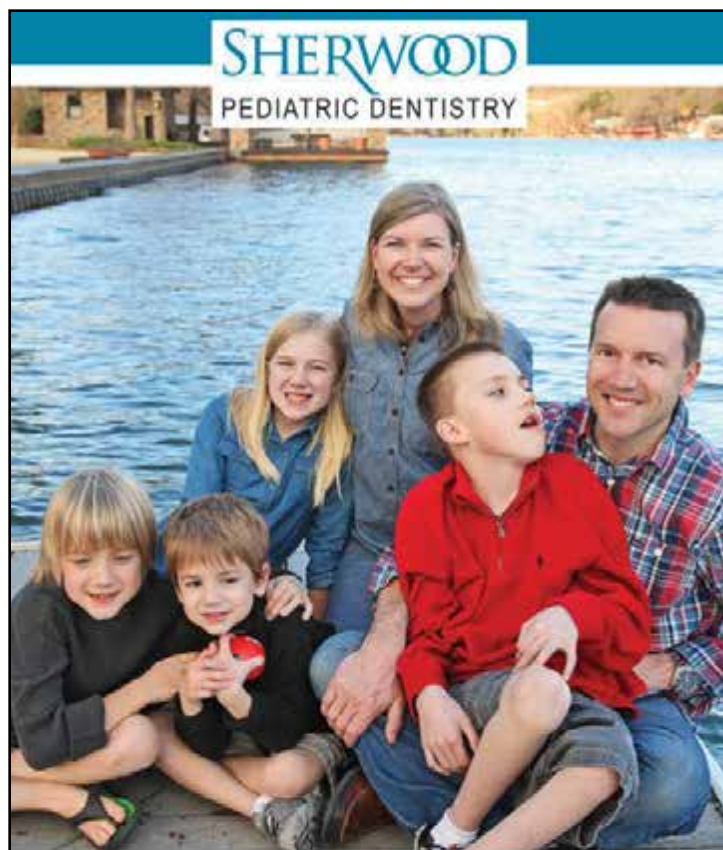
LIMO RIDE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH @ 7 PM
RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY DECEMBER 1ST !

Join us in celebrating the holidays by participating in our limo ride! We drive by incredible light displays, and take a photo in front of the huge Christmas tree at the Capitol. We also make a quick stop at the sing along piano bar on 6th Street. It's LOADS of FUN and a great way to meet your neighbors!

Bring a decorative wine glass for a gift exchange. We share the cost of the limo, and the amount is determined based on the number of ladies participating.

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Now that it's getting dark early, we seemed to have caught most of the new residents getting their smaller children bathed and ready to go to bed. However, they were gracious enough to spend a few minutes with us. We delivered 4 Welcome Bags:

- Ana and Paulo with their children Carmen (4 1/2 years old), David (6 months) and Andrea (3) moved to the 7100 block of Sansivera Cove.

- Mikhail and his young family moved to their new home on Moonflower Drive.

- Patrick and Angela with their child Andrea (3) and a kitty named Cici moved to the 7300 block of Halbert Drive.

- John, a UT Professor and his wife Tomoko, a psychometrician at the Texas Education Agency moved to the 8300 block of Elander Drive. Their children are Sarah in 4th grade and Julian a university sophomore. They also have a dog Kaylee. John originally came from Massachusetts and Tomoko from Japan.

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.



GREEN TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY ON YOUR WATER BILL

by Dale Bulla

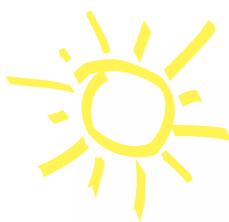
WASTEWATER AVERAGING STARTS

Many folks are not aware that their wastewater or sewer bill is averaged over three months in the winter when outside watering is at a minimum. Irrigation during the winter months is not necessary because the plants are dormant and are not growing. From November to the end of February, the lowest three months of water use are averaged and that amount will be your wastewater cost for the next twelve months. So remember that every drop you save through February, will save you all next year.

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Nature Watch "GONE TO SEED"

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Often used as an informal figure of speech meaning to deteriorate or go downhill, 'gone to seed' can have a negative connotation. But each seed contains a new beginning: a tiny plant just waiting for the right conditions such as water, warmth, and a good location, to germinate and grow. Seeds and seed heads form fascinating shapes, varying sizes, and intricate patterns, often adorning the fall and winter landscape.

Plants have many ways of dispersing their seeds, and most have evolved over millions of years. While the methods are tried and true, certain seeds have developed in very particular ways to take advantage of such methods, and some plants only release their seeds in response to specific triggers.

Wind helps seeds float or flutter away, often aided by seed structures such as thin wing extensions or long, feathery tails like those on the endemic Scarlet Clematis (*Clematis texensis*). Texas Bluebonnets (*Lupinus sp.*) employ the expulsion or explosion method, where the small, pebble-like seeds are forcibly expelled when the dried pods twist open in the warm sun. Gravity plays a part in many plants seed dispersals, where weighty seeds fall off the plant and roll to a new location. The best example of this are the round, heavy fruits that simply fall off a plant when ripe, such as those on Mexican Plum (*Prunus mexicana*) or Texas Persimmon (*Diospyros texana*). If the fruits have a tough outer shell, they may travel some distance from the parent plant, and if they have a soft skin, they may break open where they fall and scatter the seed or seeds within.


Some plants produce very light seeds, seeds with buoyant fluff, or seeds with air trapped in them, so they can float away from the parent plant that grows in or around water, like Common Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) or Black Willow (*Salix nigra*). Others employ the assistance of animals, which can come in the form of seed or fruit eating (where the seed can pass undigested through the animal), seed caching or burying, or seed transportation. Often unbeknownst to the animal, seeds can be covered with tiny hooks or spines that catch on a passing animal's fur, and eventually rubbed off in another location. Common examples include Cedar Waxwings and American Robins eating juniper and yaupon berries, both ground and tree squirrels eating and caching acorns, and many animals (including humans) that emerge from the wilds carrying the seeds of Beggarsticks (*Bidens sp.*).

This fall and winter, let the seeds linger! Not only do they provide much needed food for wildlife, but leaving them allows for some beautiful and mysterious patterns in your winter landscape, and the promise of renewing the cycle of life that begins again each spring!

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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November Events

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Nov. 5 - 12	Christmas at the Caswell House (Historic Victorian Home) <i>A magical, winter wonderland - Gifts available for purchase</i>	1404 West Avenue caswellhouse.org
Nov. 6 - 8	Fun Fun Fun Fest <i>Musical lineup, comedy, action sports, food and more</i>	Auditorium Shores funfunfunfest.com
Nov. 10 - 29	Potted Potter - Harry Potter parody: all 7 books in 70 minutes	austintheatre.org
Nov. 12	Up in Smoke Tour featuring Cheech & Chong and WAR	cedarparkcenter.com
Nov. 13	America's Got Talent Live: The All-Stars Tour! <i>Featuring some of the most popular performers from the TV show</i>	The Moody Theater acl-live.com
Nov. 14 - 15	Fossil Fest - Check out specimens from around the world and participate in fossil workshops	Old Settler's Heritage Assoc. austinpaleo.org
Nov. 14 - 15	Holidays in Gruene ~100 vendors, unique crafts & Texas foods	gruenetexas.com
Nov. 18 - 22	A Christmas Affair <i>200+ national merchants sell original art, jewelry and crafts</i>	Palmer Events Center jlaustin.org
Nov. 20	Last Comic Standing - finalists from the NBC show perform live	oneworldtheatre.org
Nov. 25 -	The Santaland Diaries	Zach Theatre
Dec. 27	<i>A laugh 'til you cry evening</i>	zachtheatre.org
Nov. 25 -	A Christmas Carol	Zach Theatre
Dec. 27	<i>Three soulful Ghosts making a joyful noise</i>	zachtheatre.org
Nov. 27	Santa on the Terrace <i>Free photo with Santa overlooking the best view in Austin</i>	Long Center thelongcenter.org
Nov. 27 - 29	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical <i>Beloved classic story</i>	Long Center thelongcenter.org
Nov. 27 -	Blue Genie Art Bazaar	bluegenieartbazaar.com
Dec. 24	<i>Thousands of original works ranging from serious art to fun items</i>	

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