



# The Jester Warbler

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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Spread holiday cheer by lighting up our neighborhood! 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](http://www.facebook.com/jesterestates) or email me at [rabercrombie@hotmail.com](mailto:rabercrombie@hotmail.com).

Cheers!



## Santa is Coming to Jester Aboard a Firetruck!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

**9:00 am – JESTER CLUB**

(You do not have to be a member to participate)  
The Austin Fire Department has graciously agreed to send Santa aboard a fire truck to visit with our Jester children and grandchildren.

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## Green Neighborhood Website Update

*by Dale Bulla*

It is that time of the year when we update our Green Neighborhood webpage with the city of Austin. If you have added solar panels, purchased a plug-in or hybrid vehicle, had your yard certified as a wildlife habitat or added rainwater collection, please let me know so I can bring our statistics up to date on the website. To view our webpage, go to:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/content/1361/FAQ/3002>

Click on Who are Austin's certified Green Neighborhoods?  
Scroll down until you see Jester.

Thanks for all you do to keep the Jester air and water clean.  
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## WELCOME

## COMMITTEE NEWS

We were able to deliver 2 Welcome Bags last month. The first was to Betty who moved to the 7100 block of Fig Vine Cove. She most recently lived in Dallas. The second was to Karen and Blake with their children Zack and Melody, who moved to Guava Cove. They moved from Dripping Springs. We were unable to deliver 4 other bags because we didn't catch the new residents at home. Hope we'll have better luck next month!

If you live near either of these new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 346-0349 or [joann-welles@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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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**BUNKO** - If you'd like to join or be put on the list as a sub, contact Vallie Marana at [valliemarana@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:debra@ellsworthteam.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 512-484-7588.

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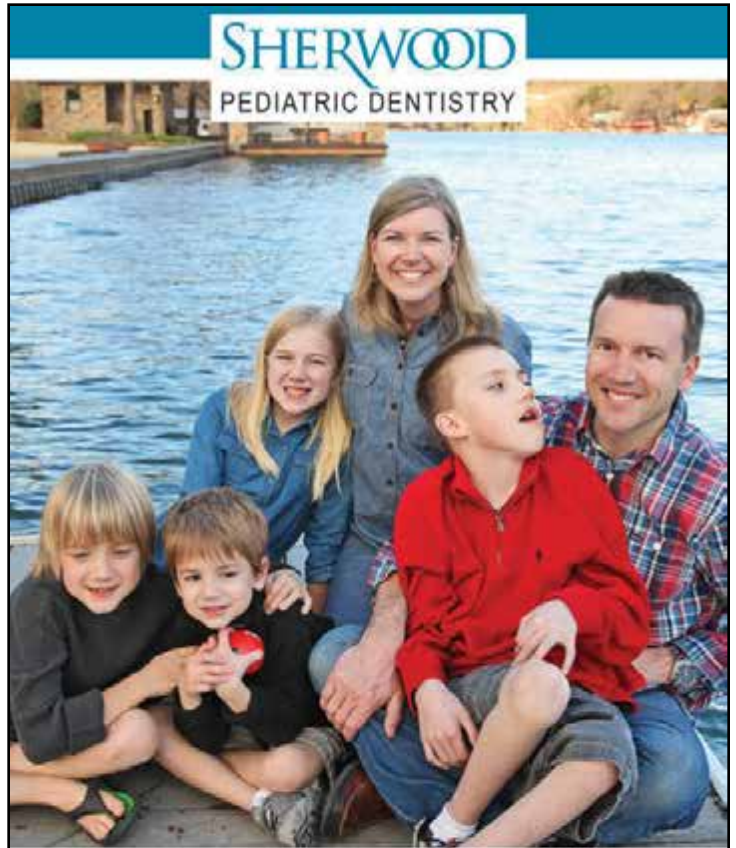
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# Jester Halloween Parade

*by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman*

Despite the inclement weather that week, the skies parted and the sun came out on Saturday, Oct. 31st as JHA hosted its annual Halloween Parade. Excited neighborhood children and grandchildren were dressed in an incredible array of creative costumes. Led by a decorated golf cart, the participants provided a sea of color as they marched up Jester, around Basil, and back. Thanks to all residents on the parade route who came out of their homes to wave and cheer the children on. Our Jester kiddos definitely LOVE an audience!

Upon their return, the children were treated to refreshments and an assortment of games and activities, including the ever-popular “prize walk”. A great time was had by all!

A special thank you, as always, goes out to Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location. Thanks also to the amazing teenagers who got up early and helped with the event: Hailey Nichols, Ellie Barmish, Mary Teeler and Laura Culleton. Our adult volunteers included Eva Wisser, Judy and Gary Johnson, Allison and Karen Jeffries, Matt Davis, Eric Lawrence and Robert Tuttle. Thanks to all of these great people for creating memories for our Jester children!

We are in need of volunteers for our “Santa on a Fire Truck” event on December 12th. Please contact me at [tgouldie@gmail.com](mailto:tgouldie@gmail.com) or call me at 512-751-8000 if you can participate.



# The Streets At Night Are Big And Bright, Deep In The Heart Of Jester

By Dale Bulla

The City of Austin is replacing 35,000 high-pressure sodium street lighting fixtures with energy efficient LEDs. The upgrade will help the city save more than \$200,000 per year in energy costs.

Austin Energy is changing out 270 streetlights in Jester Estates from 100-watt high-pressure sodium to 75-watt LED lights. This will increase lighting illumination by 300% and still save 61,000 kilowatt hours per year. They are designed to last up to 60,000 hours, or more than 16 years when on 10 hours a day, while delivering uniform, warm, white light.

Austin is one of only a few cities in the country that has streetlights that are both automated and Dark Sky compliant. At about this time last year, Austin Energy also completed an initial conversion of about 13,100 streetlights to LED with a savings of more than 4 million kilowatt hours annually.

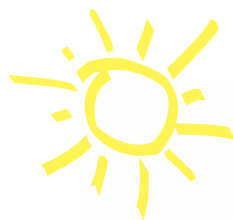


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| Jan. 9       | <i>Our city's only public, outdoor ice skating rink!</i>   | <a href="http://wholefoodsmarket.com">wholefoodsmarket.com</a>                            |
| Dec. 4 - 20  | <b>Christmas Wine Affair - Most coveted wine trail of the year</b>   | <a href="http://texaswinetrail.com">texaswinetrail.com</a>                                |
| Dec. 5 - 23  | <b>The Nutcracker</b><br><i>Ballet Austin presents an evening of magic!</i>                                  | The Long Center<br><b>476-2163 <a href="http://balletaustin.org">balletaustin.org</a></b> |
| Dec. 6 - 24  | <b>Gingerbread Workshops - Create a candy-covered holiday tradition!</b>                                     | <a href="http://thinkeryaustin.org">thinkeryaustin.org</a>                                |
| Dec. 8 - 22  | <b>Austin Trail of Lights at Zilker Park</b>   | <a href="http://austintrailoflights.org">austintrailoflights.org</a>                      |
| Dec. 9       | <b>Trans-Siberian Orchestra Winter Tour 2015</b><br><i>Virtuoso musicianship and over the top production</i> | Frank Erwin Center<br><a href="http://trans-siberian.com">trans-siberian.com</a>          |
| Dec. 10 - 20 | <b>Of Mice and Music: A Jazz Nutcracker</b><br><i>Unique and highly popular take on the holiday classic</i>  | The Long Center<br><a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>               |
| Dec. 11 - 13 | <b>Peter and the Wolf</b><br><i>A new take on a classic tale that is uniquely Austin</i>                     | Stateside at the Paramount<br><a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a>    |
| Dec. 19      | <b>Josh Groban</b><br><i>Unique event featuring songs from the world's greatest musicals</i>                 | Bass Concert Hall<br><a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a> |
| Dec. 19      | <b>Robert Earl Keen's "Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee"</b><br><i>"The road goes on forever..."</i>       | The Moody Theater<br><a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>                       |
| Dec. 19      | <b>Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales</b><br><i>Prepare to laugh, sing and dance</i>                     | Frank Erwin Center<br><a href="http://uterwincenter.com">uterwincenter.com</a>            |
| Dec. 26 - 27 | <b>Blue Man Group</b><br><i>High-octane theatrical experience</i>  | The Long Center<br><a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>               |
| Dec. 29 - 30 | <b>"My Sinatra"</b><br><i>Cary Hoffman authentically sings Sinatra "dead on"</i>                             | Palmer Events Center<br><a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a>        |
| Dec. 29 - 31 | <b>Willie Nelson and Family New Year</b>   | Moody Theatre <a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>                              |
| Dec. 31      | <b>Austin's New Year - Free family-friendly event... &amp; fireworks!</b>                                    | <a href="http://austintexas.gov">austintexas.gov</a>                                      |

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