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## Saturday, March 19th 9:30 am @ Jester Club

(Note: This is the weekend before Easter weekend!)

Please drop off ONE DOZEN EGGS PER CHILD (filled with candy, money, stickers, etc...but no chocolate, please!)

Look for drop-off signs posted at various locations in the neighborhood a few days prior to the event.





## Jester Toy Swap

Sunday April 17th 3-6pm at the Jester Clubhouse parking lot

Come join us for this free event!

### How it works:

- Bring your gently used or unused children's toys, books, and clothes to donate at 3pm the day of the swap. Please pre-sort them by age. There will be tables set up for various age groups.
  - Take as many toys, books and clothes as you would like.
- You do not have to bring anything in order to participate so please come by and check it out!
  - Anything remaining at the end will be donated to Safe Place.

For questions please contact Kelly Smentek at 714-876-5839 or Kelly@smentek.com

## **Green Tips**

by Dale Bulla

## PLEASE PLEASE !!!

Don't put any plastic bags in your recycling bin. It could cause an entire truck load to be diverted to the landfill if it contains too many plastic bags that clog up the automated sorting machines. Use a paper bag if you must bundle your cans and bottles.

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## **WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Welcome Committee was able to catch up last month and delivered 4 Welcome bags to new residents. We had great visits with 4 wonderful families. We're so fortunate to live in a neighborhood with so many wonderful people.

### Deliveries were made to:

- Christopher and Caroline with their daughters Juliette (4 years old) and Naomi (2). They moved to the 6600 block of Lakewood Point Cove.
- Stacy and Phil with their son Jeremy (5) and daughter Morgan (2). They moved from Chicago to the 8100 block of Asherton Cove.
- Omri and Sarah with their son Jonah (almost 2 years old) and dog Emma. They moved from nearby Balcones Woods to Guava Cove.
- Scott and Jennifer with daughters Adrienne (4th grade) and Willa (2nd grade), who moved to the 8000 block of High Hollow Drive with their dog Tito.

If you live near any 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.

## VILDLIFE HABITAT

## 8104 Vailview Cove



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# Nature Watch Fabulous Foxes

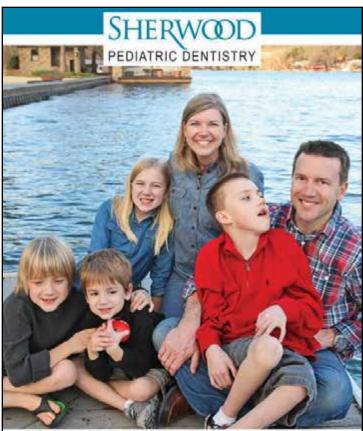
by Jim and Lynne Weber

Members of the Canidae family are all dog-like mammals, and in the United States that includes wolves, coyotes, domestic dogs, and true foxes. They are adapted to running swiftly over open terrain, and typically have long muzzles, upright ears, bushy tails, and teeth that can crack bones. The family is further divided into two tribes, with the wolves, coyotes, and dogs in the Canini tribe, and the true foxes in the Vulpini tribe. In central Texas, two species of true foxes exist, the native Common Gray Fox (Urocyon cinereoargenteus) and the introduced Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes).

Most active at night, and sometimes in late afternoon or early morning, the Gray Fox is a medium-sized fox with grayish upperparts, tawny sides, and reddish-brown legs. It has a whitish throat with a distinct black patch on the sides of its muzzle and lower jaw. Often confused with the Red Fox, the main distinction is the black tip on the tail and the fact that it is found throughout Texas. Gray Foxes are adept tree climbers, highly unusual for Canids, and they use their rounded claws to ascend trees much like bears. Once up in the canopy, they can hunt birds, escape predators, bask in the sun, or jump from branch to branch like a cat.

Also active at night, and frequently at dawn and dusk, the Red Fox is similar in size to the Gray Fox, but differs mainly in its coloring. While its typical coloration is generally rusty red, this fox can exhibit several other color forms, from black to silvery gray, but it always has a pattern of darker fur along the spine and down across each shoulder blade, forming a cross. The most distinct difference from the Gray Fox is the bushier tail that ends in a white tip. The Red Fox is found throughout most but not all of Texas, absent from the far western and southern portions of the state. Not native to Texas, it was introduced for sport around 1895 in the eastern and central regions.

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## <u>Jester Estates</u>

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Both species of fox are social animals, and their primary unit consists of a family with an adult male (or Reynard or dog), adult female (or vixen), and the juveniles (or kits, cubs, or pups) that were born that year. These foxes are thought to mate for life, with breeding beginning in December and extending into February. They can use a variety of places for denning sites, but most commonly they reuse underground burrows dug by other animals. Both the male and female care for and feed their young, and their diets consist of small mammals, birds, berries, and occasionally insects.

Foxes are usually seen in mixed woodlands and edges of forests, and while hunting they often use old roads or open trails while traveling the same routes. Their activity peaks with the activity of their prey, and if you get the chance to watch the cunning way in which they hunt, using their night vision, acute hearing, and high pouncing attacks, you'll begin to understand why they are called fabulous foxes!

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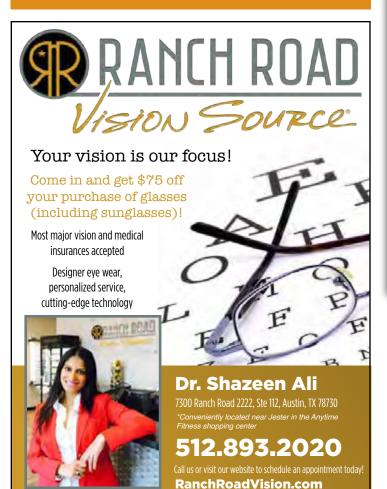
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### THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 7:00PM

Our typical 3rd Thursday Night Out is during spring break so we are getting together March 24 instead.

Make a note on your calendar for the change of date and plans for next month at Painting with a Twist.

When: Thursday, March 24

Time: 7:00-9:00 Price: \$35

Bring: Drinks and food and paper goods for food, drink

(alcohol is fine)

Location: Cedar Park Painting with a Twist

### www.paintingwithatwist.com/cedar-park/

\*\*\*Reservations need to be secured and paid for by March 14. Send me a note and I'll send you information.

Looking forward to getting together and freely paint with no judgements---

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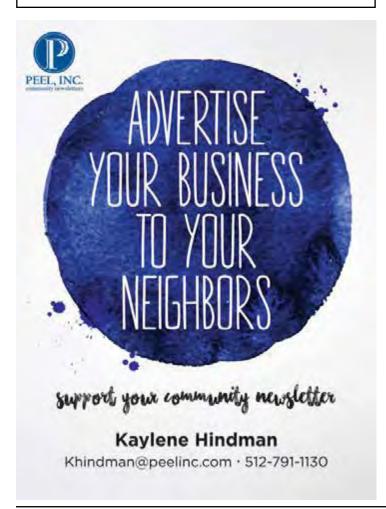


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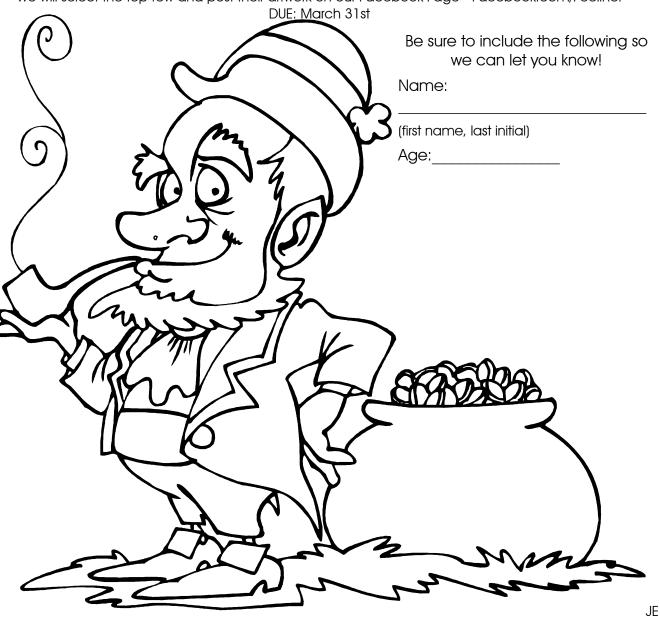
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