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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Monday, July 4 - 9:30 am
PARADE & ACTIVITIES**

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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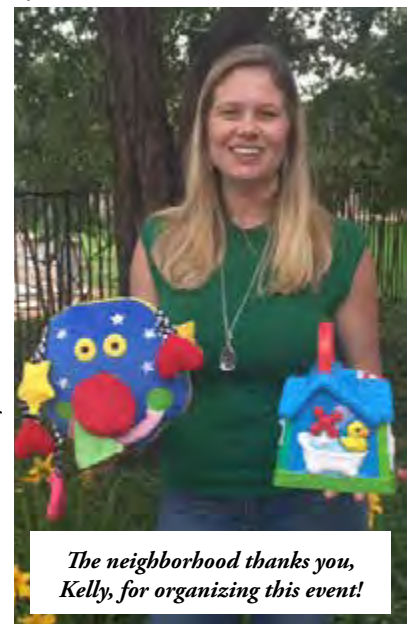
**Tuesday, June 21st
6 - 8 pm
Scoreboard in Jester Village**

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!

Jester Toy Swap

by Kelly Smentek

Thank you to the Jester community for coming out and making our first Toy Swap a fabulous success! It was wonderful for everyone to get to know our neighbors a little better as well as dust off some of our children's forgotten treasures and allow another child in our community to enjoy it. The kids absolutely loved it. I heard things like, "oh I always wanted one of these!" And, "wow, this is so cool!" The smiles on their faces were priceless. With this kind of participation we will definitely have more toy swaps in the future!



*The neighborhood thanks you,
Kelly, for organizing this event!*

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Toy Swap (Continued from Cover)





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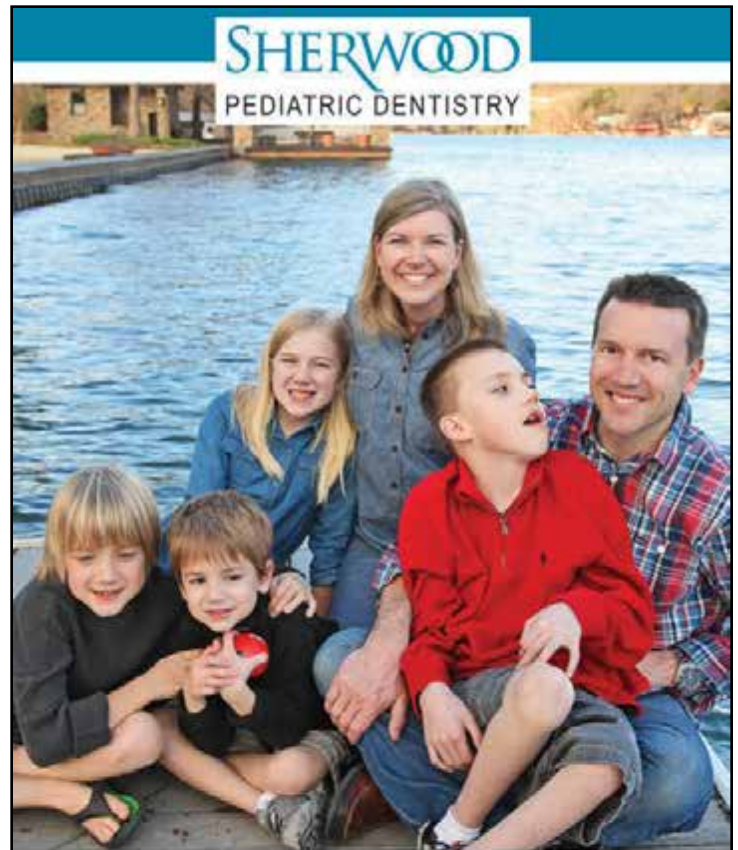
By Dale Bulla

Yard Waste in Barrels

If you are new to the neighborhood or if your landscape is just maturing enough to have trimmings and clippings, you may want to know about recycling yard waste. For about \$.50 each, you can purchase paper yard waste bags at local home centers. They usually come in a five pack for \$2.50. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected unless there is a garbage bag sticker on it. The paper bags are picked up every week by a separate truck. That truck takes the yard waste to the city-recycling center where it is shredded and composted for use in city parks etc.

If you have regular clippings week after week, the city will also pickup your yard waste if it is in a separate barrel, as long as it doesn't weight more than 50 pounds. You can use that barrel over and over again and avoid purchasing bags. If you have large branches or limbs, they must be bundled up with string or twine to be picked up.

Cut the branches to less than five feet and place them at the curb during your regular trash day. They will not pick up a big pile of limbs unless it is during the twice a year "large brush pick-up." Our next large brush pick up will be during the week of June 13th. For more details: <http://www.austintexas.gov/brush>



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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

We had to postpone our normal Welcome Committee schedule for bag deliveries due to rain (no sleet or snow thankfully, but a lot of rain). We finally did get out there and met 5 new residents. Everyone we met had made a local move. Several families had been renting in Austin until they could decide on a house to buy. Several others just moved up the hill from Lakewood! The reasons for buying in Jester varied, but included the reputation of Hill Elementary and the Jester Club pool and playground.

Deliveries were made to Tarma and Greg with their children Riley and Alana, whose new house is on the 6600 block of Lakewood Point Cove. Before moving to Austin, they lived in Kansas City. The second delivery was to Sean and Alisa with their daughter Madison who just moved to Cat Tail Cove from Lakewood. Third, we met Dave and Jessica with their adorable

dogs, Maggie and Sir Charles. They are now living on Jester Wild Drive. Fourth we met Colleen and Bob with their 3 children Caroline (7), Martha (5) and Andrew (3). Their new house is on the 8000 block of Bottlebrush. And last but not least we dropped in on Ruth and Keith with their cute dog Bailey. They've lived in Allandale for years, but were familiar with Jester due to long time friendships with some Jester residents. They decided to build on the 6700 block of Jester Boulevard.

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7588 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.

NatureWatch

POLLINATORS: A FLOWER'S BEST FRIEND

by Lynne & Jim Weber

With their beautiful colors, interesting shapes, and enticing scents, the main purpose of flowers is to attract pollinators and ensure the reproduction of the flowering plant. A pollinator is the biotic agent that moves pollen from the male parts of a flower (anthers) to the female parts of a flower (stigma) to accomplish fertilization. Why is this so important? Aside from the propagation of native plant species, over 150 grain and fruit food crops depend on this process – without it we would have no almonds, coffee, apples, or chocolate!

While there are some birds, bats, and small mammals (and even a lizard in some parts of the world) that act as pollinators, the vast majority of this job is done by flying insects. The most recognized pollinators are various species of bees, which are clearly adapted to pollination. Their surface is fuzzy and carries an electrostatic charge, and both of these features help pollen grains to adhere to their bodies. Bees often also have structures on their abdomen or legs that have evolved to carry pollen. Honey bees gather both nectar and pollen, using them to nurture their young, inadvertently transferring pollen between flowers as they are working.

Hummingbirds act as pollinators for various species of deep-throated flowers, a perfect example of how plants fall into different categories called “pollination syndromes.” Each syndrome is defined by a collection of characteristics that attract a certain type of pollinator. Hummingbirds love to visit red flowers with long narrow tubes and lots of nectar, but are not as strongly attracted to wide flowers with little nectar and copious amounts of pollen. Butterfly-pollinated flowers tend to be showy, pink or lavender in color, frequently have a good landing area, and are usually scented. Among the more important moth pollinators are the hawk moths, whose behavior is similar to hummingbirds except that they are nocturnal or crepuscular (active at dawn & dusk). As such, moth-pollinated flowers tend to be white, night-opening, with large blooms that produce a strong, sweet scent in the evening or early morning.

Today, there is alarming evidence that the pollinator population is in decline, threatened by habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation. When native pollination syndromes are modified by planting non-native and unfamiliar plant species in our yards and public places, pollinator visitation declines. This helps to explain why it is important to the overall health of an ecosystem to not break the natural lifecycle and interrelationships of highly-evolved, coexisting native species by introducing or replacing them with non-native ones.

Thanks to the wonderful work of bees, butterflies, birds, and other animal pollinators, flowering plants are able to reproduce and bear fruit, providing many of the foods we eat, the plant materials we and other organisms use, and the natural beauty we see around us. If you are interested in doing your part to create a pollinator-friendly habitat, plan to use a variety of native plants that bloom from spring to fall, eliminate the use of chemical pesticides, include larval host plants to encourage caterpillars, and construct bee condos or man-made nesting blocks. Encouraging pollinators can “bee” a project the whole family can enjoy!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. Check out our book, *Nature Watch Austin*, published by Texas A&M University Press, and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com if you enjoy reading these articles!

Bees are the most well-known pollinators.



Hawk moths, like this Snowberry Clearwing, are another type of pollinator.



Hummingbirds, as they nectar from flower to flower, also assist with pollination.



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1 cup minus 2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons peach preserves (not jelly)
1 vanilla bean, split and scraped

Recipe courtesy of Alton Brown

Directions

Combine all ingredients (including the bean and its pulp) in a large saucepan and place over medium heat. Attach a frying or candy thermometer to inside of pan. (see note below) Stirring occasionally, bring the mixture to 170 degrees F. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Remove the hull of the vanilla bean, pour mixture into lidded container and refrigerate mixture overnight to mellow flavors and texture.

In the morning add the cooled mixture to your ice cream machine and follow manufacturers instructions. The mixture will not freeze hard in the machine. Once the volume has increased by 1/2 to 3/4 times, and reached a soft serve consistency, spoon the mixture back into a lidded container and harden in the freezer at least 1 hour before serving.

NOTE: If you do not have a thermometer, bring the mixture just barely to a simmer. As soon as you see a bubble hit the surface, remove it from the heat. Do not let it boil.



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June Events

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Jun. - Aug.	Concerts in the Park (Sundays) <i>Free Ensemble concerts!</i>	austinsymphony.org
Jun. 8 -	Buyer and Cellar	Zach Theatre
Aug. 14	<i>Giddily hilarious one-man play</i>	zachtheatre.org
Jun. 9 - 12	ATX Television Festival - Interact with actors, writers, directors, etc. bringing your favorite series to the small screen	atxfestival.com
Jun. 9 - 30	Nature Nights at the Wildflower Center (Thursdays) <i>Family fun activities with plants, animals and ecology</i>	Wildflower Center wildflower.org
Jun. 12	20th Annual Austin Cool House Tour	txses.org/solar
Jun. 13 - 18	Radiance: A Site Specific Aerial Dance <i>Blue Lapis Light - a group of gravity-defining dancers</i>	Long Center thelongcenter.org
Jun. 17	Selena Gomez Revival Tour	uterwincenter.com
Jun. 17 - 19	Woodland Faerie Trail by Silver Moonlight <i>Faerie Homes and Gardens by Austin area contributors</i>	Zilker Garden zilker garden.org
June. 17 - 19	Wild West Week	Cedar Park Center
Jun. 24 - 25	<i>Professional rodeo action</i>	hebcenter.com
Jun. 18	Darius Rucker	austin360amphitheater.com
Jun. 19	Father's Day Concert	uterwincenter.com
Jun. 22	James Taylor & His All-Star Band	uterwincenter.com
Jun. 23	The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses	thelongcenter.org
Jun. 25	Naturally Fit Games <i>Health and fitness expo, car show, auction, and more</i>	Austin Convention Center naturallyfitgames.com

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