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Holiday Happy Hour

WEDNESDAY NOV 16
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Saturday, December 3th
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of the month prior to the issue.*

Request for Updated Green Neighborhood Tips

by Dale Bulla

As you know, Jester is a "Green Neighborhood" and we have our own website on the City of Austin webpage. I try to update our numbers each year and would like to encourage you to send me any new data so I can do that at the end of this year.

If you have added a hybrid vehicle or zero emission vehicle, please let me know.

If you have had your yard certified as a wildlife habitat this last year, please let me know.

Remember, your information is not put on the website, we just submit numbers of green participants not names or addresses.

As of last year, we had 114 hybrids or Zero Emission vehicles and 177 certified habitats. Please contact me with your updated information before the end of the year or call me if you would like more information.

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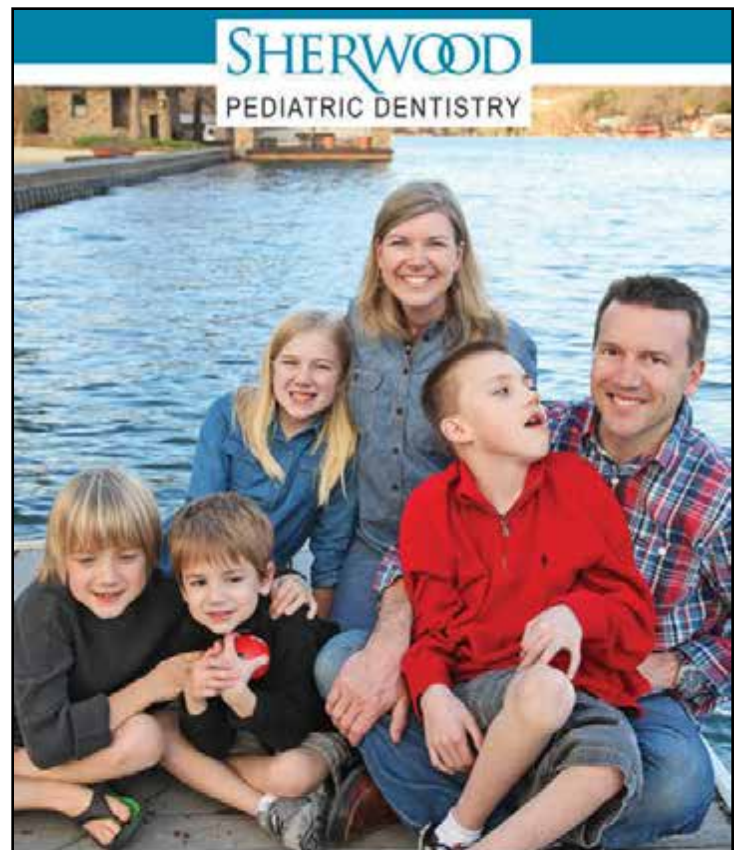
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The Welcome Committee had another great month, meeting new neighbors and delivering Welcome Bags to them. We were able to meet new neighbors that moved to:

- The 7200 block of Rusty Fig. Josh and Irena with their two daughters, Nadia and Kalaina moved from Lakewood. They've lived in Austin more than 12 years.
- The 7300 block of Halbert. Claire and John with daughters River and Megan moved from Seattle, Washington. Claire's a professional chocolatier with 2 sites in Seattle, and is now demonstrating her craft at Sur La Table in the Domain. They moved to Austin for John's work at Amazon. They have 2 dogs and a cat.
- The 7300 block of Jester. Tim and June with their daughter Rossalyn moved from Circle C in south Austin. Rossalyn joins the other Jester teens who go to LASA. So far they've found Jester friendly and welcoming.

We ran out of daylight to do the rest of the possible deliveries and will have to catch up this month. We're sorry if you've just moved in and we missed you!

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.

Green Tips

by Dale Bulla

Plant trees this fall season to lower your electric bills next summer and into the future. Trees mitigate the urban heat island effect by cooling daytime temperatures and providing shade around your home. They help conserve soil and water and can help block visual or noise pollution in dense areas. They produce clean oxygen and reduce carbon emissions, something that every Central Texan can appreciate. And of course, the right tree can beautify your home and even provide food for local wildlife.

Visit the Austin Energy website for more information about native tree options, how to deal with power lines, and other tree planting issues.

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Hurricane Preparedness for Your Pets

Don't forget to include your pets in your hurricane preparedness and evacuation plan. Storms can be scary for your animals, especially if they are moved out of their usual familiar environment.

Be sure to have their crate or carrying case ready along with extra bedding and toys. Bring along at least four days worth of food with dishes and one week of medications. Investigate pet friendly hotels or motels ahead of time to be sure they allow pets and do not have a number limit.

In addition, if you are not planning to leave your home and have the space, you might consider fostering one or two animals that may have nowhere to go during the storm period. After all, they ARE a part of the family.



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NATUREWATCH

Hardy Brushfoots

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Fall and winter are hardly a notable time for watching butterflies, except for those in the Nymphalidae family known as the brush-footed or brushfoots. Most of these species are medium-sized to fairly large butterflies that hold their wings flat when resting and have a reduced pair of forelegs. This group is also commonly called four-footed butterflies,

because they are known to stand on only four legs while the reduced pair are held up against their mid-section or thorax.

In some species, these shorter forelegs also have a brush-like set of soft hairs called setae, and it is unclear why these forelegs have become vestigial, or appearing to lose most of their ancestral function. One theory is that these forelegs may be used to amplify the sense of smell (yes, many butterflies 'taste' with their feet), while others believe they are used to improve

signaling and communication between individuals of the same species, while standing on the other four. The latter seems to be the leading theory so far, as that ability would prove most useful in terms of reproduction and the continuing overall health of the species.

More remarkably, brushfoots are experts at overwintering, or the process by which they pass through or wait out the winter season. While many insects overwinter as eggs or pupae, brushfoots overwinter as adult butterflies. They take cover in places such as building crevices, under loose bark, or beneath fallen leaves or other plant matter. These places shield the brushfoots from the adverse conditions of winter, and their activity ceases until conditions become more favorable. On the occasional warm winter day in Central Texas, these butterflies often emerge to bask in the sun and feed on various



nutritional sources such as tree sap, rotting fruit, or animal scat. While many brushfoots are brightly colored on their uppersides, their undersides are largely dull and cryptic, mimicking dead leaves and bark, offering them additional protection in their chosen overwintering sites.

Examples of the most frequently encountered and easily recognizable brushfoots in our area

include the Question Mark (*Polygonia interrogationis*), Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*), and Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*). The Question Mark is fairly common in woodland openings, and is recognized by its deep orange wings spotted with brown and angled sharply at the edges. Its cryptic underside is textured brown, resembling a dead leaf, and its hind wing is 'punctuated' by a curved silver line and dot, which gives it its common name. Red Admirals are almost unmistakable, dark above with

bright orange-red slashes and white dots on the outer part of the forewings, but exquisitely colored in mostly browns and blues below. The Common Buckeye prefers open habitats, and can be identified by its overall golden brown color above, interrupted by large and striking multicolored eyespots.

The next time the weather is sunny and warmer, make a point to go outside and take a walk in the woods, a field or your garden, and see if you can find some of these hardy brushfoots!

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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We all know about the clouds that shade the sun and carry rain. Now it's time to get to know the other cloud—the one that delivers computing power, handy applications, and the ability to share information with others wherever and whenever you need. Like the atmospheric mass that provides its name, the technological phenomenon impacts our daily lives.

Cloud computing sounds mysterious and untrustworthy, but chances are you're already working, playing and surfing in the cloud. If you've purchased an iPhone, Kindle, or any smartphone, tablet or computer recently, you're probably taking advantage of its benefits. If you've downloaded a song from the Internet, chatted on Skype or purchased something from Amazon.com, you've used the cloud.

So, what does the cloud mean to you, and how can you harness its power?

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It means you can work from a remote office without losing a beat. You can collaborate with others on a document without having to e-mail the file back and forth. You can store photos, music and files online without taking up precious space on your computer.

The cloud offers cheaper, stress-free alternatives to expensive hardware and maintenance. All you really need to take advantage of the cloud is reliable Internet access, but you should carefully consider security, privacy, the provider's reliability and contract terms first.

How secure is your data and information on the cloud? What privacy rules are you subject to? Some cloud services include clauses that allow providers to access and use a customer's data—often for marketing purposes—and can retain that data long after you're done using the service.

What if the company providing the cloud service goes out of business? What happens to all your information? Do contact terms lock you into one program or application?

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