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PARADE & ACTIVITIES Tuesday, July 4 – 9:30 am

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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- 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





WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

The summer move-ins have already started! Last month we were able to deliver Welcome Bags to Kenneth and Donell on the 6700 block of Jester, Megan and Ryan with their 4 years old son Nicholas on Fig Vine Cove, and another couple on Holly Fern Cove. Kenneth and Donell, with their children Kate and Chloe, and pets Moose and Bear, moved from within Jester, yet another Jester resident choosing to find another house in the neighborhood. Megan and Ryan moved from the Courtyard.

Next month we should have more deliveries, based on the number of For Sale signs and moving vans we've seen in the past few weeks. Hopefully we'll be able to welcome the new neighbors to Jester personally and share our Welcome Bags with them.

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7588 or jawelles1@gmail.com 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.

Hey Jester Ladies Night Outers'

by Debra Ellsworth

Solving the world's problems. That sums up JLNO! Have you noticed that when women get together we tend to solve problems of the "world"? There are always ample subjects to talk about and we manage to cover it all and naturally we solve them! Lol

Popular vote for our next get together in June is a casual evening enjoying our neighborhood pool and park. Swim or just relax with your neighbors while solving other world problems! Will there be more?!

Mark your calendars:

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

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Jester Teen Reaches the Rank of Eagle Scout

by Becky Carter

Jester teen, Alex Carter, reached the rank of Eagle Scout, and was honored Sunday, May 7 at the Texas State Capitol in a Court of Honor as part of local Boy Scout Troop 201.

Boy Scouts teaches so much, from lifesaving to business skills. Alex owes much to the Scouts -- he can survive in the wilderness for days without food, and he can lead 100 boys in an organized, efficient financial planning meeting. In the path toward Eagle Scout, a boy must complete over 300 requirements; the final requirement is a lasting community service project. For Alex's service project, he researched and built owl houses to help re-introduced the native owl population into the southwest quadrant of the Walter Long Lake region of Austin, TX. The first sighting of a returned owl means the local gardens can start to thrive, rather than be overrun with mice.

Scouts has taught Alex to value community service. Alex has been volunteering with Mobile Loaves and Fishes twice each month for the last 4 years.



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NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN TIPS "DRIVING ON SUNSHINE"

by Dale Bulla

With over 50 homes in Jester with solar panels and over 2 dozen plug-in vehicles, some of our neighbors are "driving on sunshine." Many of the solar homes pay little or nothing for electricity and some also earn a credit several months out of the year. What a great way to use up your Austin Energy credit than to plug in and go. With rebates from Austin Energy as well as tax credits from the federal government, there are plenty of incentives to give driving electric a try.

In addition, electric vehicle owners have the option of not only plugging in at home but also can take advantage of the over 500 EV charging stations by purchasing a Charge Point card from Austin Energy. This costs \$25 for six months of unlimited charging throughout the city. 100% of the electricity used by charging is green choice so it all comes from renewable.

And to top it all off, we now have six EV charging spots at the bottom of Jester Blvd. at the Ladera Bend shopping center. If you have never had the fun of driving an electric vehicle, you should take a test drive. And remember, the only maintenance required for most EVs is tire rotation. There is no muffler, tailpipe, radiator, fan or timing belts, coolant, oil changes, etc.



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NATURE WATCH

VINE TIME

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Native vines for landscaping are not only drought-resistant and ornamental, but they can also provide food and shelter for wildlife. In our area, these vines include certain species of passionvine, clematis, and honeysuckle.

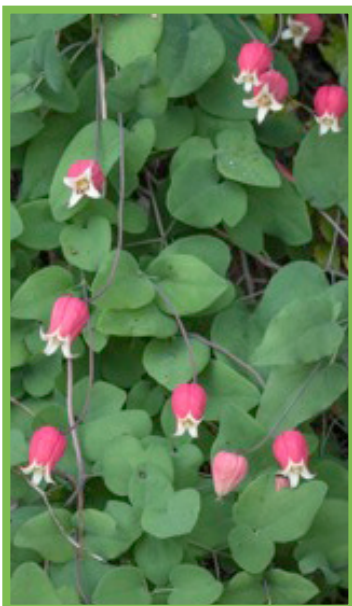
3 to 5 pairs of leaflets, and nodding, urn-shaped, long-lasting purple flowers. Both of these native clematis species offer cover and food for seed-eating birds and small mammals.



Yellow Passionvine

by thorn-like bracts. A more delicate species is Yellow Passionvine (*Passiflora lutea*), a trailing vine with more modest three-lobed leaves and small but elaborate yellow-green flowers that turn into dark blue berries. All of these passionvines are host plants for the caterpillars of Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Julia Heliconian, and Zebra Heliconian butterflies.

One of the most common native passionvines is Maypop or Purple Passion Flower (*Passiflora incarnata*), a herbaceous vine up to 25 feet long that climbs via tendrils, has three-lobed dark green leaves, and intricate, showy purple flowers that turn into hollow yellow fruits. Corona de Cristo (*Passiflora foetida*) is a fast-growing, climbing or creeping vine with three to five lobed leaves that give off a pungent odor when crushed, and complex white to pale pink or purple-tinged flowers that give way to reddish fruits surrounded



Scarlet Clematis

While there are many cultivated varieties of clematis available, the native ones include Scarlet Clematis (*Clematis texensis*) and Purple Leatherflower (*Clematis pitcheri*). A slightly woody vine growing to about 9 feet, Scarlet Clematis has thick, leather-like, red, bell-shaped flowers followed by a feathery ball of plumed seeds. It is very drought tolerant and is native only to the southeastern Edwards Plateau region. Purple Leatherflower is a climbing vine growing to 10 feet, with opposite leaves divided into



White Bush Honeysuckle

Honeysuckle is another widely cultivated plant with numerous garden varieties, but two native species that thrive in our area include Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) and White Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera albiflora*). With its trumpet-like red-orange blooms, twining habit, and paired green leaves, Coral Honeysuckle is a high-climbing vine, and is the host plant for caterpillars of the Spring Azure butterfly and Snowberry Clearwing moth. White Bush Honeysuckle is a trailing vine, with rounded to oval olive-green leaves and white to yellowish-white flowers, that prefers hot, rocky places like our limestone outcrops and cliffs. Both of these honeysuckle species provide nectar for hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

With such wonderful choices, isn't it time you add these native vines to your wildscape? They provide exceptional beauty for humans, act as adornments for your garden structures, and provide important sources of food and shelter for many different types of native wildlife!

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 two books, *Nature Watch Austin* & *Nature Watch Big Bend*, both published by Texas A&M University Press, and our blog at: naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

CORRECTION: Last month's column included the wrong photographs. Peel Publishing regrets the error.

3-Meat Pizza Ring



Preparation: 20 minutes **Cook Time:** 20 minutes **Serves:** 8

Ingredients

- 1 lb. Italian Sausage
- 1 (15 oz.) can pizza sauce, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. shredded pizza cheese
- 1/2 c. diced Canadian bacon
- 1/2 c. chopped pepperoni
- 2 (8 oz.) tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat cook sausage and garlic until no longer pink. Drain grease off. Stir in 1/2 c. pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and 1 c. pizza cheese.
3. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. Arrange triangles on a 14 inch ungreased pizza pan with points toward the outside and wide ends overlapping at the center, leaving a 4 inch opening in the center. Press overlapping dough to seal.
4. Spoon the mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Fold pointed ends of triangles over filling, tucking points under to form a ring. The filling will be visible.
5. Baked for 12-15 minutes or until the crescents are golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve with remaining pizza sauce.

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Jun. 8	Maudie's Moonlight Margarita Run and Party <i>Nighttime 5K around Lady Bird Lake, Tex-Mex party with margaritas</i>	thetrailfoundation.org
Jun. 9 - 10	Audience by Request! Free Concert <i>Featuring music by the Beatles and music you will choose</i>	Zilker Hillside Theater austincivicorchestra.org
Jun. 9 - 10	Woodland Faerie Trail by Silver Moonlight <i>Faerie Homes and Gardens by Austin area contributors</i>	Zilker Garden zilkergarden.org
Jun. 11	21st Annual Austin Cool House Tour	coolhousetour.com
Jun. 11	The Marshall Tucker Band <i>Legendary American Southern rock/country band</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org
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