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## Jester's 4th of July Parade

by Social Chairman, Teresa Gouldie

Excited children and grandchildren of our Jester residents gathered at Jester Club for our annual 4th of July Parade, and they were a sight to behold! Dressed in patriotic red, white, and blue, they had decorated their bicycles, wagons, strollers, and even pets! Led by a colorfully decorated golf cart, they paraded down Jester Blvd, around Basil, and back to the club. Thanks to the people on the parade route who came out of their homes to cheer them on...the kiddos always love an audience!

Upon returning to the club, the children realized the fun had just begun! Awaiting them were a variety of activities including a ball toss, coloring sheets, and the always popular prize walk. Various prizes included red, white & blue bracelets, necklaces, and visors. Parents and children alike donned colorful hats for photos and a great time was had by all.

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Thanks to Kelly Smentek for organizing this event.  
Our neighborhood appreciates your efforts!

## JESTER TOY SWAP

by Kelly Smentek

Thank you to the Jester community for making our 2nd Toy Swap another 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; maybe even more than last year. My personal favorite is watching a child be in awe that someone would be giving away a particular toy because it's something they want for themselves! The smiles on their faces were priceless. I spoke with

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# Jester Estates

*(Fourth of July Parade Continued from Cover)*

As always, this event would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. A big thank you goes out to our neighborhood volunteers: Eva Wisser and Matt Allen. A special thanks goes to Terri Milam and Jester Club for providing the location and Billy Gouldie for donating a golf cart to use. In addition, a huge thank you to these amazing young people for getting up early and helping out: Philippe Papa, Roberto Prince, Colin Lanier, Jennifer Kwon, Sarah Gusler, Ana Dragomir, Gaby Reyna, Sophie Hashemi, and Kevin, Kaitlin, Sean, Caroline and Liam Moore.

If you would like to volunteer for our Halloween event, please call me at 512-751-8000. We always need help in preparing the week before, as well as assistance on the day of the event itself. Any bit of time you could spare would be greatly appreciated!





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## WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

The Welcome Committee this month delivered 6 Welcome bags with cookies, menus, neighborhood information, and even a gift card to Coffee Shark (thanks to the owner, a Jester resident).

We appreciated the opportunity to speak with 5 new residents, all young couples. The first couple, Weatherly and Chad, just moved from Katy to the 8300 block of Jancy Drive after a few months of renovation. Their family includes their 4 years old daughter Kinley, their 3 years old son Rivers and their dog Gage. The second couple, Todd and Michelle, moved to Clove Cove with their daughter Kayla, 14 months old. They were originally from Chicago. The third couple we met were Daniel and Jacinda, who moved to the 7100 block of Rusty Fig Drive. The fourth was Andre and Jessica, on Quill Leaf Cove. They moved with their 4 years old daughter Sophie, their 9 months old son Jackson and Bella, the dog. The fifth were Mark and

Monica, with their 2 cats, who moved to the 7300 block of Holly Fern Cove from Cedar Park.

We also left a bag at a home on the 7800 block of Image Cove. The new residents there were not at home, but we knew they were moving from a Jester home on the 7800 block of Moonflower Drive.

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](mailto: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 notfound you home.



*Daniel and Jacinda  
on Rusty Fig*



*Mark and Monica  
on Holly Fern*



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“scoop the poop”**

*(Jester Toy Swap, Continued from Cover Page)*

some of the parents that told me that some of their kids' favorite toys came from the toy swap last year which is why they came back this year. The remaining items went to Safe Place where other kids will get to enjoy them. Thank you for your participation!!



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## August Green Tips

by Dale Bulla

Jester residences,

If you have large stuff that needs to be picked up by Resource Recovery, the next bulk pick up date for Jester is this August during the week of the 21st. You can also go to: <http://austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do> and type in your item.

You can also go to the Resource Recovery Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/residential-bulk-collection>



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## RESIDENTIAL BULK COLLECTION

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### Collection Schedule

Austin Resource Recovery customers receive twice-per-year collection of bulk items. Use the My Schedule tool to get a personalized collection calendar for all residential curbside services, including bulk item pickup. You can add your schedule to Google, iCal or Outlook, or you can print it. You can also sign up for text, email or phone call reminders and alerts.

Here is more info:

### Bulk Item Collection

Separate bulk items into three piles:

- Metal items - Includes appliances (remove doors).
- Passenger car tires - Rims must be removed. Limit of eight tires per household.
- Non-metal items - Includes carpeting and nail-free lumber.



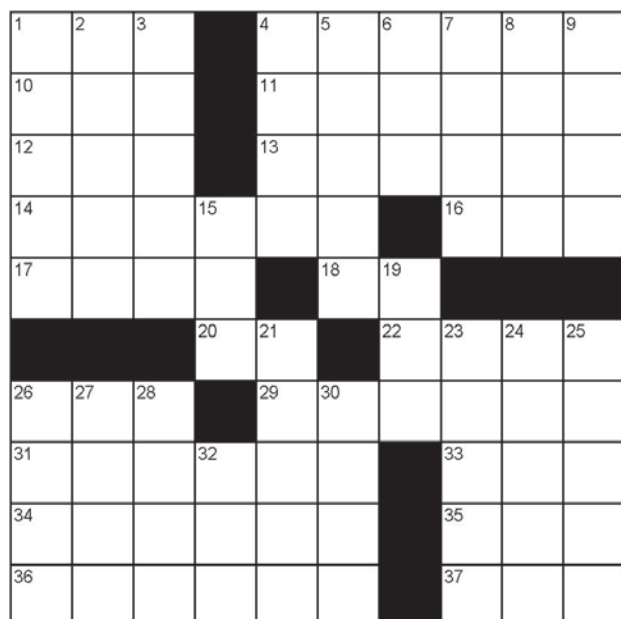
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### ACROSS

1. Kimono sash
4. Hype
10. Really cool
11. Hateful
12. Sailor's yes
13. Dissolved substance
14. Replacement car
16. British drink
17. Flower start
18. Book of Samuel abbr.
20. Arkansas
22. Fish lifting hood
26. Popular president's initials
29. Portugal's peninsula
31. Elicit
33. Titan
34. Destroyer
35. Single
36. Stretched circle
37. Little bit

### DOWN

1. Toothbrush brand
2. Marsh
3. Utopian
4. Tights
5. Bad smells
6. Lube
7. Mope
8. Stringed instrument
9. At sea
15. BB association
19. Stage of life
21. Got up
23. Jargon
24. Female singer \_\_\_\_ Apple
25. Colorless
26. Gambling game
27. Beat severely
28. Churn
30. Floating ice
32. Card game

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# NATURE WATCH

## DISCOVERING BLACKLIGHTING

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

Lepidoptera is the order of insects that includes both butterflies and moths. While over 180,000 species of these insects have been identified worldwide, recent estimates suggest that this order may have more species than previously thought, and is among the four most speciose orders, along with Hymenoptera (sawflies, wasps, bees, & ants), Diptera (true flies, mosquitoes, gnats, & midges), and Coleoptera (beetles). Of the approximately 180,000 known Lepidoptera species, some 160,000 are moths, with nearly 11,000 of them found in the United States, and many are yet to be described.



*Polyphemus Silk Moth*

With such huge numbers and such a diversity of species, how does one go about studying moths? A good place to start is while knowing that most moths are creatures of the night, they are also attracted to light.

The reason for this behavior is unknown, although one theory is that moths use a form of celestial navigation called transverse orientation. They attempt to maintain a constant angular relationship to a bright celestial light, like the moon. But since the moon is so far away, and the angle change is negligible, the moth appears to travel in a straight line. This theory is tested when moths fly near much closer sources of light, such as a porch light or a campfire. The angle to the light source changes constantly as the moth flies by, so the moth instinctively attempts to correct it by turning toward the light, thereby producing its erratic, sometimes circular flight.

One way for the moth to keep a constant angle to a stationary light

source is by becoming stationary itself, effectively being 'trapped' by the light rather than 'attracted' to it. Those interested in studying moths have taken advantage of this fact, and have developed a method called blacklighting to attract and photograph moths. The first step is to set up a light source, and either an ultraviolet light (also known as a blacklight) or a mercury vapor light can be used. Mercury vapor is now the preferred source, as it provides a different spectrum of light than a blacklight, although a blacklight emits a broader spectrum of light. Moths can see waves of light that humans cannot, so providing them with different spectrums will generally produce the greatest response. The light is carefully hung or positioned in front a vertical white sheet, which the light bounces off to produce a big, concentrated, glowing mass, while providing a safe surface for the moths to land.



*Small Heterocampa Moth*

The blacklighting setup is positioned out of the wind and typically near a boundary between wooded and open areas. The light is turned on at dusk and left on all night, as different species of moths are most active at different times. After taking the desired photographs with a digital SLR with a macro lens and flash, the light is turned off and the sheet is given a vigorous shake to scatter the remaining moths. After all that was done to 'capture' them with light for observation and photography, it would be a shame for them to become easy morning quarry for insect-eating birds or other predators!

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*Imperial Moth*



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