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## JESTER GIRLS NIGHT OUT

### TUES. SEPT. 26, 6:30

by Debra Ellsworth



This is going to be an evening of fun at Lake Travis!

Thank you to Diana Miller for offering to host our Jester Girls Night Out on their boat.

Along with their beautiful boat, Diana & Lloyd have a fabulously “decked out” party boat dock with all kinds of amenities.

Some of us can relax on the dock while others are out on the boat.

We will meet at Paradise Marina by Ernie’s Restaurant at 6:30.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

A dish to share

Your favorite drinks

A few \$\$\$ to pitch in for gas (Diana said no \$, but...)

Towel & whatever you want to wear

**RSVP:** [debra@ellsworthteam.com](mailto:debra@ellsworthteam.com)

I’ll send out more details as we get closer to the date.

Looking forward to this! - Debra Ellsworth

## KICK STARTING A JESTER BEER TASTING GROUP!

By Matt Allen

Kicking off and hosting a Jester beer tasting club to try different beers and laud/critique what our many local breweries offer.

For this group of Jester-ites & Lakewooders we’ll gather at Coffee Shark. For \$12 we’ll get two flights (eight 5 oz tastes) plus a full pint to finish it off.

#### WHERE:

Coffee Shark

7300 Ranch Road 2222 Bldg. 5, Ste. 111

#### WHEN:

Wednesday, September 27 7pm – 9pm

#### BRING:

\$12 for the flights and pint.

Full menu of food available separately for purchase.

#### RSVP:

Email [matt@coffeeshark.com](mailto:matt@coffeeshark.com)



This’ll give us a sense of seating to block off and will enable me to communicate out future gatherings for this group.

**Come meet & join your neighbors in celebrating Austin breweries. Help set the direction & selection for the future too!**

## Let’s revive the JESTER WINE TASTING GROUP!

by Debra Ellsworth

I am putting together an email list for those that are interested in getting to know their neighbors while enjoying some tasty wines and food varieties.

This group will be a mix of informal wine drinkers, as well as people who are interested in sampling wines from different areas.

It’s up to the hosts to decide what they want to do for their own party.

We’ve even had someone choose to host a fun evening tasting martinis!

#### Our 1st Hosts are:

Mark & Debra Ellsworth  
7313 FOXTREE COVE  
512-627-5323

#### WHEN::

Saturday, September 23  
7:00 – 10:00

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## Great Times at the Jester Adult Social!



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## DROWNING IS FAST & SILENT KEEP KIDS IN ARM'S REACH



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### September 10: Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

Colin's Hope will host the annual Kids Tri on Sunday, September 10. The event is limited to 400 athletes, and will close quickly! For more information visit [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org)

### September 24: Colin's Hope Got2Swim

Looking for our annual Got2Swim? Join Colin's Hope and Open Water Planet on Sunday, September 24 for a 10K solo, 2, or 3 person relay on Lake Travis!



**Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and volunteers for their year round support!**

A special thank you to Peel, Inc. Their support helps us to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

\*Source: Texas DFPS, Watch Kids Around Water

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## GREEN TIPS

by Dale Bulla

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/watering-restrictions>  
Austin Water is currently in **Conservation Stage** Water Restrictions.

### AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION

Even Address: **Thursday** Odd Address: **Wednesday**

### HOSE-END SPRINKLERS

Even Address: **Thurs, Sun** Odd Address: **Wed, Sat**

### HOURS

Midnight - 10 AM 7 PM - Midnight

- You may water only on your assigned day(s) and times.
  - o Residential
    - **Hose-end Sprinklers** - two days per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight
    - **Automatic Irrigation** - one day per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight (Residential customers may also water a second day with a hose-end sprinkler)
  - o Commercial / Multi-family / Public Schools
    - **Hose-end Sprinklers or Automatic Irrigation** - one day

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(Wine Tasting Group Continued from Cover)

### BRING:

\$15.00 for wine

A dish such as appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert  
We will supply the entrée and the wine.

### RSVP:

[debra@ellsworthteam.com](mailto:debra@ellsworthteam.com)

If you can't make it to the first one, send an email saying you want to hear about future get together's as an attendee or as a host.

I am including Lakewood neighbors so we can get to know each other!

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per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight

- **Wastinwg water** is prohibited
- Washing vehicles at home is permitted with an auto shut-off hose or bucket
- Fountains must recirculate water

## EXEMPTIONS

The following are allowed at any time on any day of the week:

- Watering with drip irrigation, a hand-held hose or a refillable container
- Watering trees with a Treegator®, soaker hose or automatic tree bubbler
- Watering vegetable gardens with a soaker hose
- Pressure washing sidewalk/driveway/deck/patio/paved areas/home siding/fence

## VARIANCES

In limited situations, Austin Water may be able to grant a **variance** from the water restrictions.

## ENFORCEMENT

Failing to follow the water restrictions may result in enforcement action, including **fines** of up to \$500 per violation. To report violations, call 3-1-1, use the **3-1-1 mobile app**, or **submit a report online**. Please provide the address, time, date, and type of violation.

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## SOLAR TESTIMONIAL FOR 8308 JANCY DR.

by Justin Wiesman

After talking to a couple neighbors about Solar, I decided to look into it. I found that it helped the neighbor that refers me as well as me to work in a referral.

Prior to installing Solar, it was recommended that I get an energy audit. This led to sealing up ducts, the area around pipes under sinks, and around vents plus blowing more insulation into our attic. The idea is to tighten up your house first so that you do not need as much energy.

The Federal rebates and City of Austin rebates help on the number of years before you break even on your investment. I had an ideal place on the West side of my garage roof since it does not have tall Trees west of it and no protrusions through the roof. We decided not to install solar on the front of our house because it would change the look. The tall chimney on the West side of the house and two dormers keep a portion of our front roof from being a good place for Solar. If you look carefully, you can see the edge of the solar panel near the peak of the garage roof.

Native installed a 5.6 kW solar system on our garage roof in 2015. It has paid out a little over the monthly estimates and the Eguage monitoring that came with our system is very handy to see our usage. I learned that AC units and pool pumps are the highest users by far. My pool pump just went out and I am getting a more efficient variable speed pump, which should lower my energy usage.

One let down was with the City of Austin Utility bill, so please understand this before you go into it. They add up your entire energy usage and you will go into higher energy tiers regardless of how much solar energy you contribute. Then they provide a credit for the energy you create. The rate used for the credit will be higher than the low Tiers, but not as high as the highest tiers. So improving energy efficiency will matter with or without Solar, especially during the hot summer months.

When the technology changes to where the panels look more like a shingle, we will consider solar on the front of our house. Until then we are happy with what we have.



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# NATURE WATCH

## THE VALUE OF VIPERS

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

Throughout human history, fear of snakes has been one of our most common phobias, arising from our learned ability to detect threats to our survival in the wild. While most snake species are relatively harmless to humans, those in the Viper Family can pose a serious danger. Vipers are defined as venomous snakes with large hinged fangs, a broad head, and a stout body with a darker pattern on a lighter background. While vipers are venomous and must be treated with proper respect and caution, it is important to understand that they also exhibit many useful characteristics and are vital to keeping a healthy ecosystem in balance.

Vipers that can be found in Central Texas include the Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*), Broad-banded Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix laticinctus*), and Western Cottonmouth (*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*). By far the most abundant and widespread viper, the Western Diamond-back

Rattlesnake exhibits a considerable color diversity from chalky gray to dull red, but always displays a row of dark, diamond markings down the middle of its back, and has a prominent black and white banded tail.

On average, this snake grows between 3 and 4 feet long, and can be found in the wooded hills and plateaus north and west of Austin.

The Broad-banded Copperhead found in our area is an uncommon subspecies in Central Texas, occurring near woodland streams in live oak-juniper forests in the west to Blackland Prairie and Bastrop in the east. Growing 2 to 3 feet long, this snake is

stout-bodied and marked with wide, reddish-brown crossbands that alternate with narrower tan to pale brown crossbands. A heavy-bodied snake with a stubby tail, the Western Cottonmouth is named for the bright-white skin lining its open mouth, but it is also known as 'water moccasin.' It is generally restricted to the woodland borders of rivers such as the Colorado, but can be found in cool, shallow springs a short distance away from main waterways. This snake averages 2 to 3 feet in length, and typically appears almost all black with a bit of brown, but ill-defined grayish-brown crossbands can sometimes be seen, especially on the sides.



*Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake*



*Western Cottonmouth*

All of these vipers eat rodents, so they are beneficial in keeping rat and mice populations down, which is often the reason they can be found around homes and yards. They will also eat birds found on the ground, as none are very good climbers. As snakes that live in or near water, the copperhead and cottonmouth will also consume amphibians and fish. Vipers can also be prey for other animals such as owls, hawks, and even other snakes. Finally, chemicals found only in viper venoms have a distinct value to humans, as they are used to treat many serious health ailments such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, Parkinsons, and many more. Now that's the value of vipers!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin* and *Nature Watch Big Bend* (both published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at [naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).



*Broad-banded Copperhead*



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## September Events

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Sept. 9	<b>Dripping with Taste Wine, Food &amp; Arts Festival</b>	<a href="http://drippingwithtaste.org">drippingwithtaste.org</a>
Sept. 15 - 17	<b>Romeo and Juliet - Shakespeare's classic tale</b>	<a href="http://balletaustin.org">balletaustin.org</a>
Sept. 16	<b>Fit Kids Fest - Free event filled with fun activities</b>	<a href="http://thelongcenter.com">thelongcenter.com</a>
Sept. 16	<b>Jonny Lang - American blues and rock singer/songwriter</b>	<a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>
Sept. 17	<b>CASA Superhero Run - 5K &amp; Kids 1K &amp; costume contest</b>	<a href="http://casasuperherorun.com">casasuperherorun.com</a>
Sept. 17	<b>Austin Museum Day - Free access to exhibits and activities</b>	<a href="http://austinemuseums.org">austinemuseums.org</a>
Sept. 21	<b>Luke Bryan - Country music superstar</b>	<a href="http://austin360amphitheater.com">austin360amphitheater.com</a>
Sept. 22	<b>Daryl Hall &amp; John Oates</b>	<a href="http://hebcenter.com">hebcenter.com</a>
Sept. 23 - 24	<b>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone – in Concert</b>	<a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a>
Sept. 23 - 24	<b>Pecan Street Festival - One of the longest running arts/crafts and music festivals in the nation</b>	<a href="http://pecanstreetfestival.org">pecanstreetfestival.org</a>
Sept. 24	<b>Komen Race for the Cure - Raise money for breast cancer research</b>	<a href="http://roadwayevents.com">roadwayevents.com</a>
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Sept. 27 - Oct. 29	<b>Singin' in the Rain One of the greatest and most beloved classic musicals</b>	Zach Theatre <a href="http://zachtheatre.org">zachtheatre.org</a>
Sept. 30	<b>Texas Craft Brewers Festival - Texas craft beer</b>	<a href="http://texascraftbrewersfestival.org">texascraftbrewersfestival.org</a>

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