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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jester neighbors we welcome Fall and the beauty that surrounds Jester during this time of year. Last month a meeting was held at the Coffee Shark (thank you to owner Matt Allen) to discuss the Speed bumps with Council Member Atler and City Staff. The intent of this meeting was to respond to neighborhood concerns and show alternatives that may be considered. There were so many people in attendance, that the meeting had to be split into two times. Speed bump surveys were handed out and the appointed Safety Committee collected results which are included in this edition of the Warbler. The Jester Board supports a better process and communication with the HOA and community before the City takes such actions. We hope to be involved with the City as they determine best method of speed control in Jester. Thank you for your involvement and interest regardless of your stance on this issue.

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JESTER HOA SAFETY COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

by Susanne Paul

The safety committee collected surveys from 8/29 - 9/5 through 3 channels

- 1) along Jester Blvd and Beauford Dr on 2 days
 - 2) at Alison Alter's community meeting at the Coffee Shark
 - 3) online through SurveyMonkey and advertised on Nextdoor
- We had 336 survey respondents. The results show that

- 53% feel that our roads are safe to moderately safe, as indicated by a vote of 1 (not concerned) or 2, while 37% indicated a moderate to high level of concern with a vote of 4 or 5 (very concerned). * Responses were mostly similar for Jester Blvd and Beauford Dr, with very few respondents voting significantly differently on the two roads.

- The percentage of residents who are concerned about the safety of common activities ranges from 15% - 32%. The activity of greatest concern is crossing the street for the park and correspondingly the most requested safety feature for our neighborhood is a crosswalk at the park.

- 88% - 93% of people did not feel that the existing speed cushions improved the safety of common activities (Continued on Page 4)

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Jester Estates

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- A majority (52% - 83%) of our residents are concerned about adverse side effects of the speed cushions

- 85% of residents do not support the use of speed cushions for speed mitigation

- Looking only at the subset of respondents who are moderately to highly concerned about safety, as determined by a vote of 4 or 5 for concern, 36% support speed cushions and 31% feel that the activities that they were most concerned about have been made safer by the existing cushions.

- Many survey comments mentioned an appreciation for the aesthetics of our neighborhood and this result is consistent with the survey data, which indicates that non-invasive means of speed mitigation are strongly favored

(72%) over means, such as a road diet or center medians, that physically modify the road (35%).

- Many responded in the comment field a desire to add stop signs but LATM policy does not permit the use of stop signs for speed mitigation because studies have shown them to be ineffective at reducing speeds.

- Consistent with the desire for non-invasive solutions, respondents expressed an overwhelming willingness to improve their driving behaviors. Although these questions were primarily symbolic in nature they may indicate that our residents are willing to take a level of ownership to achieve the speed mitigation solutions of their choice.

This survey indicates an opinion among the majority of Jester residents that speed cushions are not the preferred choice for speed mitigation and that alternative options should be pursued. Notably, even a majority of those respondents who perceive a higher level of concern with safety do not support the use of speed cushions and do not consider them to be effective. The Jester Safety Committee recommends that the City of Austin consider implementing a combination of the following speed mitigation options together with making our neighborhood speed cushion-free.

- neighborhood speed awareness program
- lighted speed indicator signs
- police enforcement

The challenge with this approach, as opposed to physical road modifications, is that the physical characteristics of Jester Blvd encourage speeding and it will take ongoing efforts via the speed awareness program to combat that. The Safety

Committee will also explore the option of adding a crosswalk at the park.

Acknowledgements:

This survey was conducted by the Jester HOA Safety Committee, whose members are Susanne Paul (chair), Carol Phillipson, and Phil Ponebshek.



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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

Since the last article, the Welcome Committee has delivered 8 welcome bags to new Jester residents. It must be the end of summer rush! Most of the new families came from other houses in Austin, even one from Jester, but we did have one long distance move. We met such great people; several expressed their appreciation for their welcome from other Jester families.

- Jeff and Paige moved from the Domain to their new home on the 7300 block of Holly Fern Cove.

- Mike, Jean, and their teen daughter Carolyn moved to the 6700 block of Winterberry from their home near Columbia, South Carolina due to a work-related move.

- Jenna and Bryan with their daughters Grace and Eleanor, and their French Bulldog Louis IV moved to the 7100 block of Winterberry from the Mueller area.



*Paige and Jeff
on Holly Fern Cove*

adjustment in Austin so far has been the driving; it's not like living in NYC.

We delivered a welcome bag to Archit and Amy who moved to Agave Cove. They weren't home at the time, but we knew they had moved in. Hope you found the bag, Archit and Amy! We also left bags at another residence on the 8300 block of Elander where we knew current Jester residents had moved from their prior house on High Hollow.

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.

- We also met Allison and David, with their 2 little ones, 5 years old Greyson and 2 ½ years old Bailey. They moved to the 7400 block of Jester from Great Hills. They've lived in Austin for a while but are New York natives.

- Scott and Liz moved to the 8000 block of Bottlebrush from Northwest Hills. They have two dogs, Scarlet and Honey Bee.

- We met Jean and Ed, plus Ed's Mom who was visiting. They moved to the 7300 block of Foxtree. Jean has moved to Austin from New York City. Her biggest

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Get your flu shots early for maximum protection

submitted by Erin Rogers

When it comes to addressing health concerns, sooner rather than later is best. With flu season just around the corner, early vaccination is key to protecting you and your family against the nasty flu virus.

"The flu vaccine is one of our best lines of defense against the flu virus," said Cesar Gerez Martinez, MD, a primary care doctor at Seton Family of Doctors plus Express Care. "Get the shot early, before the virus begins spreading in your community."

Protect and Prevent

The flu virus changes from year to year, so does the composition of the vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control Prevention conducts studies each year to determine the most effective vaccine for the season.

The annual needle stick may not be comfortable, but it offers protection for about six months.

"The flu vaccine helps the body create antibodies that provide protection against infection," Dr. Martinez said. "Getting the shot will not only protect you, but others around you throughout the flu season."

Age, illness, or other risk factors may prevent some people from getting vaccinated, so they rely on herd immunity to help keep them protected. When a large population, or "herd," is vaccinated, the possibility of spreading preventable diseases decreases. This creates an extra layer of protection for those who are too young or too sick to be vaccinated.

Risks associated with the flu vaccine are very low. You can't get the flu from the shot.

The most common side effects include redness, mild swelling, or soreness at location of shot. In some cases, people may experience low-grade fever, mild rash, headache and body ache.

Getting the flu shot doesn't always mean you won't get sick, but the immunities already built up from the vaccine can help you weather the illness with more ease.

"If you get sick even after being vaccinated, the symptoms are typically milder," Dr. Martinez said.

Sooner rather than later

The flu virus is active all year, and due to factors such as climate shift and being cooped up indoors more often, the number of infections peaks December through February. Some outbreaks can last into the spring.

The CDC recommends that most anyone aged six months and older can get a flu shot. Talk to your doctor if you have concerns about the flu vaccine.

Tips to reduce the spread of flu

Dr. Martinez emphasizes that getting immunized is key to protecting you and your loved ones against the flu. For additional prevention measures, use these tips to avoid spreading germs:

- Wash your hands and hard surfaces often.
- Don't share food or drinks.
- Stay home if you're sick.

Cesar Gerez Martinez, MD, is at Seton Family of Doctors Plus Express Care, now in your neighborhood 5301-B Davis Lane, Austin TX 78749, at the southwest corner of Mopac and Davis Lane.

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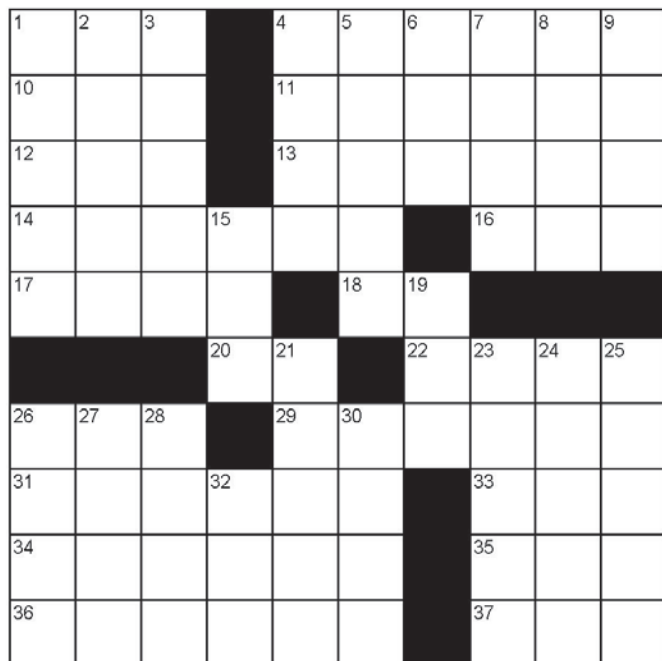
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17. Tush
18. You
20. Hey!
22. Baby's "ball"
26. Fortify
29. Groove
31. Relating to the laity
33. Loose gown worn at mass
34. Accounts
35. Central Intelligence Agency
36. Stacking card game
37. Critical

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2. Open mouthed
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5. Zealous
6. Repose
7. Double-reed instrument
8. Singing voice
9. Adolescent
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19. Move away
21. Toothbrush brand
23. Taken __ (shocked)
24. Negate
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NATURE WATCH

SNOUTBREAK!

by Jim and Lynne Weber

The change from late summer into early fall can trigger some unusual natural events, and at this time of year in Central Texas, we can often see periodic population explosions of the American Snout butterfly.



American Snout Butterfly

Often mistaken for migrating Monarch butterflies, the American Snout (*Libytheana carinenta*) is a medium-sized butterfly with a brown upperside, wings orange at the base, and white spots near the tips of the forewings. Its underside is a mottled grayish-brown pattern, much like a dried, dead leaf. Snouts are named for their elongated mouthparts, and when they hang from the underside of a branch, which they most often do, their 'snout' resembles the stem or 'petiole' of a leaf and their folded wings appear to be the dead leaf itself. It's the perfect camouflage for defense against avian predators.



American Snout Camouflage

In the caterpillar stage, snouts are dark green with yellow stripes along the top and sides of their body, with two small, black tubercles on the top of their thorax. These caterpillars feed on all hackberry species, but they prefer spiny hackberry. While Austin is at the northernmost boundary of this plant's range, it is close enough that we get to experience a 'snoutbreak.' After a good rain, spiny hackberry plants (also known as granjeno or desert hackberry) grow numerous new leaves. In response, the snout butterfly

lays its eggs on these new leaves, which provides the fuel for a significant number of its caterpillars. In Texas, it only takes 12 days to go from egg to caterpillar to adult butterfly.



Spiny Hackberry

diapause', a state of arrested development/reproduction and decreased metabolism in response to the adverse environmental conditions. This condition reverses when the rains arrive and trigger the third factor, new growth on the spiny hackberry host plants. Female snouts will only lay eggs on this prolific new growth, and coupled with the lack of parasites, this creates a population boom.

Most often, 'snoutbreaks' occur in South Texas and Mexico, where the spiny hackberry is plentiful. However, one of the largest recorded snout emergences occurred in late September of 1921, when over the course of 18 days more than 6 billion southeasterly-bound snout butterflies flew over San Marcos to the Rio Grande River. That's an estimated 25 million per minute! While not every year is quite that spectacular, keep your eyes open this time of year, about two weeks after a rain, and you should see region-wide migrations of snout butterflies as they waft by in pretty impressive numbers.

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The ecology behind this event is related to several factors. First, the population of snouts is positively correlated to the intensity and duration of dry periods that immediately precede significant rains. These droughts seem to greatly diminish parasites that can harm and kill snout larvae. Second, adult snouts wait out these long, dry periods by remaining in 'reproductive



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Oct. 7 - Nov. 5	Fall Festival & Great Pumpkin Corn Maze - Rides, games, corn maze, pumpkin patch, local vendors and farm animals	Bastrop bartonhillfarms.com
Oct. 11 - 12	Star Wars: A New Hope - Screening plus live score	thelongcenter.org
Oct. 13	The KIDZ BOP Kids: Best Time Ever Tour <i>Family-friendly live concert</i>	HEB Center hebcenter.com
Oct. 13 - 15	Rent - An original Broadway rock musical	texasperformingarts.org
Oct. 14	German-Texan Heritage Society Oktoberfest	germantexans.org
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