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Jester Halloween Parade

by Teresa Gouldie Social Chairman

Jester Homeowners Association hosted its annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 28th. Excited neighborhood children and grandchildren were dressed in an incredible array of creative costumes. Led by a decorated golf cart, the participants provided a sea of color as they marched up Jester, around Basil, and back. Thanks to all residents on the parade route who came out of their homes to wave and cheer

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Speed Mitigation Update from the HOA Safety Committee

by Susanne Paul, Carol Philipson, Phil Ponebshek

The Jester HOA Safety Committee will be conducting a Neighborhood Speed Awareness Event from 11/13-12/25. The primary goal of this event is to change the driving behaviors of our residents and of contractors who regularly come into the neighborhood. Attitudes have changed toward speeding. ATD and our community will no longer look the other way when drivers speed. We residents will be slowed down either forcefully by more humps or voluntarily by maintaining 30mph. Wouldn't we all rather do it voluntarily and proactively?

Some features of our 6-week event are

1. Lighted Speed Display Signs. 72% of residents requested these signs. Four signs were installed on 11/13 along Jester Blvd. at some of the worst speeding points in the neighborhood. The data from these signs will be transmitted to ATD and speed compliance

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JESTER HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

by Rossi Byrne

As the Holiday Season rapidly approaches, don't forget to light your houses. We have 5 different categories and wonderful prizes for each of them!

Judging of the houses participating in the contest will take place from December 10th to December 14th. To make sure we don't miss your house you can email your address to rossibyrd@gmail.com make sure to put in the subject JESTER HOLIDAY LIGHTS.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS!!

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the children on. Our Jester kiddos definitely LOVE an audience!

Upon their return, the children were treated to refreshments and an assortment of games and activities, including the ever-popular "prize walk". A great time was had by all!

A special thank you, as always, goes out to Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location, Billy Gouldie of Kenfield Golf Cars for providing the golf cart, and Eva Wisser who has brought refreshments to our events for 20+ years. We also appreciate the following contributors for making this a memorable occasion for our community: Jester Business Alliance who provided 2 balloon artists and candy for the kids (members at the event included Karl Van Reusen with Edward Jones, Matt Allen with Coffee Shark and Margaret Hutchison with Austin Hearing Services), Jon Deba of Scoreboard who contributed bags of candy for the kiddos, and Debra Ellsworth of Debra Ellsworth Photography who set up a Halloween-themed backdrop and took some incredible photos of the attendees.

And of course, thanks also to the amazing teenagers who got up early and helped with the event: Mary White, Sydney Rosenberg, Vivian Baffes, Adriana Sarmiento, and Tyler Sudderth. You are special young people and our neighborhood appreciates you!

We are in need of volunteers for our "Santa on a Fire Truck" event on December 2nd. Please contact me at tgouldie@gmail.com or call me at 512-751-8000 if you can participate.



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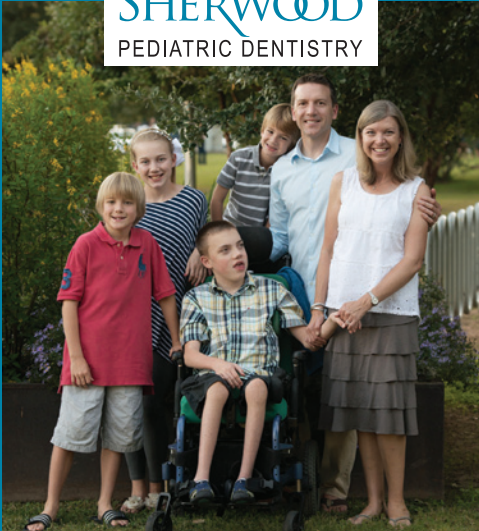


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will be evaluated over 6 weeks. The observed level of compliance will determine what road modifications will be implemented on Jester Blvd as an alternative to the humps.

2. Vision Zero Yard Sign Pilot Program. We are the first neighborhood in Austin to participate in this program and we have 41 participants. We had two sign-decorating events and had a contest for residents to submit their favorite yard sign slogan ideas. See below for some of our best slogan submissions and for our 5 contest winners listed from 1-5: David Beeson, Arthur West, Carol Philipson, Vicki Beeson, and Arthur West. Winners each received gift certificates to Coffee Shark and Subway. Yard signs will remain out for 6 weeks.

3. Flyers. We distributed flyers to homes in the neighborhood informing residents about the change in attitudes toward speeding, about our ongoing event, and encouraging them to slow down.

4. Contractor reach out. We will photograph professional vehicles with excessive speeds displayed on the lighted speed signs. Photographs will be sent to the company along with a note requesting compliance to speed limits and a warning that repeat offenders may be blacklisted publicly on Nextdoor.

After the completion of our event, in early January, the speed cushions on Jester will be removed and the chosen road modifications, a combination of lane restriping and center medians, will be implemented in their place. We expect to also get a center median

and crosswalk at the park.

Regarding the proposed speed cushions for Beauford Dr., there are 4 humps planned. Their installation, which was originally scheduled for this fall, has been delayed until changes on Jester Blvd. are complete but not later than April 2018. Additional steps will be needed if we want to prevent their installation. If good speed compliance is measured during our Awareness Event then the Safety Committee will pursue these steps. So consider Beauford another reason to slow down.

Of course, speed awareness needs to be refreshed long-term. We may repeat the yard sign event each year for 2 weeks annually. An outcome where drivers voluntarily slow down without speed cushions represents the ideal outcome for everyone, our residents in favor of the humps, our residents not in favor of the humps, and the city too.



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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

With daylight savings ended for 2017, the Welcome Committee delivers our Welcome Bags earlier in the evening in an attempt to beat total darkness. Thanks to the new residents who open their door to us, even when they're eating, or it's bath time, or we didn't beat total darkness.

This month, we met 5 wonderful new neighbors.

First was Ronny, with his dog, Gatsby, who are now living in their new house on the 6800 block of Beauford Drive. Jade, Ronny's fiancée, will be joining him soon. Ronny's originally from Austin and moved from downtown.

Next was Matt, who with his wife Ally has moved to the 6800 block of Jester Wild Drive. They have a cat named Jester, so feel like they were all meant to be in the Jester Neighborhood! Originally Matt is from Dallas and Ally is from Houston.

Matt, Ren, and their daughter Claire moved from Hyde Park in Austin to their new home on the 7300 block of Holly Fern Cove.

Wynand has moved into his new house on Ligustrum Cove. He is awaiting the arrival of his fiancée Stephanie from South Africa. Wynand is also from South Africa but has lived in Austin for the last 7 years. He has two dogs and loves to entertain.

Brenda, and Irby with their four children Julian, Mateo, Sofia, and Natalia moved to the 7900 block of Jester Boulevard.

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.

JESTER WINE TASTING GROUP MEETS AGAIN!

The next JESTER WINE TASTING party will be on
JANUARY 27, 2017.

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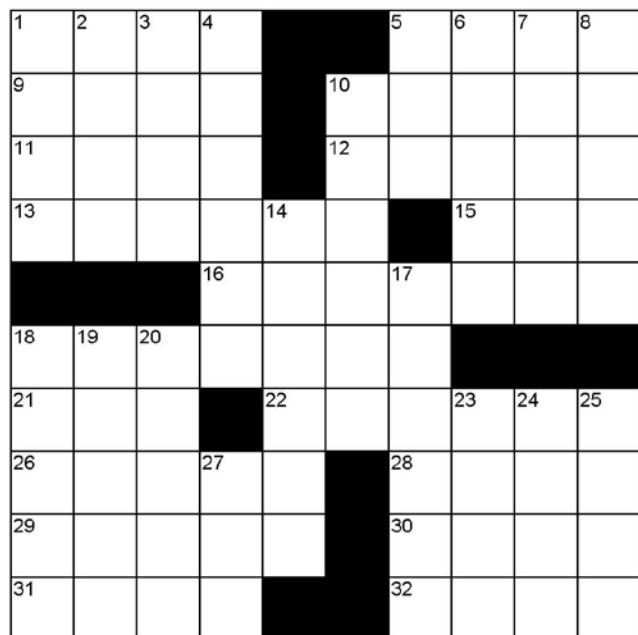
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5. Cubby
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10. British princess
11. Absent
12. Praise
13. Her former last name
15. Ball holder
16. Surpasses
18. Bar enforcer
21. Trail
22. Humorous
26. Bets
28. Information
29. Vista
30. Paradise
31. Animal group
32. Lady

1. Hit
2. State
3. Tai
4. Saucy Girl
5. Tyrannosaurus
6. Speak
7. Eyed
8. Tiny insects
10. Wears mesh mask to fight
14. Tax
17. Worn
18. Cheeky
19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
20. Whoop
23. Cipher
24. Object
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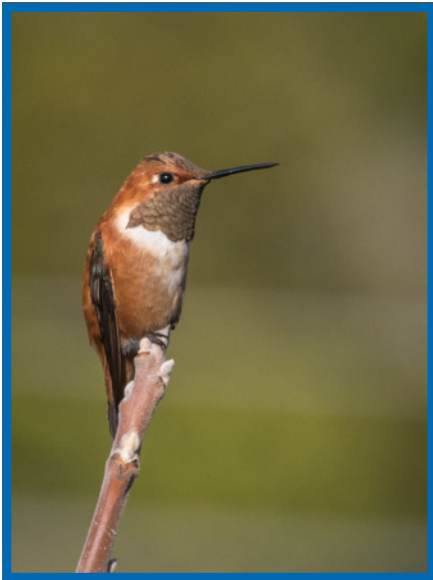
NATURE WATCH

OVERWINTERING TEXAN

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Late August into September typically marks migration season for hummingbirds, when most individuals move from their northern breeding grounds to their southern wintering grounds. Several factors affect this seasonal movement including amount of daylight, the angle of the sun relative to the bird's location, availability (or lack of) food resources, and local weather patterns. Mature birds often start their migration earlier than juveniles, and males typically migrate a few days before females. But the longest migration of any hummingbird species belongs to the Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), a species that can typically travel from as far away as Alaska to spend the winter in Mexico.

A fairly small hummingbird with a nearly straight, slender bill, fairly short wings that don't reach the end of the tail when the bird is perched, and a tail that tapers to a point when folded, the Rufous is like no other hummingbird in terms of color or behavior. Males are bright orange on the back and belly with a vividly iridescent copper-red throat, while females are green above with orange-washed flanks and often a spot of orange in the throat.



Rufous Hummingbird

They are the feistiest hummingbird with a gift for fast, darting flight and exceptional maneuverability, tirelessly chasing away other hummingbirds wherever they feed. Males court females with elaborate flight displays, including J-shaped dives and nearly horizontal figure 8s.

In recent years, the Rufous has become the most common overwintering hummingbird in the southeastern United States, particularly along the Gulf Coast. For the last several years we have kept a small hummingbird feeder on our back porch filled throughout the fall and winter, and have been regularly rewarded with an overwintering Rufous. This species seems particularly able to handle the colder temperatures, perhaps because they go into 'torpor' overnight, a reduced physiological state where their body temperature and metabolic rate are reduced.

While it has been proven that this species has an excellent memory for location, which may explain why they find our feeder year after year, it remains a mystery to scientists as to why these birds don't complete their traditional fall migration to the Pacific coast of Mexico. While providing a nectar feeder does not delay a

hummingbird's migration, scientists are investigating the theory that established shifts in climate and flower-blooming times are affecting their typical patterns. Not only do these shifts appear to affect where these birds overwinter, but they also affect the timing of the clockwise circuit they make each year as they move northward up the Pacific coast in late winter and early spring, and travel southward along the chain of the Rocky Mountains in late summer. There is still much to learn about these migration patterns, and why these hummingbirds show up in places we don't expect them to stay in winter.

Regardless of reason, we feel fortunate to have our yard brightened during the colder months with this colorful visitor. Why not keep a hummingbird feeder filled in your yard this season, and you just might find you have an overwintering Texan, too!

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

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Dec. 8 - 23	The Nutcracker	The Long Center
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