



# The Jester Warbler

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year Jester Neighbors! I hope that 2018 will be a great year for everyone to get involved in our community. A good way to get to know your neighbors is to attend the next scheduled Jester Homeowners Association, Inc. 2018 annual meeting on February 20th at 7:00 pm at the Red Lotus Restaurant in Jester Village Shopping Center.

We will have Board nominations, reports from our committees, and an open discussion period to hear questions and concerns of our neighbors.

Look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!

Jester is a great place to live...

Diana Miller  
President

### *Jester Homeowners Association* **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, Feb 20th at 7 PM**

**Registration starts at 6:30 PM**

**Red Lotus Restaurant  
in Jester Village Shopping Center**

## Jester Welcome Committee Celebrates 10th Anniversary

*by JoAnn Welles*

The Jester Welcome Committee met January 13th for our traditional post-holiday party and to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Our records show that our first deliveries were in November 2007 to 2 houses on the 7300 block of Jester and one on High Hollow. We've delivered almost 500 Welcome Bags since then.

Welcome Committee members are Darla Rowan and JoAnn Welles (co-chairs), Janice Toreki, Deb Lewis, Eva Wisser, Jen Schwan, Naomi Ritchie and Missy Douthit. We deliver information to our new residents about the neighborhood and Austin, including what plants do well here, doggie bags, home-made cookies when possible, and nearby restaurant menus.

Realtors and new buyers have shown appreciation of our efforts. It's been a lot of fun to meet the new residents and see the houses they're moving into — sometimes filled with boxes and sometimes totally renovated and organized. We've met everyone from couples so

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***Thank you. Ladies! Our neighborhood appreciates you!***

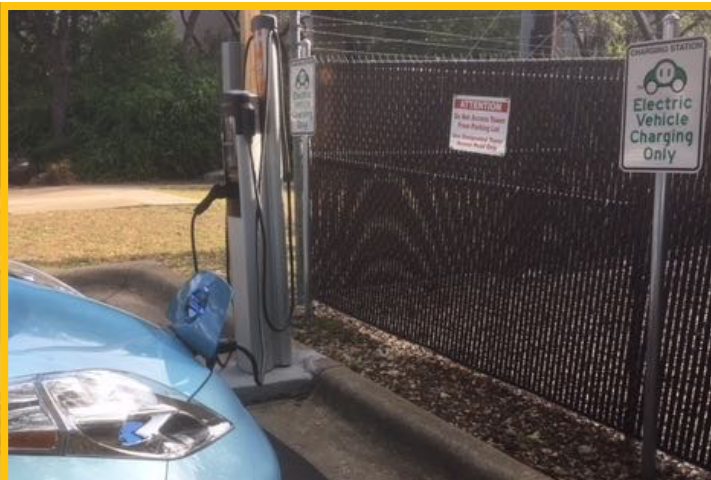
*Pictured: Darla Rowan, Eva Wisser, Janice Toreki, Deb Lewis (front row)  
Jen Schwan, JoAnn Welles, Naomi Ritchie (back row)*

*Not pictured: Missy Douthit*

## More places for us to Plug-In near Jester

*by Dale Bulla*

For the more than two dozen of you that drive plug in electric vehicles, there are two additional charging stations, besides the six that are at Ladera Bend at the bottom of Jester Blvd. At 6501 Vaught Ranch Road, across 2222 between Jester Blvd. and Bell Mountain, you will find more charging stations in the office complex there. You can use your Charge Point card from Austin Energy just like the 500+ other sites in Austin. For \$25 you can have six months of unlimited charging. If charging your car at home is pushing you into higher kWh usage levels and thus higher electricity bills, you may want to consider doing more remote charging. Remember, all of the electricity provided at these stations is from Green Choice so they come from 100% renewable wind generation. Just call Austin Energy for your Charge Point card that will be added to your electric bill. Thanks to all of you who drive zero emission vehicles that keep our Jester air cleaner.



## WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

For the Welcome Committee, this is our quiet season, with fewer people moving in. It seems to be the time of year to do renovations, and it's certainly great to do them before moving.

We were, however, able to deliver a few Welcome bags and speak with wonderful new neighbors. We met Ronny, who with her family Shy, Daphna, Michal and puppy Maple moved to their new home on Fig Vine Cove. They've been renting in Jester for two years, and have been in Austin four since relocating internationally. We also spoke with David who just moved with Chelsea and their puppy to Holly Fern Cove. They're both students right now.

We also left a Welcome bag at a home on the 7300 block of Jester Boulevard. We knew they had moved in, and in fact the bag had been picked up by the next morning.

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 not found you home.



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young we thought their parents were the buyers, to families, to old timers. Some have moved from inside Jester or have families in the neighborhood. Others come from other Austin neighborhoods, but we also meet lots of residents who have relocated from other parts of Texas, other parts of the US, and internationally. We've found Jester residents to be a diverse group that, when not debating speed bumps, are happy with the neighborhood and their neighbors.

Special thanks go to Teresa Gouldie and Cathy DeLotto, Teresa's office manager. Without the information from them, the Welcome Committee members would be chasing moving vans down the street in order to find new residents to be welcomed.

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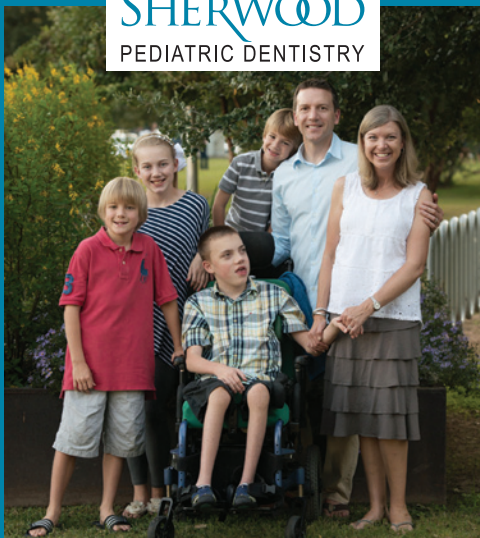
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## Fun Valentine's Facts

- In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign Valentine's Day cards.
- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. This makes it the second most popular day of the year for sending cards.
- XOXO- Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with a kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their name signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentine would be. They would wear the name pinned on their sleeve for 1 week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression, "to wear your heart on your sleeve".
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for this holiday in 1868.
- Roses are Red- The red rose is considered the flower of love because the color red stands for strong romantic feelings.

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# NATURE WATCH

## RASCALLY RACCOONS

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

Although easily recognized by its bandit mask and ringed tail, the Northern Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is a widespread mammal but not often seen due to its nocturnal habits. It consumes a highly varied diet, is very intelligent and curious, and possesses a far greater manual dexterity and mental ability than cats and dogs, enough to defeat any but the most determined defense of garbage cans or home gardens. Much has been made of the intelligence of raccoons, with recent studies showing they are capable of remembering tasks for up to three years, possessing a mental acuity more closely approximating that of monkeys.

Denning above ground in tree cavities, chimneys and attics, underground in old burrows, storm sewers and crawl spaces, raccoons mate from February to August with 2 to 5 young (or kits) in each litter. Previously thought to be solitary, related females can share a common breeding territory, while unrelated males live together in small groups to guard their mating opportunities against potential rivals. Raccoons have a large array of over 50 vocalizations, including hissing, growling, purring, squealing, and chirping. They can run up to 15 mph, are efficient tree climbers, and can survive unharmed if dropped from heights of up to 40 feet. Raccoons are found throughout all regions in Texas, but they are seldom found far from water, which has an important influence on their distribution and breeding success.

Contrary to popular belief, raccoons do not wash everything they eat, but they do manipulate their food (appearing to wash it when water is available) in order to tactually experience the object rather than actually clean it. In fact, the word 'raccoon' was adopted into English from a now extinct language called Powhatan, which was spoken by the native peoples of Tidewater

Virginia, and translated to mean 'one who rubs, scrubs, and scratches with its hands.'

Raccoons exhibit rascally behavior by stealing food out of pet dishes, eating fish out of backyard ponds, and knocking over trash cans and scattering the contents. Additionally, they can carry and spread disease like rabies and parvovirus. However, since they are scavengers, they play an important role in keeping our ecosystems healthy by cleaning up carrion (keeping our surroundings sanitary), eating other species we humans consider pests (when numbers get out of control), and spreading the seeds of native

plants (by consuming berries and nuts).

You can do your part to keep their destructive behavior at bay by resolving conflicts compassionately. Contain available food sources by putting your trash out in the morning instead of the evening, feeding your pets indoors, and placing netting over ponds containing fish. Close all entry points to your home and other outdoor structures, so they are not used as dens to raise young. If a family of nesting raccoons is found in or around your home, they should not be removed until the end of nesting season in the fall. Separating the young from their mother will mean they will starve to death, and trapping and moving the family will



***Northern Raccoon***

likely result in death from resident raccoons, and is a Class C misdemeanor in Texas (this applies to transporting or selling live raccoons, coyotes, and foxes from, to, or within the state).

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## February Events

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Feb. 10	<b>Austin Cave Festival</b> - Free, family-friendly event featuring hands-on activities, cave explorations & more	Wildflower Center <a href="http://wildflower.org">wildflower.org</a>
Feb. 11	<b>Adam Trent</b> - The next generation of magic	Moody Theater <a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>
Feb. 11	<b>Golden Dragon Acrobats</b> <i>A show of breathtaking skill and beauty</i>	The Long Center <a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>
Feb. 13 - 18	<b>School of Rock</b> - Hilarious new musical based on the hit film	<a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a>
Feb. 14 - 18	<b>Cirque du Soleil Crystal</b> - A breakthrough ice experience	<a href="http://hebcenter.com">hebcenter.com</a>
Feb. 16	<b>Pat Green</b> - Texas-born country singer/songwriter	Moody Theater <a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>
Feb. 18	<b>Austin Marathon and Half Marathon</b> <i>Run, volunteer or cheer at this nationally recognized charitable event</i>	<a href="http://youaustinmarathon.com">youaustinmarathon.com</a>
Feb. 21	<b>Dancing with the Stars: Live!</b> <i>See the best ballroom dancers in the business</i>	Bass Concert Hall <a href="http://texasperformingarts.org">texasperformingarts.org</a>
Feb. 21 - 24	<b>Austin Energy Regional Science Festival</b> <i>One of Texas' largest science fairs with almost 3000 students</i>	Palmer Events Center <a href="http://sciencefest.org">sciencefest.org</a>
Feb. 24	<b>Modern Home Tour Austin</b> - Features homes by some of Austin's premier modern architects and builders	<a href="http://goodlife.luxury/blog/austin-modern-home-tour">goodlife.luxury/blog/austin-modern-home-tour</a>
Feb. 24	<b>Texas Heritage Songwriters' Hall of Fame Show</b> <i>Performances by Ray Wylie Hubbard, Joe Ely &amp; others</i>	Paramount Theatre <a href="http://texasheritagesongwriters.com">texasheritagesongwriters.com</a>
Feb. 24 - 25	<b>That Takes the Cake!</b> <i>Where cake meets art - competition and demonstrations</i>	Round Rock Sports Complex <a href="http://thattakesthecake.org">thattakesthecake.org</a>
Feb. 25	<b>Foreigner</b> - Legendary rock and roll band	Moody Theater <a href="http://acl-live.com">acl-live.com</a>
Feb. 25	<b>BJ Thomas</b> <i>Five-time Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter</i>	One World Theatre <a href="http://oneworldtheatre.org">oneworldtheatre.org</a>

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