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JESTER EASTER EGG HUNT



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! Many excited children (and grandchildren!) of Jester residents gathered at Jester Club in anticipation of finding eggs filled with candy and surprises. Their faces lit up as they got to meet and get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny himself! Children of all ages enjoyed many games and activities, including the prize walk, ball toss, coloring sheets, bunny tattoos, and more. The biggest hit was the petting zoo,

where the kiddos were actually able to hold and cuddle many of the little animals. It was a morning enjoyed by adults and children alike, and we were truly blessed by a beautiful day in all respects.

Many Jester residents were willing to give of their time and energy to create memories for our children. Thanks go out to Judy and Gary Johnson, Eva Wisser, Edward Mokarzel and Shannon Chambers. We also appreciate Celeste Roll, Patricia Sudderth and JoAnn Welles who allowed us to use their homes as Easter Egg Drop Offs.

A very special thanks goes to these amazing teenagers for getting up early on a Saturday morning and helping out: Mary White, Tyler (Continued on Page 2)

Crosswalk Plans and Update

by the HOA Safety Committee

In our safety survey last fall, 87% of our residents voted in favor of adding a crosswalk at the park. The Safety Committee then requested a crosswalk from the city and met with ATD in late March to review the draft plans for it. ATD is willing to pay for the crosswalk and the installation could happen soon. However, there are some factors that residents might not like. The ball is now in our court to decide whether we want to move forward with it or not. The HOA will listen to comments for/against it and will communicate a final decision to ATD in June.

Figure 1 shows the draft plans. The crosswalk will be a midblock crosswalk located between the in and out entrances to the parking lot. There is a state law that states that no parking, or even stopping, is allowed within 20ft. on either side of a crosswalk. The rule is because a parked or stopped vehicle can block drivers' view of pedestrians about to cross. We discussed various options for demarking the no-parking zone, including pylons, turtle bumps, or painted indicators. We requested that we go with the least invasive option: simple painted indicators and "no parking" signs. The sidewalk on either side of the crosswalk will be painted red and no-parking stripes will be added to the road.

Jester is so wide that the crosswalk must have a center median, which provides a protected spot for pedestrians to pause before crossing the rest of the way. The double yellow line will split and go around the center median. There will be no electronics, such as push buttons or walk signs or blinking lights. It is the law that all crosswalks must be ADA compliant and, as a result, the existing sidewalk on both sides must be modified to install ADA-compliant ramps. The median needs markers to increase its visibility and those markers must be a few feet high. Figure 2 shows an example of what such a center median might look like.

Here are some aspects of the installation that may be controversial.

1. ATD does not fund nice-looking concrete-style center medians. They will fund a median consisting of pylons and striping, which will both be colored yellow. If we want a nice-looking center median then we need to pay for it ourselves and coordinate it separately

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Sudderth, Eden Cohen, Garrett Chambers, Nicholas Huth, Jamie Jones, Natalie Wallace, Amanda Werth, Truman Willrich, Hawley Pajares and Naomi Fecteau. They set a great example for our young children (and the kiddos enjoy working with them more than us anyway!).

A note of appreciation also goes out to Terri Milan and Jester Club. It's great to have the support of the club in providing a beautiful setting for our event.

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help with our next event, the 4th of July parade. It's a wonderful way to contribute to your neighborhood and we'd love your help! We are also always looking for input and suggestions to make these events bigger and better. To volunteer email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call 512-751-8000.











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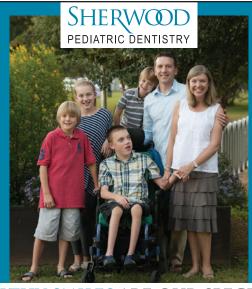
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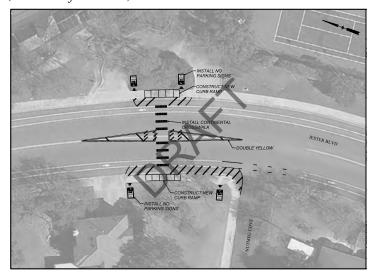
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Jester (at Nutmeg) Pedestrian Crossing

through the Neighborhood Partnering Program. The cost that ATD has estimated for a nice concrete median is around \$15K and if we want it to be landscaped there would be additional maintenance costs associated with that. These costs would likely be divided between the Club budget and the HOA budget. I estimate it would take at least a year before we could get a concrete-median installed.

2. We would lose parking within 20' on either side of the crosswalk, which given driveway and road locations nearby translates to about 3 cars worth of parking on each side of the street. This would be most impactful during events.

We need to decide whether to move forward with this or not and our HOA board is collecting feedback from residents about it. There are 2 ways to provide feedback: 1) by email at susanne@jesterhoa.com or 2) Joe Kuebler will be conducting a survey at the club on Sat May 19 from 1-5pm.



Center median

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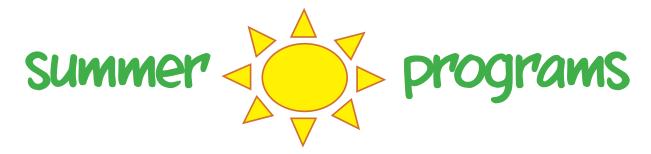
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BLAZING BEETLES

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Big Sand Tiger Beetle'

Over 2500 species and subspecies of tiger beetles are currently described worldwide, with more than 45 species occurring in Texas. Tiger beetles get their name from their cat-like predatory behavior, performing

an unusual form of pursuit where they alternatively sprint quickly toward their prey then stop and visually reorient, eventually running down their target. In fact, some tiger beetles can run at a blazing speed of 5 mph, and are considered one of the fastest running land animals for their size!

Tiger beetles are believed to be closely related to ground beetles, but they differ in terms of their proportions. Tiger beetles are about one inch long on average, with a head wider than its thorax, which is located between the head and the abdomen. They also have large bulging eyes, long spindly legs, and oversized sickleshaped mandibles to grab prey and devour it on the spot. Tiger beetles are important predators in the insect world, feeding on a wide variety of ants, beetles, grasshopper nymphs, flies, and spiders. They are most often found in sandy areas, stream edges, clay banks, and woodland paths. Many are active in the daytime, and the colors and patterns on their oblong elytra (or wing covers) are often iridescent and striking.

Some of the more common tiger beetles in our area include members of the Cicindela genus, which comes from the Latin and means 'glowworm', referring to the fact that most of these



Festive Tiger Beetle

species have metallic, flashy elytra. In Eastern and Central Texas, the Big Sand Tiger Beetle (Cicindela formosa) and Festive Tiger Beetle (Cicindela scutellaris) prefer the dry sandy areas of post oak woodlands. The Big Sand Tiger Beetle has luminous reddish-purple elytra with irregular white marks around the edges and the Festive Tiger Beetle's elytra are iridescent reddish-bronze to purple to



Six-spotted Tiger Beetle

blue-green or blue-black with reduced or absent spotting. Both species can be sighted late spring into fall.

Abundant along water edges, the Ocellated Tiger Beetle (Cicindela ocellata) is most active in the summer, and can be identified by its bronze elytra speckled with 8 cream-colored spots (4 on each elytra). Ocellated means having one or more ocelli,

or eye-like markings. The Six-spotted Tiger Beetle (Cicindela sexguttata) is the probably the most commonly observed species

on dirt paths in grassy areas seldom far from woods, and has brilliant green elytra with typically six white spots on the lower half (3 on each elytra).

Tiger beetles are also excellent indicators of environmental quality and are often studied as bioindicators. Many require undisturbed sandy areas and specific



Ocellated Tiger Beetle

microclimates for their burrows. With rapid urbanization and human disturbance of natural areas, these blazing beetles have fewer places to live and survive. They are very sensitive to changes in the environment, and are among the first species to react to pesticides, misuse of natural habitat, and climate change.

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INGREDIENTS

3 - 4 Chicken Breasts

1 can Cream of Mushroom soup

1 can Cream of Celery soup

1 can Cream of Chicken soup

1 can of green salsa

116-oz can of chili (without beans)

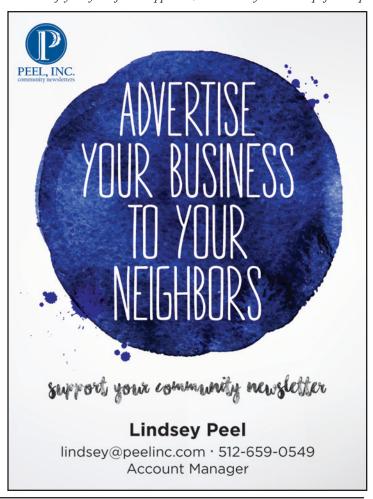
1 small can of green chilies

4-6 nine-inch flour (or corn) tortilla, cut to 1" square strips 1½ cups grated American, Cheddar, & Gouda cheeses

DIRECTIONS

Boil chicken breasts in boiling water for 25-30 minutes, or until done; let cool. Tear chicken off the bones (unless boneless) into strips, or bite-size pieces. Place into crock pot. Add all other ingredients until blended. Place crock pot on low for 1 hour to heat thoroughly.

Can be enjoyed by itself as an appetizer, or use hearty tortilla chips for a dip.



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May 11 - 13	Peter Pan	The Long Center
	Action-packed, family-friendly Austin Ballet production	thelongcenter.org
May 12	O'Henry Pun-Off World Championship	O'Henry Museum backyard
	Wacky wordplay and home groan wit	punoff.com
May 16	Kenny Chesney	Austin360 Amphitheater
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May 19	The Color Run	Travis County Expo Center
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May 27	Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers	Austin360 Amphitheater
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