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JESTER 4TH OF JULY PARADE & ACTIVITIES

by Viva Rogers

We had a great 4th of July Parade in Jester! There was a good turnout, with children and parents all dressed in red white and blue. Everyone had a great time participating in the parade as it travelled through parts of the neighborhood following the decorated golf cart. Many residents were on their front lawns waving and cheering us along. It was a wonderful opportunity for people in the neighborhood to get together.

Thanks to the Jester HOA and Teresa Gouldie, who provided all the equipment, golf cart, PA system, patriotic music and gifts for the children. Teresa was out of town with her family and unable to attend, so the Rogers family helped organize the event.

Thanks also to Eva Wisser for bringing the refreshments, Hui-Ling Yeh for help with moving tables and directing traffic, Debra Ellsworth Photography for contributing photos for this publication, and Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location for this event.

In addition, a huge thank you to these amazing teenagers for getting up early and helping out: Ryan Rogers, Mary White, Colin Lanier, Philippe Papa, Julie Bondy, Jade Bondy, Hawley Pajares, Madison Hernandez, and Taylor Elliott.

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The HOA Board Congratulates Jester Residents

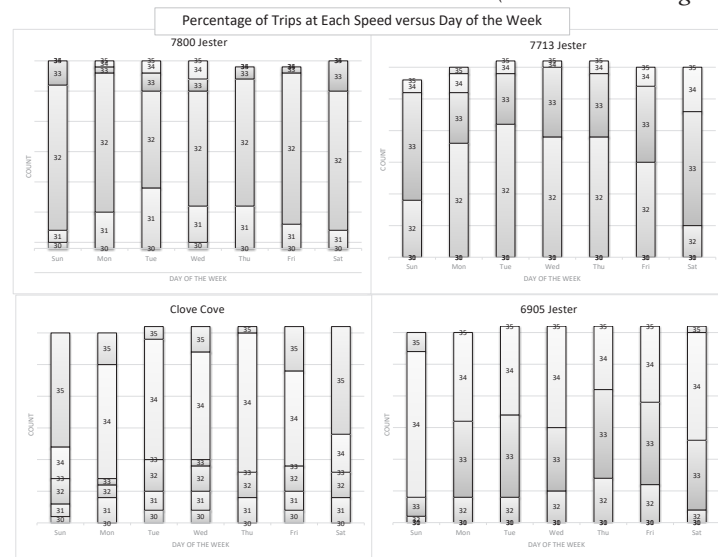
By the Safety Committee

Have you wondered how speeds are faring in Jester and what the radar speed signs have reported to the Austin Transportation Department (ATD)?

ATD said we would never succeed in maintaining good speed compliance. They said that speeds would drift back up after a few months. Well, as the radar sign data collected by ATD over the past 8 months shows, our speeds are good, we've slowed down a lot, and there are no signs of reversal!

The plot below shows the daily 85th percentile speeds (85% of trips are slower than this value) at all 4 radar signs since our speed awareness activities began last November. Near the club (7800 Jester) and at the top of the hill (6905 Jester) speeds are consistently in the range of 31-34mph and have actually come down slightly since we began. For comparison, 85th speeds in 2015 were 39mph and 40mph. At 7713 Jester speeds have remained constant, also below 34mph. At Clove Cove, where the speed humps previously were located, speeds increased after the humps were removed and have stayed steady since then in the range of 34-35mph. Speeds at this location are currently 1mph too high. Our goal should be to have

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Please give Teresa a call at 512-751-8000 if you'd like to volunteer for our Halloween parade. It's a great way to contribute to the neighborhood and she'd love your help!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
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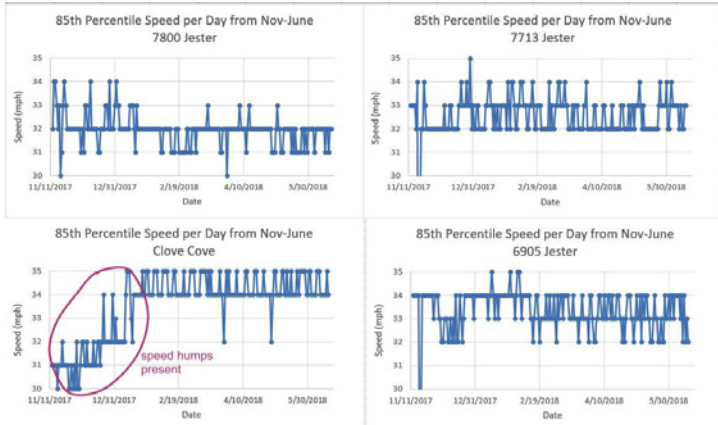


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very few days reporting 35mph so please be aware of your speed at this location. The white pylons (called channelizers) were left in place by ATD to make the road appear narrower so that drivers will slow down. If we achieve a 1mph slowdown at this location, we can argue that they are superfluous and we will request their removal.



The next plot shows the number of days in each speed category (30-35mph) as a function of day of the week. What is evident from this plot is that Saturday and Sunday are more likely to be higher speed days than workdays are. This indicates that residents or their visitors are more responsible for the higher speeds than contractors are, as few contractors are present on weekends.

The Safety Committee would love to hear your ideas for how to keep speeds down. One of the challenges we face is how to reach nonresident drivers, who don't know about our speed awareness activities and whose natural driving tendencies will be 39-40mph. We discussed implementing various punitive consequences for speeders. We have heard from many residents that they want us to keep the Speed Awareness activities highly positive, consistent with the friendliness of our neighborhood, and they want to rely on self-enforcement. This can be accomplished when such activities alone are sufficient to achieve our goals and at the present they are.

So keep doing what you are doing – it is working well. Think about your own speeds, don't pull over to let speeders pass, and inform contractors, visitors, and Uber/Lyft drivers that speed compliance is important to us. Let's also lower speeds at Clove Cove by 1mph. Thank you, Jester residents, for this remarkable accomplishment.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

All year long, there have been many new sales where the new residents were doing extensive renovations before moving in. We tried over and over again to do deliveries of Welcome Bags to them. The Welcome Committee is excited to announce that several of these renovations have been completed and the new residents have moved into their beautiful updated houses.

We delivered a welcome bag to Courtney and Mike at their new home on the 7900 block of Jester Boulevard. They have 2 young children: Olivia (4) and Harper (almost a year old). They closed in December of last year, so they're excited to have all the renovations completed. Another new Jester family moved in to Ligustrum Cove. We've been following their renovations while trying to deliver Welcome Bags since their close in March. While they weren't home this month for our delivery, it was clear they were moved in, so we left a bag on their front porch.

Bryan and fiancé Anna moved to the 8000 block of Bottlebrush

with their 2 indoor cats. We were glad to hear the cats stayed indoors, and told Bryan and Anna about coyotes in the area as well as snakes. Hope we didn't scare them off!

Two of the new homeowners from the four Jester June closes had already moved in. We spoke with Liz and Brad who moved to their new house on Pampas Cove. Liz's Mom and Step Father previously owned the house, so Liz and Brad feel very comfortable already in Jester. The other delivery was to Brian on Teak Cove. Teak Cove homeowners have always been very welcoming and had already been by to meet Brian.

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.



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NATURE WATCH

THE PERSEID PHENOMENON

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Every August, one of the best-known meteor showers – the Perseid -- makes its appearance! Comets shed debris as they travel, and that debris becomes most meteor showers. As comets orbit the sun, an icy, dusty stream of debris trails along the comet's orbit. If the Earth travels through this stream, we are treated to a meteor shower. Depending on where the Earth and the debris stream meet, meteors appear to fall from a particular place in the sky, sometimes within the neighborhood of a constellation.

As such, meteor showers are usually named by the constellation from which the meteors appear to fall, a spot in the sky that astronomers call the radiant. The Perseid meteor shower is so named because the meteors appear to fall from a point in the constellation Perseus. The source of the shower is the Comet Swift-Tuttle, while itself is nowhere near the Earth, its' wide tail intersects the Earth's orbit. As tiny, pea-sized bits of comet dust hit the Earth's atmosphere at approximately 132,000 mph, each makes a vivid streak of light when it disintegrates, and the shower is most intense when the Earth is in the dustiest part of the comet's tail.

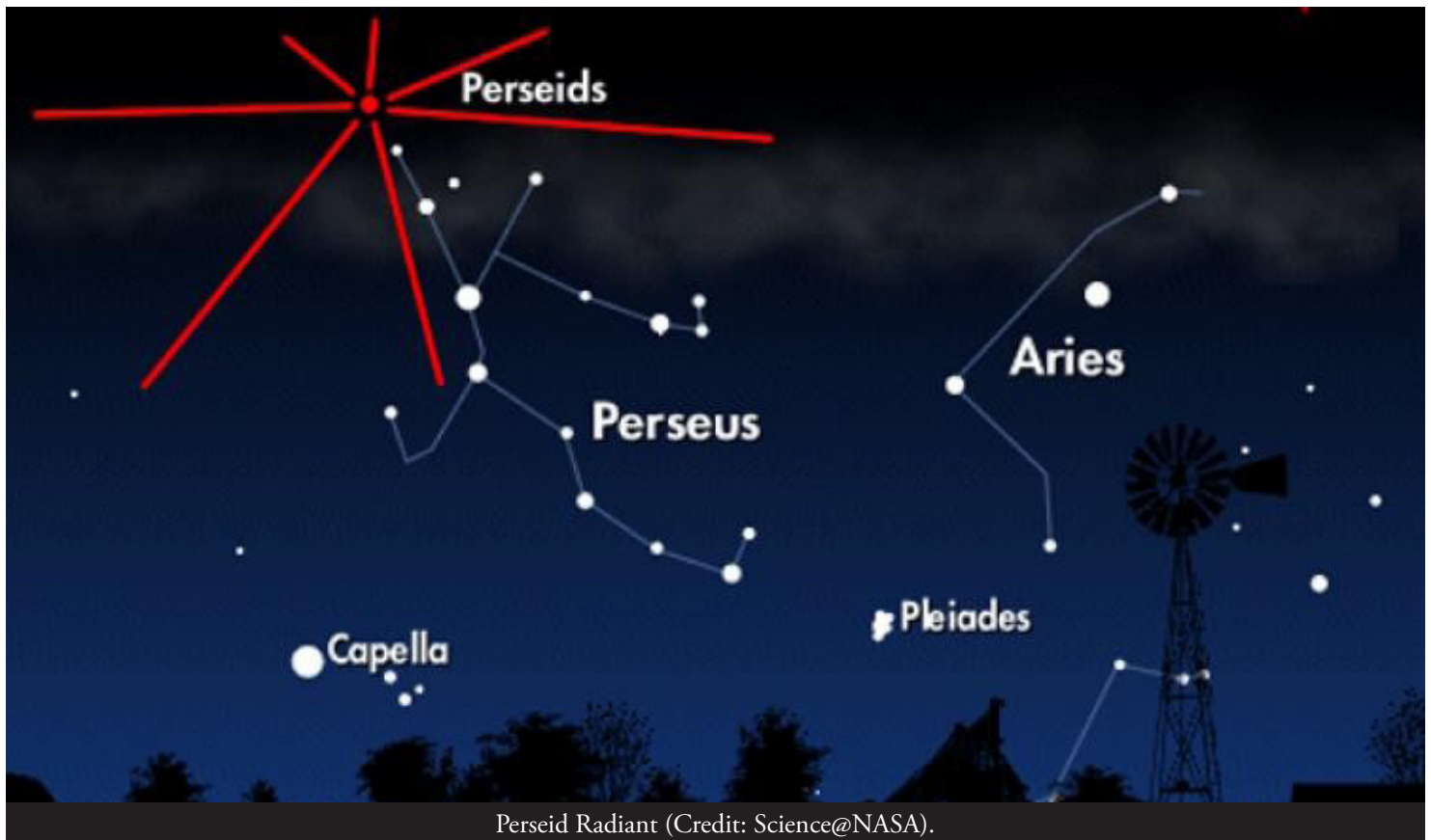
Peak activity for the Perseid meteor shower is expected around the night of August 12th, with a sharp increase in the hours after midnight. Assuming we have clear skies that night, escape the city's light pollution and find a dark, secluded spot where oncoming car headlights won't ruin your sensitive night vision. You'll know your eyes are properly adjusted and your site is dark enough if you can see each star of the Little Dipper constellation. Position yourself so the horizon appears at the edge of your

peripheral vision, with the sky and the stars filling your field of view. Meteors will instantly grab your attention as they streak by.

A very good shower will produce around one meteor per minute per given observer under a clear, dark sky. Any cloud cover, light pollution, or moonlight considerably reduces the count. The Perseids are among the strongest of the readily observed annual meteor showers, and have been observed by humans since at least 36 AD, reported by a Chinese skywatcher. Belgian astronomer Adolphe Quetelet first identified it as an annually recurring event in 1835. Maximum activity at the showers peak will normally yield a statistical average of 60 to 100 meteors per hour. In reality, however, what usually is seen is what some call the "clumping effect." Sometimes you'll see two or three meteors streak across the sky in quick succession, followed by a lull of several minutes before the sky suddenly puts on a display once again.

While the Perseid meteor shower is an annual astronomical event, this year gives us the opportunity for optimal conditions due to its occurrence near the new phase of the moon, which occurs on the night of August 11th. The thin crescent moon will set early in the evening of August 12th, leaving the dark skies required for a spectacular show!

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