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JESTER HALLOWEEN PARADE

by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman

Our Halloween Parade drew a record crowd this year as our neighborhood children gathered at Jester Club dressed in some incredibly imaginative costumes. Led by a decorated golf cart, the children and their parents provided a sea of color as they marched up Jester, around Basil and back to the club. Upon their return, the children were treated to refreshments and an assortment of games

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Jester Holiday Lights Contest

by Megan Duffin

Time to unbox your holiday lights and decorations; the annual Holiday Lights Contest is nearly here! Judging of this beloved neighborhood tradition will take place on December 6-13, 2018. We have 5 different categories and wonderful prizes for each of them! To nominate a house, please email meganduffin@gmail.com with the subject "Holiday Lights Contest". Good luck!

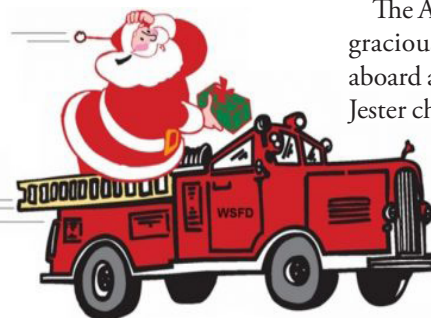
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa is Coming to Jester Aboard a Firetruck!

**Saturday, December 8th
9:00 am - Jester Club**

You do not have to be a member to participate.

The Austin Fire Department has graciously agreed to send Santa aboard a firetruck to visit with our Jester children and grandchildren.



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Welcome Committee News

This month the Welcome Committee found fewer new Jester residents moving into their new homes than in previous months. But then, it's hard to get excited about a move with the holiday season approaching. We were able to welcome three new families, 2 from Austin, and one from Seattle.

The first delivery was to Bikram and Mimi who moved from Steiner Ranch to their new home on Amelia Cove. They're enjoying being closer to town, and don't miss the Steiner traffic! They have 2 grown children. One's a son working in New York, and the other is a daughter in college.

The 2nd was to Kate and Tom who moved from Great Hills to their new home on Vailview Cove. They also have 2 grown children, both daughters. One is close by, in Hutto, the other in Switzerland!

Our 3rd delivery was to Alex and Stephanie with their young son Otto, who moved from Seattle to Holly Fern Cove. They were hoping to experience more days of sunshine here, but didn't find much of that when they first moved in. They're expecting baby boy #2 soon.

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.



Stephanie, Alex and son Otto on Holly Fern Cove



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Christmas Service
Sunday, December 23rd, 10:40 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24th, 7:00 PM

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Jester Estates

(Jester Halloween Parade continued from Cover Page)

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 and Billy Gouldie of Kenfield Golf Cars for providing the golf cart. Thanks also to the amazing teenagers who got up early and helped with the event: Elle Young, Amanda Thompson, Zeth Faulkner, and Nick Hesth. Our adult volunteers included Eva Wisser, and Debra and Mark Ellsworth. Eva has been helping with Jester children's events for 20+ years. She brings refreshments and we can always count on her, so thank you Eva for all these years of service to our neighborhood!

We would also like to give special recognition to Jester resident Debra Ellsworth who owns Debra Ellsworth Photography. She takes photos of the kiddos and activities at our events, and the Halloween photos in this issue were all taken by her. We appreciate having a professional involved instead of relying on our phone cameras! If you would like any of the Halloween photos, including many that are not in this publication, please email Debra at debra@ellsworthteam.com.

We are in need of volunteers for our “Santa on a Fire Truck” event on December 8th. Please contact me at tgouldie@gmail.com or call me at 512-751-8000 if you can participate.





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Fun Times with Wine Tasting!

by Debra Ellsworth

We had a great time hosting a recent Wine Group Tasting! Thank you to everyone for bringing such yummy foods! We enjoyed some fabulous wines from our very own state of Texas.

If you want to join the group, send an email to Debra Ellsworth at debra@debraellsworthphotography.com



NATURE WATCH

SILENT FLIGHT

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Eastern Screech Owl

Owls have fascinated man from time immemorial – to some cultures they are symbols of wisdom, while to others they are harbingers of doom and death. Adding to the mystique of these creatures is that they are mainly active at night, using their exceptional vision, acute hearing, and silent flight to stealthily hunt down their prey.

Common in Central Texas, the Eastern Screech-Owl is found in wooded suburban and rural areas and readily nests in tree cavities as well as man-made nest boxes. A small owl 6-10" long with a wingspan of 19-24", it has feathered ear tufts and is normally gray, brownish-gray, or less commonly reddish-brown. The Eastern Screech-Owl eats a variety of small animals, and each night consumes from one-quarter to one-third of its own body weight. It uses a soft trilling call to keep in contact with a mate or family members, and the male's trill can advertise a nest site when courting a female or signal an arrival at the nest with food. This owl also has a descending whinny, which is used to defend its territory. Eastern Screech-Owl pairs are usually monogamous and remain together for life, although they will take a new mate when one dies. In mid-April, the female lays 3-4 eggs on average, and the downy white owlets emerge from the nest by mid-May.

Also common but much larger at 18-25" long with a wingspan of 40-57", the Great Horned Owl prefers habitats of secondary-growth woodlands mixed with open meadows. Often found perching next to an open area and nests in tree hollows, broken off snags, or nests made by other large birds. It has prominent ear tufts spaced widely on its head, a brownish-gray body with dark barring, and a rusty facial disk edged in black surrounding each of its orange-yellow eyes.

The Great Horned Owl has a broad diet of small mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles, and is the only animal that regularly eats skunks. They have a large repertoire of sounds, but the most common is that of the male's resonant territorial call 'hoo-hoo hooooo hoo-hoo' that can be heard over several miles through the canyons on a still night. These owls are solitary in nature, only staying with their mate during the nesting season of January and February. Typically 2-4 eggs are laid and incubated solely by the female, until the young start roaming from the nest six to seven weeks later.

The structure of an owl's feather is the main reason they can fly so silently. The leading edge of their primary wing feathers are serrated like a comb, which breaks down the turbulence into smaller, micro-turbulences. The soft, tattered edges of their secondary feathers allow those small currents of air to pass through them and further reduce the turbulence behind their wings. In addition, the velvety down feathers found in the wing linings and on their legs further dampen and absorb sound frequencies. Together, these features allow the owl to greatly reduce the overall noise caused by the turbulence of air flowing over them as they fly.

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*, *Nature Watch Big Bend*, and *Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies* (all published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.



Great Horned Owl



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Dec. 1 - 24	Gingerbread Workshops - Create a candy-covered holiday tradition!	thinkeryaustin.org
Dec. 1 - Jan. 6	A Tuna Christmas - A delightful holiday comedy	citytheatreAustin.org
Dec. 1 - 30	Santa's Ranch <i>One of the greatest light displays in all of Texas</i>	santasranch.net
Dec. 1 - Jan. 21	Ice Skating on the Plaza - Whole Foods Downtown	wholefoodsmarket.com
Dec. 7 - 23	The Nutcracker - Ballet Austin presents an evening of magic!	balletaustin.org
Dec. 10 - 23	Austin Trail of Lights at Zilker Park	austintrailoflights.org
Dec. 13 - 24	Armadillo Christmas Bazaar <i>One of Austin's longest running art and music festivals</i>	Palmer Events Center armadillobazaar.com
Dec. 15	Brian Wilson presents The Christmas Album Live <i>Hear Beach Boys classics</i>	Moody Theater acl-live.com
Dec. 16	Beto and the Fairlanes Merry Texmex <i>One of Austin's longest standing super groups</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org
Dec. 19	Sesame Street Live! Let's Party! <i>A sunny and funny street celebration</i>	HEB Center hebcenter.com
Dec. 20	Trans-Siberian Orchestra <i>A multi-sensory extravaganza</i>	Erwin Center uterwincenter.com
Dec. 22	Robert Earl Keen's Cosmic Cowboy Christmas <i>"The road goes on forever..."</i>	Moody Theatre acl-live.com
Dec. 29 - 31	Willie Nelson and Family New Year - Austin hometown musician continues a tradition of ringing in the new year	Moody Theatre acl-live.com
Dec. 31	Austin's New Year <i>Free family-friendly event... fireworks included</i>	Auditorium Shores austinsnewyear.com

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7.5

THE WEST - Tillamook Cheddar, Bib Lettuce, Roasted Jalapeños, Garlic-Cilantro Cream Cheese

8.5

PACIFIC COAST - Tillamook Monterey Jack, Red Leaf Lettuce, Avocado, Sprouts, Creamy Mustard

9

RANCH HAND - Tillamook Cheddar, Smoked Bacon, Caramelized Onions, Pickles, BBQ Sauce

8.5

MAKE MY DAY - Tillamook Cheddar, Cage-Free Fried Egg, Smoked Bacon, Skillet Hash Browns, Red Onion, Ketchup, Mayo, Texas Toast

9

VISIONARY - Goat Cheese, Green Leaf Lettuce, (Fresh Garlic, Rosemary, Sun-dried Tomatoes) Grilled Mushrooms, Mayo

8.5

BD STREET - Blue Cheese (Stuffed), Smoked Bacon, Arugula, Red Onion, Mayo

8.5

GREAT WHITE BUFFALO - Tillamook White Cheddar, Red Leaf Lettuce, Caramelized Onions, Malt Vinegar Aioli

11.5

FIREMAN - Tillamook Cheddar, Refried Beans, Avocado, Tortilla Chips, Pico de Gallo, Jalapeño Mayo

9

ML KAISER (VENISON) - Tillamook Pepper Jack, Green Leaf Lettuce, Caramelized Onions, Spicy Mustard

10

FIVE ISLANDS (AHI TUNA) - Bibb Lettuce, Sprouts, Avocado, Scallions, Sesame Seeds, Citrus Mayo

11

FARMER (VEGETARIAN HEMP SEED OR TURKEY) - Feta Cheese, Green Leaf Lettuce, Red Onion, Sprouts, Sun-dried Tomato Pesto

9

"SKINNY STYLE" LETTUCE-WRAP OPTION AVAILABLE ON ALL BURGERS

HOME-MADE CHIPS AND QUESO

4.75

CHEESY FRIES (WITH BACON)

5.75

* Consuming raw or undercooked meats, seafood, or eggs may increase your risk for food borne illness - especially if you have certain medical conditions.

FARMER'S MARKET SALADS

LILY'S LOVE - Spinach, Red Onions, Toasted Pecans, Bacon, Dried Cranberries, Buttermilk Blue Cheese Dressing

8

SHANNIE'S SUPER FOOD - Kale, Swiss Chard, Spinach, Broccoli, Dried Cranberries, Blueberries, Onions, Toasted Almonds, Hemp Seed, Honey Balsamic

9

PIONEER CHOPPED - Romaine, Iceberg, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tomatoes, Bacon, Avocado, Boiled Egg, Toasted Almonds, Parmesan Reggiano, Champagne Vinaigrette

8.5

FAMILY GARDEN - Spring Mix, Carrots, Red Onions, Tomatoes, Corn, Mushrooms, Avocado, Sunflower Seeds, Raisins, Sprouts, Feta, Fresh Basil Vinaigrette

8.5

ADD ANY PROTEIN

(BEEF, TURKEY, BISON, TUNA, OR VENISON)

3/4/5

SIDES

Old School Fries

2.25/4

Sweet Potato Fries

3.25/5.75

House Chips

2.25/4

Small Salad

3

ALL STAR KID'S MEALS

	Fountain Drink	Juice	Shake	À la Carte
All Star Burger	5.75	6.60	7.25	3.5
Grilled Cheesy	5.75	6.10	6.75	3
Grilled PB&J	5.75	6.10	6.75	3

HAND-DIPPED BLUEBELL SHAKES & DESSERTS

HAND-DIPPED MILK SHAKES,
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Wine by the Glass or Bottle