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SANTA VISITS JESTER

by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman



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The Jester Holiday SPECTACULAR!

by Megan Duffin

Thank you to everyone that made the 2018 Jester Holiday Lights Contest amazing! It was truly an honor to be a part of this wonderful annual tradition. We greatly appreciate those who submitted nominations, our generous neighborhood sponsors, and every homeowner that decorated for the holidays. Please do visit our community sponsors in the New Year!



7005 Juneberry Cove

2018 Best in Show: 7005 Juneberry Cove

A winter wonderland full of festivity and joy

Prize: \$100 Truluck's Gift Card courtesy of Teresa Gouldie, Coldwell Banker United, Realtors - Austin & \$25 Visa Gift Card courtesy of Jester Holiday Lights Contest Committee

2nd Place: 6600 Winterberry Drive

Stunning display of green, red, and white lights - simply gorgeous

Prize: \$50 Visa gift card courtesy of Elan Marketing Communications (elanaustin.com) and \$25 gift card to All Star Burger (allstarburger.com)

3rd Place: 7407 Curly Leaf Cove

Reaching for the stars with colorful, unique display

Prize: \$25 gift card to All Star Burger and \$25 gift card to Coffee Shark (coffeeshark.com)

4th Place: 7401 Curly Leaf Cove

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Multi-colored wonderland with Abominable Snowman, Santa, and a humorous display

Prize: \$25 gift card to All Star Burger and Coffee Shark travel mug

5th Place: 8000 Bottlebrush

A vision in white lights with adorable scenes throughout

Prize: \$25 gift card to All Star Burger

There were so many lovely displays; here are a few honorable mentions that we also enjoyed visiting:

- 8132 Jester Blvd
- 7104 Anaqua Drive
- 7204 Guava Cove

- 8312 Jancy
- 7314 Jester Blvd.
- 7604 and 7602 Basil Cove
- 7408 Curly Leaf Cove
- 8205 Asmara Cove



6600 Winterberry Cove



7407 Curly Leaf Cove



7401 Curly Leaf Cove



8000 Bottlebrush

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

This month several new Jester residents moved in to their newly renovated houses. The results are spectacular! Several had waited months to finish updating, while one new Jester resident had worked on their changes for almost 2 years!

We delivered a Welcome bag to Cristi and Derek on the 8200 block of Asmara. They're in process of finishing up their move. The result of their updates is outstanding. Both have lived in Austin for awhile; Derek is a native of Austin.

A Welcome bag was delivered to Kristin and Ryan on the 8000 block of High Hollow. They moved from their prior home on Jester Boulevard 5 months ago, but just completed their updates of their new house. They have 3 sons – Luke, Logan and Reid.

Somehow we missed delivering a Welcome bag earlier to Camille and Dan, who moved into their home on the 6800 block of Jester. What a view! They have a son James and a daughter Elaine. They had earlier lived in the Westlake area, but then relocated to Victoria. They're happy to return to Austin.

The last new residents we met now live on the 6900 block of Winterberry. They've done extensive updating, including a great new deck with a wonderful view. Vijay and Geetha have moved in with their 4 years old child Ishan.

We left a Welcome bag for one new resident we weren't able to meet. Their neighbor on the 7700 block of Basil Drive let us know they had moved in, so we felt confident leaving a bag at the front door.

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.



Derek and Cristi on the 8200 block of Asmara

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Despite the cold rainy weather, spirits were not dampened as Santa still stopped by our neighborhood via a firetruck to visit with some very excited children. Each child had an opportunity to visit with Santa personally and share what they hoped to receive under the tree this holiday season. They posed for pictures not only with Santa, but with the firemen as well! The firemen answered questions and let the children explore all aspects of the firetruck. The prize walk was a big hit as usual, along with holiday tattoos and ring toss games.

Many thanks to our teenage volunteers who brought such fun and excitement to our event...our Jester kiddos LOVED them! Our young volunteers included Sadie Kruft, Morgan McMains, Stacy Chao, Christine Yruong, Reily Bailey, Abbey Phillips, Emily Mazar, Lauren Ault, Rylee Grady, Victoria Murphy, Daehan Jung, Kedar Jokhanald, Ben Rogers and Sam Domisch. We really appreciate Jester residents Eva Wisser, Gary Johnson and Brooks Loffin as well for always helping out with this event, and Debra Ellsworth of Debra Ellsworth photography for taking professional holiday pictures. You can view many more photos or our Santa Event on JesterHOA.com.

We are also grateful to Jester Club and manager Terri Milan for providing the location. And certainly, last but not least, thank you to Santa for making a stop in our neighborhood during this busy season!

Our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo on Saturday, April 13th (the weekend before Easter). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or tgouldie@gmail.com.



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The HOA Board Thanks Jester Residents and Requests Your Assistance *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)? In 2015 85th percentile speeds (85% of trips are slower than this value) were 39mph and 40mph. Since our speed awareness activities began in November 2017, 85th percentile speeds have remained in the range of 31-35mph. The plot shows speeds at all 4 radar signs over this time period. This is a significant accomplishment, one that ATD doubted would happen, and one that few neighborhoods in Austin have achieved. Jester residents should be proud. Due to this ongoing success, ATD recently removed the pylons, the last remaining vestiges of the speed humps, from Jester Blvd.

Two areas could use improvement. Speeds at 7800 Jester have come up by 2mph since October 2018. Remember that families are crossing the road there to access the park. Let's bring speeds there back down. Speeds at Clove Cove, near the old speed humps, have been too high over the entire period by 1mph. Let's reduce speeds there with the goal of having very few days reporting 35mph. While we may tend to attribute higher speeds to non-residents, analysis of the speed data by day has shown that Saturday and Sunday are

more likely to be higher speed days than weekdays, indicating that residents can make a difference with their own behavior.

The Safety Committee would love to hear your ideas for how to keep speeds down. We have heard from many residents that they want us to keep speed awareness activities positive in nature, consistent with the friendliness of our neighborhood, and they want to rely on self-enforcement. This is possible when such activities alone are sufficient to achieve our goals and at the present they are. What can you do to help? Think about your own speeds. Don't pull over to let speeders pass. Inform contractors, visitors, and Uber/Lyft drivers that speed compliance is important to us. Keep doing what you are doing – it is working well. Thank you, Jester residents, for this remarkable accomplishment.

To see graphs of Jester speed history, go to JesterHOA.com.

THANKS



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WILDLIFE HABITAT

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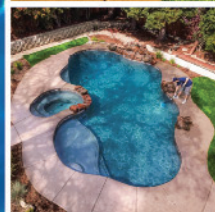
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Jan. 1 - 21	Ice Skating on the Plaza <i>wholefoodsmarket.com/events?store=1995691</i>	Whole Foods Downtown
Jan. 2 - Feb. 24	Fortlandia <i>A collection of unique forts by local designers</i>	wildflower.org
Jan. 11 - 13	Austin Home & Garden Show <i>The latest products and services</i>	Convention Center showtechnology.com
Jan. 12	Drop In and Create! - Recommended for ages 2-11 <i>Free monthly hands-on art-making activities</i>	Laguna Gloria thecontemporaryaustin.org
Jan. 12	William Shatner and Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan <i>Join him for a screening of the movie followed by a live conversation</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Jan. 13	Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone <i>Legendary pop band</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org
Jan. 15	The Oak Ridge Boys - <i>Legendary country music group</i>	hebcenter.com
Jan. 19	George Lopez - <i>Multi-talented comedian and actor</i>	texasperformingarts.org
Jan. 22 - 27	Waitress <i>New Broadway musical</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Jan. 25	Los Lonely Boys + Los Lobos <i>Two legendary rock bands</i>	Moody Theater acl-live.com
Jan. 26	Winter Tree Fest - <i>Family-friendly tree climbing, walks and talks</i>	wildflower.org
Jan. 26	Brian Regan - <i>One of the best stand-up comics in the country</i>	Moody Theater acl-live.com
Jan. 26 - 27	Le Garage Sale - <i>Austin's coolest independent boutiques and designers under one roof. Everything marked at clearance prices</i>	Palmer Events Center legaragesale.net
Jan. 27	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show <i>Featuring a menagerie of 75 charming puppets</i>	Paramount Theatre austintheatre.org
Jan. 31	Joan Osborne <i>Consider one of the greatest voices of her generation</i>	One World Theatre oneworldtheatre.org

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