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President's Corner



Jeff Shapiro and Janice Toreki accept 5 year Firewise Community award

The Jester Annual Home Owner's Association meeting was held on February 20, 2019. We had approximately 45 people in attendance and appreciate everyone's efforts to participate.

The meeting opened with a presentation from Bruce Byron, TxDOT Austin District Office to discuss the Loop 360 at Courtyard Drive/RM 2222 project. The project includes removing the traffic signal on the Loop 360 main lanes at Courtyard Drive and adding an underpass (where the Loop 360 main lanes cross under Courtyard Drive). The project also proposes reconfiguring Loop 360 at RM 2222 to a diverging diamond intersection (DDI). You can learn more about DDIs by visiting Loop360Project.com and checking out the FAQs page. Additionally, the project includes a shared-use path and sidewalks within the project limits to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

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JESTER EASTER EGG HUNT & PETTING ZOO

Saturday, April 13th @ 9:30 am in Jester Club

(Note: This is the weekend BEFORE Easter weekend!)

Please drop off ONE DOZEN EGGS PER CHILD (filled with candy, money, stickers, etc...but no chocolate, please!)

Look for drop-off signs posted at various locations in the neighborhood a few days prior to the event.

Spring Garage Sale

SATURDAY MAY 4TH 8 AM

**REGISTER YOUR LOCATION SO YOU
CAN GET MAXIMUM EXPOSURE!**

JHA is sponsoring a Jester Garage sale on *Saturday May 4th at 8 am*. Ads will run in the American Statesman promoting this

neighborhood-wide sale. Please email Teresa at tgouldie@gmail.com or call her at 512-751-8000 if you would like to register your garage sale location. Maps with lists of garage sale addresses will be available at the entrances to Jester.



NATURE WATCH Plant Natives!

by Jim & Lynne Weber

Spring is the ideal time to think about planting, and how you manage your garden or landscape can have an effect on the overall health of the soil, air, water and habitat for native wildlife as well as our human community. Help conserve and improve the quality of these resources by using sustainable gardening practices such as mulching and composting, reducing or eliminating lawn areas, xeriscaping (planting native, drought-tolerant plants), installing rain barrels, and removing non-native invasive plants and restoring native ones.

The U.S. government defines an invasive plant species as one "that is not native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction is likely to cause economic or

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of the month prior to the issue.*

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Susanne Paul gave an update on the Safety Committee efforts and praised Jester for keeping our speed down. This ensures that we keep speed bumps off Jester and Beauford while still maintaining safe speeds within our neighborhood.

Jeff Shapiro received an award on behalf of Jester Estates neighborhood for 5 years as a recognized Firewise community. Thanks, Jeff, for your tireless efforts in educating our community on this issue!

Teresa Gouldie spoke about all of the upcoming events and sure could use some volunteers. Please reach out to her at tgouldie@gmail.com or 512-751-8000 if you can help.

Three Board positions were up for election, we received nominations for Eva Wisser and Susanne Paul to continue serving on the Board and they accepted. There was a nomination for Peggy Hutchinson who will be a new member. Goodwin Management tallied the ballots and votes at the meeting and confirmed the election. We would like to thank Ron Herzfeld for his past service on the Board. He will continue as the Architectural Control Committee Chair. Please see his article in last month's Warbler regarding steps for HOA architectural approval on your project.

Please contact Board members if you would like to become more involved in Jester or serve on a Committee.

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environmental harm or harm to human health.” These species grow outside desired boundaries, out-competing native species, and spread by seeds, berries, spores, runners, rhizomes, and stems. Some can be easily transported long distances, and every year millions of our tax dollars and thousands of volunteer hours are spent trying to eradicate them.

Many of these plants have already invaded our preserves and greenbelts in Austin, originating in our landscapes, escaping cultivation and spreading into the wild. Invasive species may grow faster, taller, or wider and shade out native species. Many stay green later into the season or leaf out earlier, giving them an advantage over natives. They can change the vertical and horizontal structure of ecosystems, alter hydrology, and disrupt nutrient cycles, all of which can have devastating effects on native plants and animals.

Although invasive exotics may offer birds fruit, squirrels nuts, and hummingbirds and butterflies nectar, they do not provide the entire range of seasonal habitat benefits that an appropriate locally native species will provide. If we want not only to satisfy our desires to attract wildlife, but also to restore the critical, often unseen, small pieces in our ecosystems, we need to bring back

our locally native plants. These plants are not only attractive to humans, they also meet the food and cover needs of all wildlife species: bees, wasps, butterflies, grasshoppers, bugs, beetles, spiders, and thousands of others that sustain and support food webs which songbirds, salamanders, bats, toads, and box turtles more visibly demonstrate.

Aside from attracting a diversity of wildlife, the use of native plants minimizes the impact our landscapes have on the natural environment around us. They reduce water consumption, eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and limit the competition from invasive exotics. This results in a much healthier habitat—water, soil, and air—for humans and animals alike, and is less costly, too. Invite wildlife to put on a show in your backyard by replacing the invasives in your landscape, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

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* (published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

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Non-Native/Invasive Plant(s)	Some Native & Adapted Alternative(s)
Bamboo	Wax Myrtle (<i>Morella cerifera</i>) Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>) Bamboo Muhly (<i>Muhlenbergia dumosa</i>)
Chinaberry	Chinquapin Oak (<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>) Texas Red Oak (<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>)
Chinese Tallow Tree	Bigtooth Maple (<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>) Lacey Oak (<i>Quercus laceyi</i>)
Elephant Ear	Arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>) Crinum Lily (<i>Crinum americanum</i>) Pigeonberry (<i>Rivina humilis</i>) Frogfruit (<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>) Horseherb (<i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>)
Giant Cane	Roughleaf Dogwood (<i>Cornus drummondii</i>) Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)
Japanese Honeysuckle	Coral Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>) Passion Vine (<i>Passiflora foetida</i> or <i>incarnata</i> or <i>lutea</i> or <i>temuloba</i>) Rock Rose (<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>)
Holly Fern	River Fern (<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>)
Kudzu, English Ivy, Vinca	Virginia Creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>) Trumpet Vine (<i>Campsis radicans</i>) Coral Vine (<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>)
Ligustrum (all species) or Common Privet	Evergreen Sumac (<i>Rhus virens</i>) Barbados Cherry (<i>Malpighia glabra</i>) Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>) Possumhaw Holly (<i>Ilex decidua</i>) Texas Sage (<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>) Cherry Laurel (<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>)
Mimosa	Desert Willow (<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>) Texas Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i>) Elbowbush (<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>)
Nandina or Heavenly Bamboo	Texas Lantana (<i>Lantana urticoides</i>) Bush Germander (<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>) Texas Sage (<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>)
Paper or White Mulberry	Red Mulberry (<i>Morus rubra</i>) Texas Persimmon (<i>Diospyros texana</i>) Possumhaw Holly (<i>Ilex decidua</i>) Cherry Laurel (<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>)
Pyracantha	Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>) Possumhaw Holly (<i>Ilex decidua</i>) Evergreen Sumac (<i>Rhus virens</i>)
Red-tipped or Chinese Photinia	Evergreen Sumac (<i>Rhus virens</i>) Carolina Buckthorn (<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>) Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)
Russian Olive	Texas Persimmon (<i>Diospyros texana</i>)
St. Augustine Grass	Buffalo Grass (<i>Bouteloua distachyoides</i>)
Tamarisk or Salt Cedar	Bald Cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>) Arizona Cypress (<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>)
Tree of Heaven	Chinquapin Oak (<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>) Lacey Oak (<i>Quercus laceyi</i>)
Vitex or Chastetree	Texas Pistachio (<i>Pistacia mexicana</i>) Mexican Buckeye (<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>)
Wisteria	Passion Vine (<i>Passiflora foetida</i> or <i>incarnata</i> or <i>lutea</i> or <i>temuloba</i>)

GREEN TIPS FOR JESTER RECYCLERS

By Dale Bulla | dale-bulla@pobox.com

I attended a recycling session recently and thought I would share some information that may apply to our residents. When we put out our big blue bins every other week, please, please, please don't put your recyclables inside a plastic bag before you put it into the blue bin. The label on the lid clearly says "NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE."



As I walk the neighborhood daily, I often lift lids of blue bins on Thursdays and often see plastic bags full of bottles and cans etc. When I posed this to the presenter, I was told that usually when those bags arrive at the recycling center, they are taken off the line and sent to the landfill. The alternative is to have the people that sort on the conveyor belt try to cut open those bags to allow the contents to spill onto the belt. This causes more danger to being cut, scratched or otherwise injured to the workers so it is not recommended.

If the plastic bags get into the machine, the plastic clogs up the works and the machine will be stopped until the plastic is removed from the rollers and gears. So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put your recycling directly into the blue bin and take your plastic bags to HEB or Randall's and place them into the "plastic bag recycling bins" located and the entrance to those stores. The planet will thank you!

WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

Last month's article from the Welcome Committee was an error, reprinted from last year! Oops! The wrong copy was sent to the editor. Apologies if anyone got welcomed by a neighbor when they're lived in Jester a full year!

Here's what should have been written:

The Welcome Committee delivered a bag to Theresa, whose family has moved to their new home on the 6900 block of Beauford Drive from Circle C. The household includes Theresa's husband, Esteven, her young son, Gael and two dogs, Luna and Julio. They love living in Jester.

We met Cate, a 6th generation Texan, who has moved with her family to their new home on the 6600 block of Winterberry. She is originally from Houston but lived in Austin prior to moving to the San Francisco area for work. Cate and her husband Bob and June Bug, a dog who really does smile, are adjusting to allergies but now have more space.

We delivered a bag to Geoffrey and Marsha, who are back in Austin and living on Elander Drive. They moved from Portland, Oregon with their dogs Pippin and Oliver. We printed their pictures in last month's article. They were awaiting their furniture when we met them. Geoffrey and Marsha are wine connoisseurs and Marsha enjoys Mahjong.

We delivered a bag to the 7400 block of Anaqua Drive. Clotilde and David have moved there from Florida with their two children.

Three bags were left on doorsteps of new residents that we knew had moved in but weren't home. One to a house on Pampas Cove, one on the 7000 block of Jester and one on the 8000 block of High Hollow.

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 484-7588 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net 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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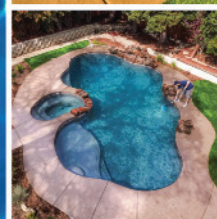
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Apr. 12	Crystal Gayle - <i>National Country Music treasure</i>	oneworldtheatre.org
Apr. 12 - 13	Worlds Apart - <i>Music of Dvorak and Mozart</i>	austinsymphony.org
Apr. 12 - 14	Moto GP <i>One of the most thrilling motorcycle race experiences</i>	Circuit of the Americas circuitoftheamericas.com
Apr. 13	Indigo Girls <i>With Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines</i>	The Paramount Theatre austintheatre.org
Apr. 13 - 14	Monster Jam <i>Family-friendly, action-packed motorsport</i>	Frank Erwin Center uterwincenter.com
Apr. 14	Double Dare Live! <i>The Messiest Game Show on the Road</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Apr. 15 - 24	Austin Fashion Week - <i>One of the premier fashion events</i>	afw.fashionxaustin.com
Apr. 19 - 21	Austin Reggae Festival <i>Local and national bands jammin' for the Central Texas Food Bank</i>	Auditorium Shores austinreggaeefest.com
Apr. 20	Austin Nature Day <i>Build ephemeral art, paint with an animal, & more</i>	Nature & Science Center austintexas.gov
Apr. 24 - 27	Moontower Comedy Festival	austintheatre.org
Apr. 25	Mack, Jack & McConaughey present Chris Stapleton <i>A fundraiser event benefiting local charities</i>	Moody Theater acl-live.com
Apr. 26 - 28	2019 Austin Auto Show - <i>Displays of anticipated car models</i>	autoshowaustin.com
Apr. 26 - 28	Austin Food & Wine Festival <i>Food & Wine hosts this epicurean adventure</i>	austinfoodandwinefestival.com
Apr. 27 - May 5	La Bohème <i>An Italian opera</i>	The Long Center thelongcenter.org
Apr. 29	Sammy Hagar's Full Circle Jam Tour <i>Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Musical Artist</i>	Moody Theater acl-live.com

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