



# The Jester Warbler

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## Latest Speed Data Report from the City... **SLOW DOWN NOW**

*By Carol Phillipson*

Jester Safety Committee recently received new speed data transmitted and collected from the Radar Speed Signs. Speeds at 2 of the 4 locations have risen: The sign at Clove Cove and the sign on the opposite side of the road from the tennis courts.

**OUR SPEEDS ARE REPORTED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN 24/7 AND WILL BE FOREVER**

**IF WE RETURN TO OUR OLD DRIVING HABITS THE SPEED HUMPS "WILL" ALSO RETURN.**

Jester residents made a commitment to the City of Austin Dept of Transportation to maintain the 30-mph speed limit with the help of the 4 Radar Speed Signs installed in lieu of speed humps. After speaking to many residents I found that most think since the speed humps and white pylons were removed, they could never be reinstalled. That is not the case. **The City of Austin "will" reinstall the speed humps if we don't slow down.**

Jester residents pulled together, working hard to be the first neighborhood to have the speed humps removed. So it is imperative that we pull together now to maintain our speeds 24/7 to prevent the installation of the 6 speed humps originally planned for Jester Blvd.

Please remember to also tell visitors, repairmen, landscapers, etc. to also drive 30 mph 24/7.

Use cruise control, it's easy and you don't have to keep checking the speedometer. Please share this information with your neighbors who may not read NextDoor or the Warbler.



## Help Keep Our Neighborhood Beautiful!

## Mark Your Calendars!



### PARADE & ACTIVITIES

*Thursday, July 4 – 9:30  
am*

Paint your wagons, decorate your bikes, your pets, and yourself, and join this festive parade! Gather at Jester Club at 9:30 am (you don't need to

be a member of the club to participate). Parade route will be up Jester, around Basil, and back. Games and activities to follow!

Please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or [tgouldie@gmail.com](mailto:tgouldie@gmail.com) if you would like to help at this event!

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of the month prior to the issue.*

## WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS WELCOME

The Welcome Committee has not had a lot of deliveries of Welcome Bags in the last few months. There are 2 factors: one is that there isn't a lot of inventory of homes for sale. When I last checked, there were 5 houses for sale in Jester, and only 2 had no pending offers! The second is that there is a lot of renovation going on which delays new residents from moving into their new homes. Those of us who have renovated while living in our homes are jealous of the opportunity to renovate an empty house!

We were, however, able to deliver 3 Welcome Bags since the last article. One was to Gevin and Ann Christine who moved to their new home on the 7100 block of Beauford Drive. They were originally from Norway. The second bag was left at the doorstep of a new resident on the 7800 block of Moonflower Drive. We knew he had moved in but weren't able to find him at home. The third went to Jenny and Kendall who just moved into their first home on Desert Rose Cove with their dog Lily, a Boston Terrier. They recently moved from downtown Austin but were in Chicago prior to that for four years. Jenny grew up in the Woodlands north of Houston and enjoys being back in Texas.

The 7 members of the Welcome Committee have been on the committee for an average of 5 years. We are on the committee because we love to meet the new neighbors. Three of us are original members from when the committee was formed in 2007! If you're interested in joining us, please contact JoAnn Welles at 512 484 7588 or at [jawelles1@gmail.com](mailto:jawelles1@gmail.com) to express your interest; we'd love to hear new ideas about what should go in the bags. We do deliveries once a month on the evening of the 2nd Monday of the month so it's not a large time commitment.

If you live near any new residents, please stop by and introduce yourself! Also, please contact JoAnn 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

*by Jim and Lynne Weber*

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*Photo: Black Witch*

Commonly known as owlet moths, cutworms, or armyworms, moths in the Noctuidae family make up one of the largest families of Lepidoptera. The word Noctuidae is derived from the Latin word noctua meaning ‘little owl’ and the largest moth in this family in the continental United States is the Black Witch (*Ascalapha odorata*).

The Black Witch moth has been known as mariposa de la muerte or ‘butterfly of death’ since the time of the Aztecs, when it was believed that they were harbingers of death. With a wingspan of up to 6 inches, its upperside is mottled dark brown to grayish-brown with hints of iridescent purple and pink, and females, which are slightly larger and lighter in color than males, have a pale almost lavender-pink median band through both fore and hind wings.

Common to abundant in the New World tropics as far south as Brazil, the Black Witch flies year-round in south Florida and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. In June and July, summer monsoons in Mexico trigger this fabulous creature to migrate north through Texas, where it is often found roosting in garages, under eaves, or under bridges. It has the ability to migrate great distances over bodies of open water, such as the Gulf of Mexico, and one specimen was recorded in 1903 in Leadville, Colorado, caught in a snowstorm on the Fourth of July!

Primarily nocturnal, the adult Black Witch is attracted to light and fermenting fruit. Its larvae feed at night on a variety of cassias, acacias, ebony, mesquite, and other woody legumes, and rest during the day hidden under bark and branches. Up to 3 inches long, its caterpillar is dark gray tinged with brown, with a pale stripe down the back and dark stripes down the sides, and it relies on this natural camouflage to make it difficult to spot. Pupation occurs on the ground in scattered leaf litter within a fragile cocoon. Black Witches breed year round in overlapping generations, and their adult stage is thought to last only three or four weeks.

At first glance, this very large moth is often mistaken for a small bat hovering around a porch light, but it will eventually land and linger for several hours if undisturbed. If this happens to you, you can only hope that the South Texas legend of the Black Witch is true, as it states, “If a Black Witch lands above your door and stays there for a while, you could win the lottery!”

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto: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](http://naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com).

A group of approximately 18 diverse children of various ages and ethnicities are smiling and holding a long white banner. The banner contains the text "NOW ENROLLING" in large, purple, blocky letters, and "childrenscenterofaustin.com" in smaller, blue, lowercase letters below it.

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July. 12 - Aug. 17	<b>Disney's The Little Mermaid</b> <i>Based on the 1989 film - A splashy musical adventure</i>	Zilker Hillside Theater <a href="http://zilker.org">zilker.org</a>
Jul. 13	<b>Austin Music Tour 5K</b> <i>Beer, music and running!</i>	Austin Visitor Center <a href="http://cityrunningtours.com">cityrunningtours.com</a>
Jul. 14 - 28	<b>Concerts in the Park - (Sundays)</b> <i>Hartman Concert Park at the Long Center</i>	The Long Center <a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a>
Jul. 17	<b>KGSR's Blues on the Green</b> <i>Free blues music</i>	Zilker Park <a href="http://kgsr.com">kgsr.com</a>
Jul. 20 - 21	<b>Austin-Wow! Inside the Austin Summer 2019 Expo!</b> <i>Body Mind Spirit- "Be the Change"</i>	Palmer Events Center <a href="http://bmse.net">bmse.net</a>
Jul. 23 - Aug. 10	<b>Haunted: A Ghost Story</b> <i>Rollins Theater @ The Long Center</i>	<a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>
Jul. 25 - 28	<b>Hot Summer Nights 3</b> <i>20 venues in the Red River District host 4 days of free live music!</i>	<a href="http://do512.com">do512.com</a>
Jul. 26 - 28	<b>Custom Sounds Texas Heatwave</b>	<a href="http://heatwaveshow.com">heatwaveshow.com</a>
July. 26 - Aug. 10	<b>Sister Act</b> <i>A feel-good musical based on the movie</i>	Rollins Studio <a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>
Jul. 27 - 28	<b>Classic Game Fest - Video games, retro game tournaments, costume contests and more</b>	Palmer Events Center <a href="http://classicgamefest.com">classicgamefest.com</a>
Jul. 29	<b>Alice Cooper &amp; Halestorm</b> <i>Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame singer</i>	HEB Center <a href="http://hebcenter.com">hebcenter.com</a>

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