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4TH OF JULY PARADE & ACTIVITIES

by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman

A big splash of red, white, and blue lit up the streets of Jester as our neighborhood children, parents and grandparents marched in our annual 4th of July Parade. A special thanks goes to all the spectators who came out of their homes along the parade route to cheer the kiddos on! Led by a colorfully decorated golf cart, the children pulled wagons, rode bikes, and proudly showed off their "patriotic" pets as they paraded down Jester Blvd, around Basil, and back to the club. Awaiting them were a multitude of activities including a prize walk, tattoos, coloring sheets, and a ball toss. Children were treated to a variety of patriotic items at the prize walk including bracelets, rings, fans, sunglasses, and necklaces. We had a wonderful turnout and a great time was had by all!

Special thanks go to all the people who helped make this neighborhood event a success: Theresa Hall, Eva Wisser, Jon Wisser, and Kelly Smentek.

In addition, a huge thank you to these amazing teenagers for getting up early and helping out: The entire Moore Family (Kaitlin, Kevin, Caroline, Sean, and Liam), Pascale Foreman, Pranjal Naik, Alekya Konda, and Lauren Hamm. (Continued on Page 2)



CONSTABLE PRESENCE FOR JESTER BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

By The Jester HOA Safety Committee

Jester Estates has the distinction of being one of the few neighborhoods in Austin that is speed-hump free and the only one who has had speed humps removed. Although many said it couldn't be done, we have achieved this remarkable goal by reducing our speeds voluntarily. In 2014, when the original speed hump petition was filed only 12% of us were driving at or below 30mph. Now that number is 71%! What a big change. We are all grateful for both our safer roads and for being hump-free and we want to see this outcome preserved.

As the memory of speed humps is fading, speeds are beginning to increase. Our speeds are being communicated to ATD by the radar signs and with increased speeds comes the possibility that speed humps will return.

The Jester HOA Safety Committee has been monitoring speeds and exploring various options for maintaining speed compliance. Residents have requested an approach to speed awareness activities that doesn't intrude on their daily lives and one that punishes only those who speed. Police enforcement was requested by an overwhelming number of attendees at our Coffee Shark meeting in 2017 and was supported by 72% of respondents to our survey at that time. Consequently, the Jester HOA board plans to hire a constable as part of a pilot program to patrol our neighborhood. While the primary focus of this will be speed enforcement, the associated increased visibility of police presence in Jester will extend benefits to other safety issues that we may experience as well.

Please contact susanne@jesterhoa.com for additional information, more details about our speeds over time, or with questions or concerns.



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As always, we also appreciate Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location for this event and Billy Gouldie for donating a golf cart to use.

Please give me 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 we'd love your help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR HALLOWEEN PARADE ON SATURDAY, OCT. 26TH AT 9:30 AM!









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NATURE WATCH by Jim and Lynne Weber

NIGHT BLOOMERS

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Many night blooming flowers have white or light-colored blossoms, a strong fragrance (although not always to human noses), and are open by night and close by day. These flowers are extremely important nectar sources for pollinators, and they are attracted to these flowers' nectar mainly by scent. Two of our best night blooming native plants are Berlandier's Trumpets (Acleisanthes obtusa) and Jimsonweed (Datura wrightii).

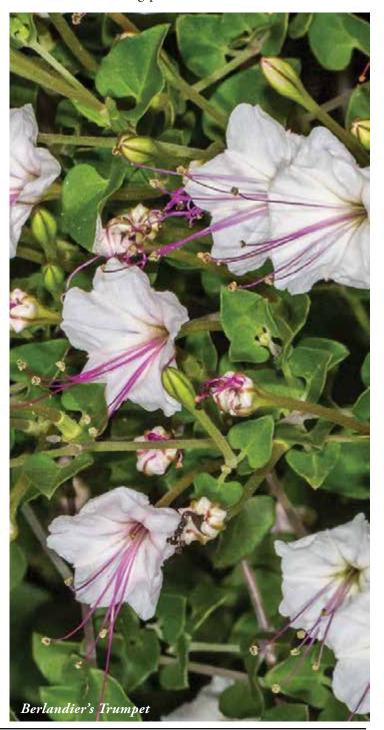
Also known as Vine Four O'Clock, Berlandier's Trumpets is an upright perennial herb or climbing vine up to 6 feet long, easily controlled but often clambering over shrubs and small trees if left unchecked. Its opposite, bright green leaves are triangular shaped, about 1.5 inches long, with slightly wavy edges. But it is its white to light pink trumpet-shaped flowers, about 2 inches long, that bloom from April to December, producing a fragrant scent when open at night. Berlandier's Trumpet does well in full sun to part shade, is drought tolerant, and easy to grow and maintain.

Jimsonweed is a 3 to 6 foot tall stoutly branched herb, with alternate, coarse, large gray-green leaves that are broad at the base and pointed at the tip. While its foliage is often described as rank-smelling, its flowers are sweetly fragrant white trumpets, up to 8 inches long, sometimes tinged with purple at the edges. It blooms from May to November, and its flowers close during the heat of the day. The fruit of this plant is a very distinctive spiny, globular capsule up to 1.5 inches in diameter, which opens fully when ripe. Jimsonweed has several other common names such as Sacred Thorn-apple, Angel Trumpet, Devil's Trumpet, and Sacred Datura. Some of these names refer to its use as a hallucinogen in Native American ceremonies, but it is important to note that all parts of this plant are toxic to humans.

Both of these native night blooming species attract several species of Sphinx moths (sometimes known as hawkmoths or hummingbird moths) as well as other pollinating insects such as long-tongued bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. But it is the Jimsonweed that has mastered the art of mutualism. While it is common for this plant to benefit from its relationship with the Carolina Sphinx (Manduca sexta) in the form of pollination, in turn it provides nectar for the adult moth and is the host plant for the moth's caterpillars. These large caterpillars (known to gardeners as 'hornworms'), consume many or all of the Jimsonweed's leaves. But the plant is prepared for the attack, storing resources in its massive root enabling it to produce more leaves. In effect, it grows its own pollinators to ensure its reproductive success!

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.







Teenage Job Seekers

	Baby	Pet	House Yard	
Name	Sit	Sit	Sit Work	Phone
Anders, Lindsay	•	•	•	632-4345
Beach, Annika	•	•	•	839-0387
Bruhis, Ofek & Dana.	•	•		820-1456
Gerwels, Emily		•		795-9270
Hayes, Alice		•	•	952-0512
Hilliard, Ashley	•	•	•	345-9481
Kellar, Allison	•	•		909-1009
Madrigal, Ben		•	•	650-6563
				739-7652
Norton, Ally	•	•	•	788-2304
Orton, Claire	•	•		346-0434
O'Toole, Emily	•	•		917-9397
				592-2141
				619-0291
Thomas, Carolyn	•			803-407-7714
Trautman, Colin	•	•	•	342-2422
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Aug. 4 & 11	Dry Comal Creek Grape Stomp	drycomalcreekvineyards.com
	Enjoy a day of stomping, drinking, dancing & eating	-
Aug. 4, 11,	Concerts in the Park (Sundays)	Long Center City Terrace
18, 25	Hartman Concert Park at the Long Center	austinsymphony.org
Aug. 7	Blues on the Green	Zilker Park
	A family and pet friendly night of homegrown music	kgsr.com/botg
Aug. 9	Clint Black & Trace Adkins - Country Legends	hebcenter.com
Aug. 9 - 11	Tax-Free Weekend	comptroller.texas.gov/
	TX sales tax break on most school supplies	taxes/publications/98-490/
Aug. 12	The Wiggles - Featuring Wags the Dog & More	acl-live.com
Aug. 12	Big Band Bash - 17-piece Republic of Texas Big Band	lakeway-tx.gov
Aug. 12 - 13		space.com/32868-perseid-
	showers of the year – view 60 – 100 meteors/hr	meteor-shower-guide
Aug. 22	B-52's - w/ special guests OMD & Berlin	texasperformingarts.org
Aug. 24	Capital City Fight Night - Professional Championship Boxing	uterwincenter.com
Aug. 24	15th Austin Bat Fest	Congress Ave Bridge
	Arts, crafts, music, food, bat watching, children's activities	roadwayevents.com
Aug. 24	Hops and Grains Brewery 5K - Beer lovers and runners unite	cityrunningtours.com
Aug. 24 - 25	2017 Le Garage Boutique Sale	Palmer Events Center
	All of your favorite boutiques on sale, under on roof!	legaragesale.net
Aug. 27 -	Out of Bounds Comedy Festival	oobfest.com
Sept. 2	Some of the best comedy performances from all over	
	the country and globe	
Aug. 30 -	Shrine Circus	HEB Center
Sept. 1	A traditional three-ring circus	hebcenter.com

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