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Jester's New Neighbors Welcome Committee Visits

By Carol Philipson



Read More on Page 6! Erin Greene and her daughter Cara

New Facebook Page Reminder

Huge thanks to all who have joined our new Jester HOA Facebook Group! We have around 50 members after the initial announcement, which is great! We would love to see this group continue to grow, as we intend for it to be an up-to-date and a reliable resource for the Jester community. As our Warbler issues come out monthly, you can find more regular updates and additional details on things like our upcoming Holiday Lights Contest on the Facebook page. Be sure to follow if you haven't already, and please pass the word along to all of our neighbors.

As a reminder, just go to Facebook and search Jester HOA.

See you on the page,

Hope

Holiday Lights Contest 2020

The Annual Holiday Lights Contest is officially ON for 2020! Big thanks to our neighbor, Jason Allgood, for stepping up and volunteering to run the show this year. We will have new categories and exciting prizes! Please keep an eye out on the Jester HOA Facebook page and on Nextdoor for further details, coming soon. You can also reach Jason at allgoodtalks@gmail.com with any questions. We are excited to keep this tradition going!



HALLOWEEN IN JESTER

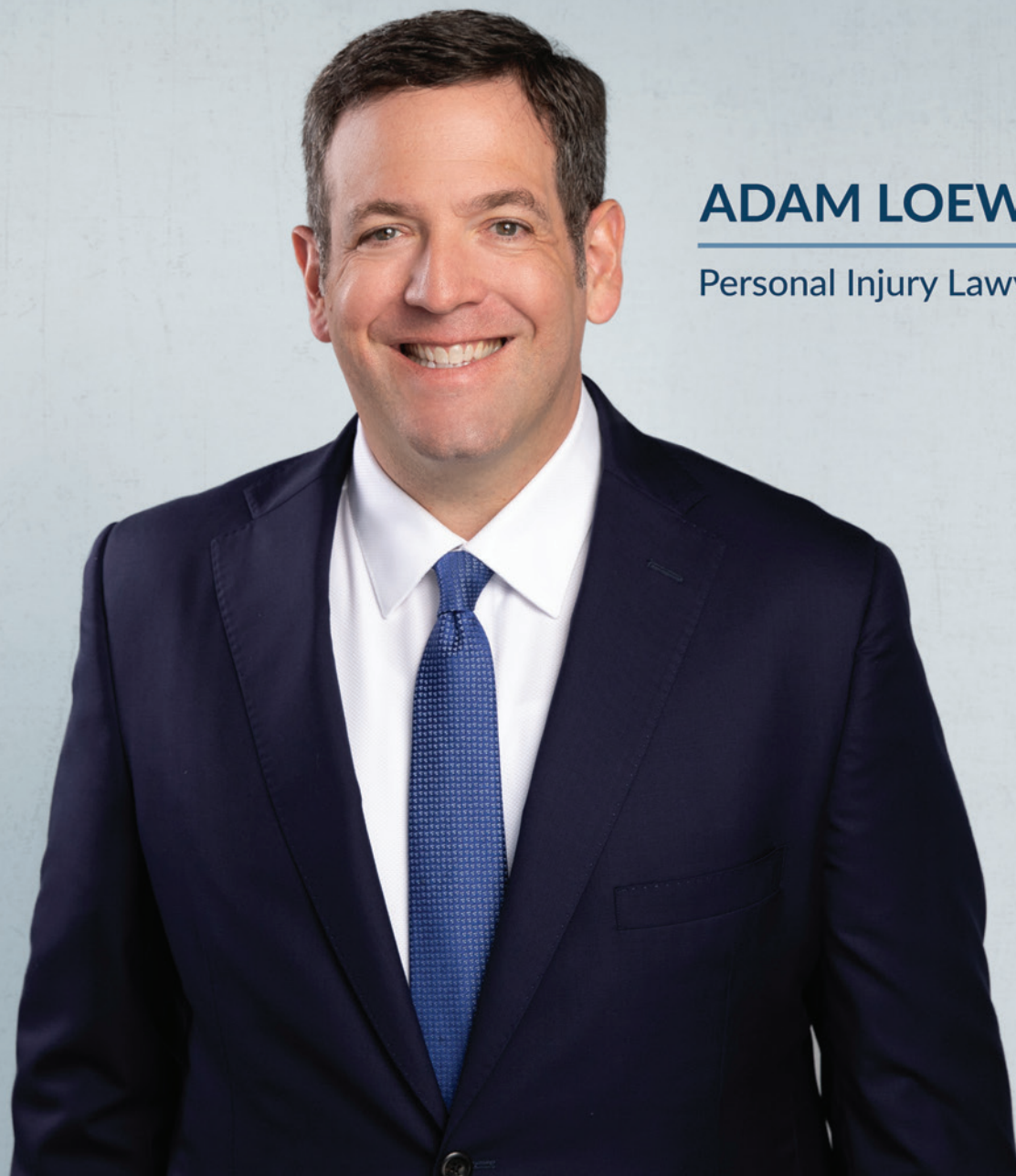
By Hope Teel

Halloween looked a bit different this year with social distancing protocols, among other safety measures, put in place by parents and friends to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Many people weren't able to gather as they normally would, and trick-or-treating was handled with caution. At our house, we set up a decorated table with an enormous bowl of candy in the front yard, so that kids and parents alike would feel comfortable for the treat pick-up. For the sake of our neighborhood youth, we were thrilled to see so many families out on that beautiful Halloween night!



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Jester's New Neighbors- Welcome Committee Visits

By Carol Philipson



The Kondo Family

Anyone who's lived in Jester for any amount of time, knows that Jester is the best neighborhood in Austin. We have great neighbors, great views and great trails, plus homeowners who take pride in their homes and in the community. It didn't take long for these three Jester Newbies to agree. There are many reasons to relocate—some for jobs, others needing more space, the list goes on.

The Kondo Family and their pets already loved the Austin hill country. They needed more space, so they just moved up the hill from Lakewood.

The Levinson's on Crab Tree are from New Jersey (who've already had their FireWise evaluation completed), and they moved here for better career opportunities.

Erin Greene, daughter Cara (on Cover Page) and their pets are thrilled to have become part of the Jester family after looking for the perfect location within Austin for a very long time.

The Jester Welcome Committee members are lucky to meet all new Jester neighbors and make new friends. We not only deliver smiles and welcoming words, but a goodie bag to introduce new Jesterites to information about Austin, especially about the NW corridor and local businesses. If you like people and you love Jester as much as we do, join the committee! For more information contact me through www.jesterhoa.com.



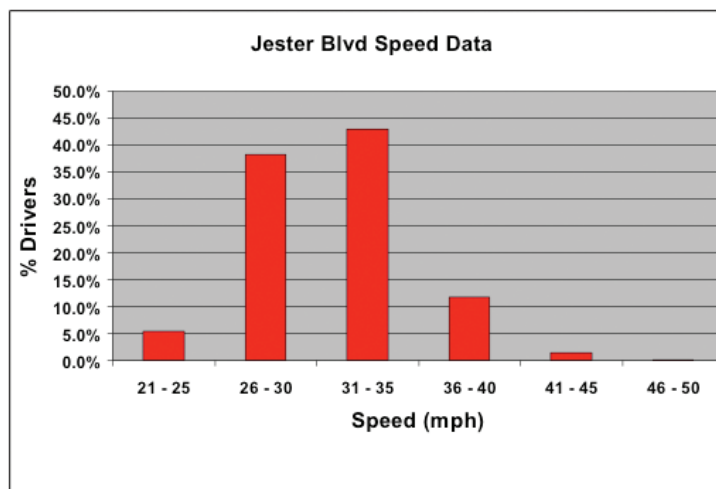
The Levinson Family

Jester Speed Analysis :

Here is an analysis of the APD Speed data that was provided by the Jester HOA Safety Committee.

Based on the data at four locations on Jester Boulevard, the Clove Cove Speed monitor shows the highest 85 percentile speed of 35 mph, compared to 30 mph speed limit.

Here is the truncated data at this location, from Jan 26 to July 25, 2020. It shows that about 44% of people drive under 30 mph speed limit, 43% drive in the 31-35 mph range and 13 % drive beyond 35 mph.



Based on other monitors, the speeds are higher in the South direction than in the North direction by 2-3 mph. Generally, people drive Southwards to work or to some other important appointments in a hurry. There is also no speed impediment from Jester Point to the Beauford Stop sign other than the monitors. It is disappointing to see drivers speed right through the rapidly flashing white lights.

While driving back Northwards, people may be more relaxed coming home. Furthermore, they not only slow down to take turns onto their side streets, but also slow down the traffic behind them. The Jester Park walk signs may also help drivers slow down.

The Covid Lockdown, starting around mid March, made significant changes in all of our daily lives. Schools were closed, people started working from home, vacations were cancelled and weddings postponed. As a result, the daily average of cars driving past Clove Cove dropped from 1348 to 1023 and there was a slight drop in the average speed. Both are plusses for noise reduction and safety. That is a bit of a silver lining to this lockdown!

However, we may soon return to normal patterns. We do need to drive within speed limit; otherwise we may get back the highly unpopular speed humps!

Pama Gangatirkar

NATURE WATCH

MERRY MISTLETOE

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Beloved Emarginea Moth

medieval times branches of mistletoe were hung from the ceiling to ward off evil spirits. With the process of immigration and settlement of North America, traditions associated with the European plant were transferred to the New World and evolved into a folklore all its own.



Christmas Mistletoe

species. It has small, elliptical evergreen leaves and smooth green stems covered by short hairs, with tiny green flowers on the male plant and shiny white berries on the female plant. Widely used in the United States as a Christmas decoration, it is especially common growing on Sugar Hackberry, Cedar Elm, Honey Mesquite and other hardwood trees in Texas as well as Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

While mistletoe is often viewed by humans as a nuisance, it is an important species for wildlife. It is the larval host plant for the Great Purple Hairstreak butterfly and the Beloved Emarginea moth, and its berries are relished by winter resident bird species such as Cedar Waxwings, Eastern Bluebirds, and American Robins. These birds eat the berries and spread the seeds through their droppings and by wiping their beaks on tree



Great Purple Hairstreak

branches, both of which may cause a new plant to take hold. Interestingly, seeds deposited in this way first spend considerable time and energy developing their roots within the branch's tissue before sprouting external stems and leaves.

While ancient folklore has attributed a wide range of mystical abilities to mistletoe, none is more fascinating than the myth of Frigga, the Norse Mother Goddess worshiped by pre-Christian people of northern Europe, and how mistletoe became her sacred plant. She was believed to be the mother of Balder, the God of the Summer Sun, who had a dream of death. Alarmed by this dream, Frigga went to all the elements, plants, and animals to seek a promise that no harm would come to her son. Balder was thought to be safe from harm by anything on or under the Earth.

But Balder's enemy, Loki, was the God of Evil, and he knew of the one plant that Frigga overlooked. It was the lowly mistletoe, which grew neither on nor under the Earth itself, but on the branches of oaks and other trees. Loki made an arrow tip with the mistletoe, and gave it to the Hoder, the blind God of Winter, who used it to strike Balder dead. The sky paled and everything wept for the Sun God, who was restored by Frigga after working with the elements for three days. The tears she shed for her son were said to be the pearly white berries of the mistletoe, and in her joy at his resurrection she kissed everyone who passed beneath the tree on which it grew.

Thus began the custom that whomever should stand beneath the humble mistletoe will come to no harm, but receive only a kiss as a token of love. Merry mistletoe to you and yours!

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Mistletoe Berries



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