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7104 Anaqua Dr



7002 Anaqua Cv

Holiday Lights Extravaganza

What an impressive lights display we had in Jester this year! We are grateful to you all for your participation in this annual tradition, and in making our neighborhood feel festive, warm and frankly, just a great place to call home. We also greatly appreciate our generous sponsors, and encourage you to visit them soon!

Griswold Award— 7201 Anaqua Drive: Wow! Lights, inflatables, oversized ornaments, and more lights! 7201 Anaqua has something for everyone! There is a lot to see here, but very well organized and, most of all, MERRY & BRIGHT!

Santa's Favorite— 7002 Anaqua Cove showcases a jolly variety of inflatable characters, yard art and, of course, LIGHTS!

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Monthly Movie Review

By Nicholas Pantaleoni

Bright: Directed by David Ayer

While not a widely known movie, *Bright*, directed by David Ayer, is not your average Netflix original because this one stars Will Smith. The story is set in Los Angeles, California where humans, orcs (blue pig-like humans), and elves all coexist with more tension than your average Thanksgiving dinner.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR Greetings to All –

I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now that the rush is over and a new year is upon us, I'm sure that we are all looking forward to a 2021 with strength of purpose and a strong attitude geared toward health and wellbeing.

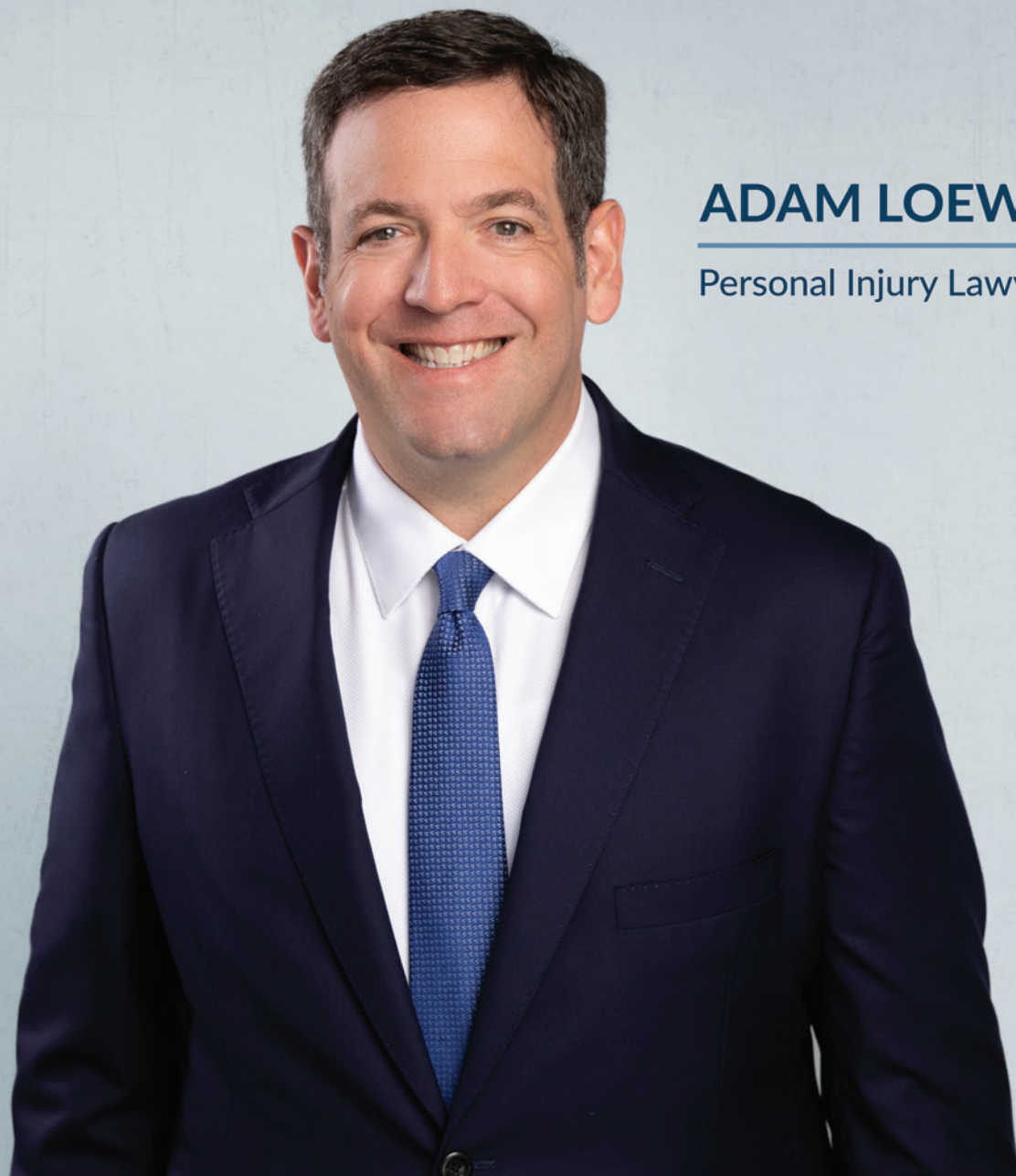
I hope this year brings us back together enjoying the neighborhood activities that we have always loved, so watch for notices in the Warbler, on the Website or on our fabulous Facebook page. As always, we hope to see, and welcome, more involvement in the HOA from our neighborhood residents so please let us know of interests, ideas, or ways to participate. Remember we rise together when we reach out to help one another!

ALSO, As we are still being mindful of safety in regard to COVID19, the JHOA Annual Meeting is being planned as a virtual offering. Please stay tuned for announcements and directions pertaining to that.

Wishing everyone health and happiness in the NEW YEAR –

Christi Campbell - JHOA President

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"Holiday Lights" Continued from Cover



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Rudolph's Retreat— 7104 Anaqua Drive is a like a little piece of the North Pole, right here in Jester! Charming use of inflatables with a canopy of lights to accent it all.

Frosty's Recognition— 8130 Bottlebrush Drive is not to be missed in your holiday lights tour! This corner lot has made great use of their yard to display tons of inflatables and lights galore!

Jingle All The Way— 7407 Curley Leaf Cove— Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree! How lovely are your lights! 7407 Curley Leaf Cove has a unique and dazzling display, featuring Christmas trees and an American flag in lights!

Deck The Halls—7904 Bricklebush: Someone at 7904 Bricklebush really knows how to wrap a tree! The candy cane trees are stunning, and the lit sleigh & reindeer really top this home off with the holiday spirit!

Best Street Or Cove— Winterberry Drive.: We take our Santa's hats off to the neighbors on Winterberry Drive! There was widespread participation to help spread the holiday cheer. What a delightful drive down this lane of lights!

Honorable Mention—Really Really Good Stuff

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7908 High Hallow Dr
8128 Amelia
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\$80 gift card to Myologic Massage, Courtesy of Laura



Curly Leaf Cv

"Movie Review: *Bright*" Continued from Cover

The main character, an LAPD officer named Daryl and played by Will Smith, is partnered with the very first orc police officer (Joel Edgerton) in the U.S.. On a routine call, the pair find themselves tangling with a domestic cult centered on bringing back the "Dark Lord", an ancient wizard whose goal is to enslave the U.S. (because Hollywood!). However, after rescuing one of the cult's followers, the pair is now tasked with protecting and bringing the wand used by the "Dark Lord" to Federal Agents who are better equipped to safeguard it. Other than its underlying themes of race, identity, and corruption, the film follows a "bromance" story arc between the cops, Daryl and Nick. It makes great usage of awkward comedy, and it continuously hits comedic timing with energetic plot twists. Due to the combination of David Ayer's brutal fight scenes and copious amounts of blood, the movie quickly lives up to its R-rated title, so be sure to keep this film out of the reach of children. Overall, despite a somewhat simple story, *Bright* does a great job at keeping the audience engaged for the whole movie. If you enjoy action packed fantasy films (and Will Smith) then you should definitely give *Bright* a watch.

GREEN TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY ON YOUR WATER BILL

by Dale Bulla

Wastewater Averaging Begins:

Many folks are not aware that their wastewater/sewer bill is averaged over a three month period during the winter months, when outside watering is at a minimum. Irrigation during the winter months is not necessary, considering the plants are dormant and are not growing. From November through the end of February the three lowest months of water use are averaged, and that amount will be your wastewater cost for the next twelve months. So remember, every drop you save through February, will save you throughout all of next year.

Welcome New Jester Residents

By Carol Philipson

Jester Welcome Committee – Say Hello to our New Neighbors, as we have lots of them!!

Jester Estates just keeps getting better and better as more families make Jester home.



Allison & Joey Reed 12.13.20

After finding their dream house in Jester, they moved from small town Wiley, TX.

And the list goes on: Emily & Andrew Arts from Houston; Jason & Malia Byer with daughter London and Pretzel, their pug, moved from Dallas. From Schenectady, NY Lisa & Nick Courtridge

found Jester to be the best neighborhood for them, along with Shawn Brossart and

Rodrigo Cira from Washington State. Jan Huber & Jennifer Sorenson



Welcome Brendan & Aurora
Nugent 12.13.20

Originally from East Texas, Allison & Joey Reed along with daughter, Caroline, drove all over Austin looking for a new place to call home from Central Austin as they loved the hills of NW Austin and needed more space. All of their searches kept leading them back to Jester, and we are lucky to have them!

The Halifords— Mindy, Jeremy and their daughters Alison & Gillian always wanted to live in Austin.

on Bottlebrush and Upsana & Chris on Fern Cove moved from other parts of Austin, and are thrilled to become Jester neighbors.

Finally, Aurora and Brendan Nugent moved from Steiner Ranch after relocating from California together with their boys Emerson and Harrison. Let's not forget Bello, their extra large Labradoodle, as they needed more room for the family.

The people are what makes a neighborhood worth living in, and it sure shows by the friendly, caring, active residents Jester attracts that our neighborhood is truly the gem of Austin.

Five Tips for Communicating in a Mask

By Laura Mathis, Executive Communication Coach



Facial coverings and masks can make it difficult for some people to communicate. Neighbors, family members, co-workers and friends who often rely on facial cues may not understand you when your face is covered or when your voice is muffled.

When you are wearing a face-covering to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, be aware that you may inadvertently create a situation where another person may no longer understand you. Remember, how you communicate is just as important as what you communicate.

Here are five tips for communicating when using face coverings and masks:

1. Use Active Body Language

Body language, hand gestures, and posture are most important. Your non-verbal cues should reflect the tone and theme of your content. Nod when appropriate to

acknowledge you are listening and understanding.

2. Focus on Eye Contact

Use your eyes and eyebrows. Good eye contact is critical. Let your eyebrows tell

the story. Happiness can be seen by raised eyebrows, raised cheeks and crow's

feet. Eyebrows that are pinched together can sometimes convey anger or frustration, so remember that your eyebrows are part of your eye contact when wearing a mask.

3. Adjust Your Voice Tone

Your tone of voice includes your inflection, rate, and pace, which can be equally

as impactful as the words you are speaking. Articulate loudly and clearly, without shouting.

4. Look at Alternatives

If using a mask is a serious barrier to speaking and having others understand you,

consider a face shield or a see-through face mask.

5. Send a Post-Conversation Summary

Consider using a written recap of the conversation, so nothing is lost. This could

mean a quick recap email, text, a short PowerPoint deck, or a formal document that

summarizes what you shared.

Send your communication-related questions to lmathis@speechimprovement.com and I'll do my best to answer them. If you enjoy executive communication articles, check out our blog on our website, www.speechimprovement.com

NATURE WATCH

A CHARM OF FINCHES

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Lesser Finch

At times, winter in Central Texas may seem a bit drab, colorless, and dreary, but the season is usually brightened by members of a beautiful and diverse group of birds called finches. These small, seed-eating birds have an undulating flight, and flocks of them often roam south in the winter.

Found primarily west of the Balcones escarpment, Lesser Goldfinches (*Spinus psaltria*) are present year-round, but are more

likely to be seen at bird feeders in the colder months. At 4.5 inches long, males have an entirely black crown and back, white wingbars, and are lemon yellow below, while females have olive backs, black wings with whitish wingbars, and duller yellow underparts. They can gather in groups of up to several hundred at a time, and are most commonly found in Texas and California.

The American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) is a slightly larger bird that is less common but typically present here from November to March.



American Goldfinch

At 5 inches long, males have a bright yellow body, a black cap, and black wings with white wingbars. Females are duller overall, with an olive body and black wings with prominent white wingbars. They are the only finch that molts its body feathers twice a year, in late summer and then again in late

winter in preparation for breeding season.

Most gregarious are the Pine Siskins (*Spinus pinus*), a 5 inch long finch with prominent brown streaking and yellow at the base of the tail and in flight feathers. At first they may appear mostly grayish-brown, but they flash their yellow markings as they explode into flight or flutter while feeding. Typically present from December through March, flocks of Pine Siskins may congregate at bird feeders one winter and be completely absent the next. Their behavior is highly nomadic and their presence is erratic across North America in winter in response to available seed crops. In fact, some individuals may stay near a dependable food source and breed far south of their normal breeding range, which is in Canada, the northern U.S., and higher elevations of the west.



Pine Siskin

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that awaits.*



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