

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.

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.