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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Because of scheduling conflicts, the Sendera Chili Cook-off has been moved to Sunday, November 2nd. This is one week before the originally scheduled date. If you are using entry forms from the September Sendera Newsletter, please correct the dates. Corrected entry forms can be found in this edition of the newsletter.



Sendera Style

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, this year from 6:00-9:00pm. This evening is a great opportunity to meet your immediate neighbors and commit to helping law enforcement reduce crime in the community. Residents are encouraged to have a cook-out in their front yards, be involved in a block party, organize a neighborhood walk, and/or just sit out front and greet your neighbors. The following locations have already planned to host events. All are invited to bring a finger food and/or come and socialize. Don't be left out of the fun!

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Message from the Sendera Board of Directors

By Eric Steen, President Sendera Owners Association

As the temperatures start to fall things heat up in the neighborhood. Make sure you check out the Recreation Committee article in this newsletter, as well as our website (www.senderahoa.com) to get the details on all the upcoming events. Unfortunately as some activities pick up, others end. This is the last month the pool will be open this season.

The weather is not the only thing changing. Back in July our association manager, Kaye, left RealManage and Celeste was assigned to work with us. However Celeste was not only new to RealManage but also to Austin. As a result the transition did not go so well, and there was a drop in service from RealManage. The Sendera Board has been meeting with executives from RealManage to discuss these issues. RealManage is making several changes to address our concerns, and one of the changes is a new, more experienced Association Manager. Our new Association Manager is Keri Scott and her bio can be found in this newsletter.

Another change being made at request of the Sendera Board is that property owners may ask that renters be notified when deed restriction violations (DRVs) are reported. Homeowners who wish to take advantage of this new feature need to contact RealManage and request these renter notifications be issued for their property. Of course, the owners will still receive notifications. RealManage is also changing the way they handle calls and has provided training for the Sendera Board on their new management website.

The Sendera Board of Directors is committed to making sure RealManage, as well as all our other vendors, provides Sendera with the highest level of service. If you experience problems dealing with RealManage please contact a Board member with specific details of the problem so it can be addressed. Together we can make the quality of life in Sendera a standard that other communities strive to achieve.

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New Association Manager Assigned to Sendera HOA

September 8th, Sendera residents had the opportunity to visit with, Kerri Scott, our new association manager, at a meet and greet event at the pool. If you weren't able to be there, here is a little information about her.



Originally from Arlington, Texas, Keri attended Tarrant County College and Austin Institute of Real Estate receiving her real estate license. Keri's extensive career includes managing several rental communities in Austin, Texas. Keri managed a multi-level townhome community which transitioned into a condo conversion. Keri managed the entire condo conversion process, including the construction, sales, and Homeowners Association. Once the condo conversion was completed, Keri decided to stay in HOA management. She began working with RealManage in January 2008 and is currently Community Association Manager for three associations including the Sendera Owners Association.

Keri is married to Frank and they are expecting their first child, M'Lynn in December 2008.

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Sendera Recreation Committee News- Mark your Calendars

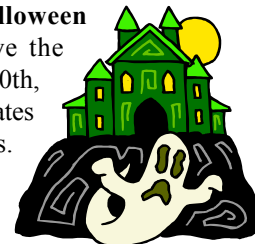
Submitted by Suzann Vera

All are welcome to attend Recreation Committee meetings. Any help is most appreciated- whatever your schedule allows. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to be placed on the Recreation Committee e-mail list for updates about neighborhood events, please e-mail suzannchili@sbcglobal.net.

Next meeting: Monday October 20, 2008
6:30pm, 8817 Whiteworth Loop.



Judges are needed for the annual **Halloween Decorating Contest!** Judges will drive the neighborhood at dusk Thursday, October 30th, and award 20 Hollywood Video gift certificates to the Best Halloween Decorated Homes. Winners will be listed in the newsletter and on the Sendera website at www.senderahoa.com.



4th Annual Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair

November 2nd, the Sendera Recreation Committee will host the fourth Sendera Chili Cook-off and Fair in the parking lot by the pool. Judging will take place at 2:00 PM at which time residents not participating as cooks can join in the fun with a "bottomless" cup to be filled at the chili booths (while it lasts), check out the vendors, enjoy entertainment and get to know your neighbors. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded for several categories of chili including: best red, best green, best booth, etc. If interested in entering the chili cook off or renting a vendor space please complete the entry forms included in this issue of the newsletter.



The **Sendera Neighborhood Fall Garage Sale** will take place Friday and Saturday, October 10th and 11th, from 8:00 am -1:00pm. If you would like to participate on one or both days, just set up your stuff and help by hanging at least one sign. An ad will be placed in the Austin American Statesman and on Craig's list announcing the sale.

Don't miss **Cowan Elementary School's Fall Carnival** on Saturday October 18, 2008 from 11:00-4:00pm. There will be food booths, games, vendors, and entertainment. Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes to this great event which gets bigger and better every year!

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The Green Corner
Austin's Curbside Recycling Goes Greener

By: Sheri Hicks

This month Austin's curbside recycling program goes greener. You may already be seeing the new 90 gallon recycling containers that resemble garbage cans. Better yet, you may already have one.

In October, the City of Austin is initiating its new single stream recycling program. Bins will be distributed beginning at the end of September and will continue through the end of year until all Austin residents have the new bins. The bins are larger; all recycled items can be thrown in the bin together without the need of binding cardboard and separating paper from glass, plastic, tin and aluminum. The only drawback I see at this time is the new recycling will be collected every other week rather than weekly but timing may not be an issue with the larger bins.

The benefits of single stream recycling:

1. More plastics can be recycled. The rules will be any rigid plastic from numbers 1-7. This includes those yogurt cups, margarine tubs, berry containers, and other similar items. This is an improvement over the current curbside recycling limitations to number 1 & 2 bottle shaped plastic containers. The downside is that it does not include all recyclable plastics such as the number 4 plastic bags that hold delivered newspapers or plastic grocery bags.

2. Pressed cardboard can now be recycled. This includes cereal boxes, soda boxes and other items that come in pressed cardboard boxes. Until now, pressed cardboard had to be carried downtown for recycling at Ecology Action and regular cardboard that could be recycled with City of Austin had to be cut into small pieces and bundled together. Now, all cardboard, including pressed, can be included in your recycling.

3. All items can be recycled together without separation or binding of specific items. Simply throw your plastic, glass, tin, aluminum and pressed cardboard containers into the bin with your newspapers and other paper destined to be recycled.

What cannot be recycled?

1. Soft plastics like plastic bags. But we can reduce those by carrying reusable bags to the grocery store. Also, HEB and Randall's both have plastic bag recycle bins available.
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Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair November 2, 2008

Rules and Regulations

1. Official signed chili cook-off registration forms must be received by November 1, 2008. There will be no on-site registration the day of the cook-off. Judging is at 2:00PM. Cooks can begin set up at any time that day.
2. A chili entrant team may have no more than 4 people.
3. Chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook off. It must be prepared in the open at the entrant's booth site.
4. Chili must be cooked using equipment provided by the cook: propane or gas stove or grill. There will be no electricity furnished and generators are not allowed.
5. A listing of ingredients used to make the chili must be displayed. Quantities do not need to be included.
6. Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge. The cooked chili temperature must remain at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher at all times. All food, equipment, and utensils must be stored at least 6 inches off the floor on pallets, tables, or shelving at all times.
7. Appropriate "themed" decoration of your area and related costuming is encouraged!
8. Cooking will take place at the designated booth area only. Cooks must provide their own booth materials to include, table, chairs, cooking utensils, & ingredients.
9. Each team is responsible for preparing one pot of red or green chili (at least 3-5 quarts) to be judged. About beans- chili will be judged without beans, but teams may add beans before serving to the neighbors.
10. At the discretion of the head judge, cooks may be required to taste their own chili in front of a judge at any time during the event.
11. No deliberate sabotage to another contestant or their entry will be tolerated and such an act would lead to automatic disqualification. So, don't even think about it.
12. Firearms, explosives or other pyrotechnics will not be allowed on the premises. (Hey, it's Texas- we had to say it).

I, _____ have read the above listed rules and regulations for the 2008 Sendera Chili Cook Off and agree to abide by them.

Date: _____

Chili Cook-off Registration

All interested parties are required to complete and submit a signed copy of Rules and Regulations form by November 1, 2008.

Mail or drop off completed form to:

Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair
Attn.: Suzann Vera
8817 Whiteworth Loop
Austin, TX 78749

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Names of other team members: _____

Captain contact information:

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

e-mail address: _____

Vendor Registration

If you would like to rent a space for a booth at the Sendera Chili Cook-off and Fair on November 2, 2008 from 1:00-4:00 P.M. to sell crafts, merchandise, jewelry, services, etc. please complete the following form.

- Sendera residents will be considered for booths first with remaining booth rentals available to non-residents.
- Vendors are responsible for set-up and equipment of booth including tables/chairs.
- Rental space is \$10.

Mail or drop off completed form and registration fee to:

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Attn.: Suzann Vera
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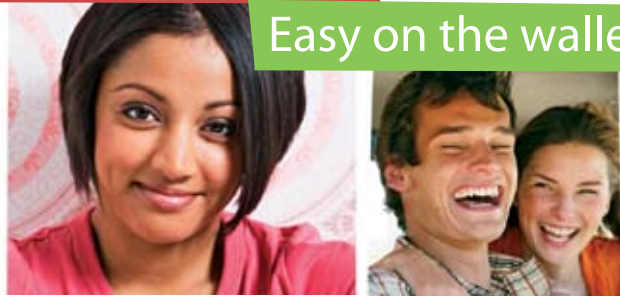
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