

SENDERA

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Official Community Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

submitted by Eric Steen

At the annual meeting several things were discussed that I would like to bring everyone up to date on. To start the meeting, representatives from The Hill Country Conservancy and Austin Parks and Recreation Department presented The Violet Crown Trail plan. This is a hike and bike trail that will begin at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park and wind more than 30 miles south into Hays County. (<http://www.hillcountryconservancy.org/land-projects/violetcrowntrail>). They plan on implementing the trail in three phases: Zilker Park to Sunset Valley, Sunset Valley to the Veloway, and the Veloway to Hayes County. The Hill Country Conservancy currently has grant money from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but they have to begin work quickly or they will lose it. Phase 2, Sunset Valley to the Veloway, is the closest to being ready so they going to start on it first. That section directly impacts Sendera in several ways, which is why they asked to speak to the Sendera members.

First of all, Hill Country Conservancy has asked for an easement on a piece of land owned by Sendera south of Slaughter next to MoPac in order to build the trail. A motion was passed at the annual meeting authorizing the Sendera Board of Directors to work with Hill Country Conservancy and grant them an easement as appropriate. Prior to granting the easement we will ensure that Sendera benefits from the trail and is not put at increased risk.

Safety is a major concern with the trail. There are concerns that the trail might bring an increase in crime by becoming a "quick getaway" route for criminals. According to the Hill Country Conservancy representative there is not an increase in crime from these trails due to the increase traffic through that area and a reduction in places to hide. The Hill Country Conservancy is working with Austin Police, Travis and Hayes County Sheriff Departments, and other entities to implement security and quick emergency response throughout the trail. If something were to happen on the trail there is a Texas State law that protects private landowners from liability when the land has been dedicated as a public trail easement.

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department will be charged with keeping the trail clean, but as some pointed out at the meeting, the Austin Parks Department doesn't always do a good job at keeping trails clean. To help mitigate this issue the Hill Country Conservancy will have additional plans in place to keep the trail in order, such as an adopt-a-trail program.



This trail was planned as a basic trail, but the Hill Country Conservancy has had discussions with the City of Austin concerning a grant program to upgrade this trail from a natural surface to granite gravel (with binder) to create a more urban trail. The City was very receptive and we are hopeful to receive additional funding. Hill Country Conservancy also talked to the City and to Bury Engineers about upgrading the intersection at Sendera Mesa Blvd. and Slaughter Lane to make it more pedestrian friendly, and they think it is a good idea. We will work with Hill Country Conservancy to insure these improvements are implemented.

The trail should be a nice amenity for Sendera by providing improved access to Dick Nichols Park, the Hampton Branch Austin Public Library, and the Veloway. Additionally, the improvements to the intersection of Sendera Mesa Blvd. and Slaughter Lane should improve accessibility to the Sendera Pool amenities for the residents south of Slaughter Lane. All of which should have a positive effect on property values.

I have also been told that the existing trail within the Circle C Park will be extended to allow trail users to have access to the Veloway without vehicular travel. The new trail will extend to the west, crossing under the MoPac Bridge and travel on to the parking lot at the Veloway trailhead. When combined with the Violet Crown Trail, Sendera residents will

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have hike and bike access not only to the Veloway, but to Circle C Park and the Alamo Draft House.

Also at the meeting the Architectural Control Committee reviewed the new xeriscape guidelines that were adopted last year for Sendera. A motion was also passed at the meeting to start using xeriscaping on the Sendera common areas. We are currently working with our landscape contractor, Rock-n-Root, to start implementing this. The first area to be converted to xeriscaping is the Bremner entrance. Xeriscaping will not only cut down water usage, but will also save in maintenance since new plants will not need to be planted each year.

The pool is currently open. Lifeguards will begin June 2nd. We also have a new Coke machine that will be maintained and stocked by Coca-Cola Bottling.

I want to thank all who participated in the Sendera annual meeting to make it a success. We will provide updates on these and other issues pertinent to Sendera in the newsletter and on the website (www.senderahoa.com). So stay tuned to what is shaping up to be a great summer.

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SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Suzann Vera

Be informed- get on the Recreation Committee e-mail distribution list to receive monthly updates by contacting Suzann at suzannchili@sbcglobal.net 291-0714 or Sharon at Sharon.boatwright@amd.com 653-5554.

Don't miss the...

Seventh Annual Sendera Memorial Day Weekend Barbecue Cook Off and Fair

...to be held by the pool/playscape area. Wait 'till you see what Sendera's got cooking on Sunday May 29, 2011.

- **11:00am Patriotic Parade which starts at the pool-** bring your decorated bikes, strollers, pets, and wagons to march and wave your flags. Barbecue Cook-Off teams will be well underway preparing for judging by local firefighters. Parade participants will go a ¼ mile up Sendera Mesa and around the Cook-off/Fair grounds.
- **2:00-5:00pm Vendor booths and activities for all are on site.** Judging is by local firefighters and police officers with separate turn-in times. Shortly after judging, residents will receive free tasting plates to check out all the great food.
- The event is free for residents. If residents would like to bring guests, the cost is a mere \$3 per non-resident payable at time of event. Be sure to bring your own drinks and lawn chairs.

Do you like to barbecue and hang out with like minded neighbors? Do you have a great recipe or technique? See registration forms in this issue and sign up now. The first 15 teams to sign up will be reimbursed for supplies/materials up to \$100- after all you're doing all of the work to feed the neighborhood! Cash prizes and trophies are awarded to winners. We're also seeking vendors and entertainment for the event -. see registration forms in this issue or contact Suzann 291-0714 or suzannchili@sbcglobal.net.

- **New this year:** We have a square dance caller coming out for some family fun dancing. No experience necessary- just join a group and bow to your partner! The Sendera Cook-Offs are well attended events, so please stop by, have some fun, and get to know your neighbors.

God Bless America!

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Sendera's 6th Annual Run Into Summer Family Run

...will be held on the last day of school for AISD children on Wednesday June 1st. Meet at the pool. The run will start at 7:00 p.m. It is only 1.2 miles in length so there is no excuse for not coming out and participating. You can run, walk, socialize, or volunteer. I hope this year we will reach triple digit entrants. The trophies & ribbons have been ordered and now all we need is for participants to start signing up for the event! We are continuing with the same categories as last year and will be handing out finisher ribbons again instead of medals. The 4 and under will be running a shorter route. The short route will be from the starting line, around the block loop. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the following male & female categories: Overall, 0-4 yrs (short race), 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-17 yrs, adults, and masters (40+). The ½ way

incentive prize at our fabulous water stop is a secret, and you will have to participate in the 1.2 mile run to find out. One last new detail to our Fun Run is that we will have a timer at the finish line so you can see how quickly you finished the course. After the run, there will be refreshments (ice cream, water, sports drinks, oranges, bananas, and maybe pizza again). Results & trophies will be handed out at 8:00 p.m. PRE-REGISTRATION for this race is strongly encouraged. Please fill out the form below

& drop it off in the envelope on the door of 9101 Hoffman Cove, marked 2010 Sendera Run into Summer. We (Rec Committee) tried to make the sign-up as simple as we could, but if you can't commit until the day of the event, please arrive by 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and/or start training to take home some extra hardware, but don't allow yourself to miss this FUN event!

If you have any question, or would like to help, contact Sharon: (512)-653-5554 or sharon.boatwright@amd.com.

Participant's NAME (first & last): _____

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Sendera Memorial Day Weekend Barbecue Cook Off and Fair

Sunday May 29, 2011
2:00-5:00 P.M.

Barbecue Cook-Off Contestant Registration Form

All interested teams are required to complete and submit a signed copy of Rules and Regulations form along with this Registration form by May 22, 2011. Teams will have a budget and will be reimbursed for materials/supplies with original itemized receipts by the Sendera HOA. Upon registration, team captains will receive more information.

Mail or drop off completed Registration and Rules & Regulations forms to:

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

Team Name: _____ Team Captain: _____

Names of other Team members: _____

Team Captain Contact Information: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ e-mail address: _____

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- Chicken
- Beef brisket
- Ribs

Top three categories determine grand champion as in IBCA sanctioned cook-offs.

- Pork
- BBQ sauce
- Wild game
- Side (beans, potatoes, vegetables)
- Dessert

Sendera Memorial Day Weekend Barbecue Cook Off and Fair
Sunday May 29, 2011

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SENDERA POOL & PARK NEWS

submitted by Rick Perkins

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Also for April, the playground areas will have improved surface soft matting around the playscape and swings. The pool and park will be open from 6am to 10pm. After 10pm the pool alarms will be automatically set. Lifeguards will start in June. If you need a pool card, contact Jessica Bishop of Goodwin Management at 852-7912. We all need to help when it comes to security in the pool and parks. If you see vehicles in the parks after 10pm, call 911. Being vigilant about reporting trespassers can help reduce the amount of our dues that have to be used for repairs and replacements.

Have a fun and safe summer.

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