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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start by thanking a couple of great guys who dedicated a great deal of their time helping make Sendera a better place to live. After years of chairing some tough committees

they have decided to step down. First is Gary Trumbo who has been co-chair of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for the past several years. Gary will continue to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD). The other gentleman stepping down is Vic Booth who for many years has been THE Landscape committee. Vic not only reported issues with the common areas to the Board of Directors, but he also made sure the pool trashcans were at the curb for pick up every week. Both Gary and Vic have made a positive impact on Sendera, and I hope you will join me in thanking them for their service.

Replacing Gary and Vic will be Ron Urias and Todd Moore. Both men have served Sendera in the past in many different roles, including on the BOD, and have stepped back up to help some more. Ron will be stepping in to co-chair the ACC with current member Tom Franke. Todd will take over the Landscape Committee. Both of these committees face some difficult tasks as they

help the community deal with what has been one of the warmest and driest periods in Austin's history.

The ACC worked hard last year creating new xeriscaping guidelines to provide a framework that would allow owners to address changes in landscape needs due to maturing trees, and changes in the weather. These guidelines are not a license for an owner to do whatever they want when they want with their yard. All improvements to homes and lawns in Sendera require the approval of the ACC. Once an ACC request is approved it must be faithfully followed, or another ACC request must be filed. This is not meant to dictate what an owner does with their home, but rather to ensure that all improvements are harmonious with the look and feel of Sendera. This benefits all homeowners by keeping property values up. Unfortunately we have had some owners that have not followed the procedures. The ACC and BOD are working to have these homes brought back into the Sendera standards.

The Landscape Committee is also working hard under Todd's leadership to revive the Sendera common areas. Prior Boards had cut back landscape maintenance of the common areas, which allowed the areas to fall into disrepair. Then following Boards faced financial concerns due to delinquencies in the

collection of assessments. With the change to Goodwin as our property management company we have seen a major cut in delinquencies as they work with owners to resolve outstanding balances. Because of this the Board has the funds available to begin fixing things that have fallen into disrepair. You have probably noticed a few minor things, but once the temperature breaks this fall you will see more plantings and a major improvement to the look and feel of Sendera.

Any community is only as good as its residents, and Sendera has some great folks. The BOD will continue to work towards maintaining the quality of life throughout Sendera, but we could use your help also. If you could spare a little time to help your neighbors please let either the committee chair, or a Board member know (contacts for both can be found on page 2). If you are not up to officially serving on a committee we are also looking for people to monitor their street, sort of a block captain. If you have any additional ideas or neighborhood concerns feel free to stop by a meeting of the BOD. BOD meetings are posted on the website (SenderaHOA.com) and the bulletin board at the pool. I look forward to seeing you soon and a break in this heat!

Submitted by Eric Steen

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SENDERA RECREATION **COMMITTEE NEWS**

Submitted by Suzann Vera

SUMMER 2011 MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE POOL

There's still one more....August 13th *Megamind* will be sponsored by Christine Rhode, Realtor Posh Properties 512-576-4564 poshpropertiesaustin.com

A Big Thank You to the sponsors of July's Movie Nights: July 9 Shrek Forever After Corey Roberts, ponysound

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Back to School Bicycle Safety Check August 20

Adults and children are invited to join us in the pool parking lot at 9am Saturday August 20th for our first Back to School Bicycle Safety Check by Texas Cycle Werks (www.texascyclewerks.com).

The bicycle safety check is a free event for all residents. Let's get those bicycles ready for a cool Fall with lots of riding!



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TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER

Eat Smarter & Move More

Submitted by Sarah S. Jordan, MS

The 4th of July holiday is almost here, and along with it comes good food, parties, and great times with family and friends. These things pretty much go hand in hand with summer.

Summer is a very common time for people to fall off the "health wagon," but it doesn't have to be that way. Eating right and getting enough activity can certainly be a challenge, especially when holidays and travel are involved. But the keys are: being consistent, making

good choices, eating in moderation, and purposely finding ways to move more. Here are some tips to make your summer a healthier one for your family and friends.



(Editor's Note: This article was held out of the July issue because of space issues.)

Small Changes = Big Results

Making small changes for your summer cookouts and potlucks can equal big nutritional improvements.

Traditional Summer Food

A More Healthy Alternative

Hot dogsTurkey dogs
HamburgerTurkey burger
Potato saladFruit salad
Chips and high fat dipAssorted vegetables and hummus
Fried chickenGrilled chicken kabobs with veggies
PieFresh pineapple
Soda and sweet tea
Using high-fat mayonnaise in dishes
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Tips for a Healthy Summer - (Continued from Page 4) Healthy Recipe Swap

You can even request that guests bring a healthy dish and include the recipe along with the dish. After the event, the party host types up all of the recipes and emails them to party guests. Just like that - everyone is equipped with healthy things to try on their own!

Get Movin'!

Instead of a party revolving solely around the food involved, why not create a "buffet of games" and activity to center the event around instead? Here are some ideas for fun backyard games to try this summer with your family and friends. Just be sure to let your guests know the "active" theme ahead of time so they can dress accordingly and be prepared to move.

Host a miniature version of the Olympics.

This can consist of things like wheelbarrow races, three legged races, running, water balloon tosses, and team relays. Have prizes for the teams.

Create an art contest using chalk.

Have three judges and give out prizes for the most creative pieces of art. And maybe even to the adult with the most "artfully challenged" piece of "art."

Play a classic game of "Kick the Can."

Make sure you have at least 3-4 people playing this game. One

person is "it" and guards the "can." (Can needs to be in an open space.) Other players hide while the "it" person counts to 20 and then goes to find the other players. Captured (tagged) players go to "jail." Anyone not captured can kick the can, which sets all jailed players free. If the "it" person finds all players before the can is kicked, the "it" person wins the game.

Have a Hula-Hoop contest.

Crank up the fun music, and see who can twirl the longest!

Create a canvas.

Hang an old white sheet on your fence or clothesline and let the creativity flow while your guests create a beautiful work of art!

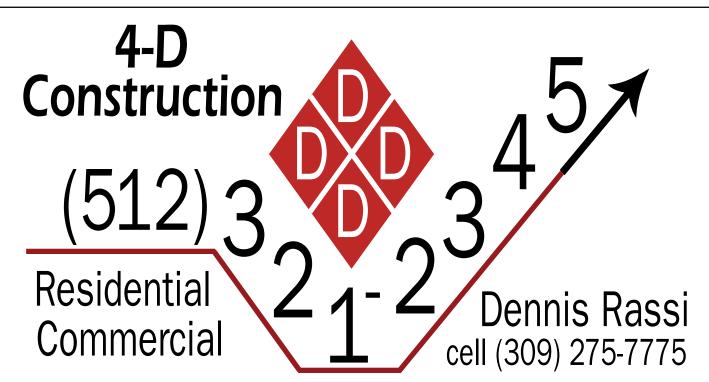
Send your guests on a scavenger hunt.

There are many ways to get creative with this, including giving the hunt a theme to match your party, having guests find things in nature and draw pictures of what they find, or having your guests do something (ex: 10 jumping jacks) every time they find something on the list.

Slip and Slide!

Give your party a water theme to beat the heat. Set up two identical slip and slides and see who slides the fastest and/or the farthest. Crown your champion. Test out other games like horseshoes, washers, Bocce ball, four-square, hopscotch, whiffle-ball, or kick ball.

Here's to a healthy and active summer ahead. Cheers!



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PICK UP THE PILE CAMPAIGN

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H2O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms (E. Coli), campylobacter, and salmonella which is found in pet waste can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. The concerned Austinite was alarmed to see just how many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks

that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.

Her nationwide campaign went into effect

June 1st. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. Johnson notes that it's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores.

Johnson believes that education is key to shedding light on this

problem. She also thinks the next generation of pet parents will show greater concern for the issue. As a way of introducing young people to the Pick Up the Pile Campaign, she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks. Trivial and Finds. Find out

is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia, and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting www.pickupthepile.com.



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