

# SENDERA

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Sendera Homeowner's Association

## Official Community Newsletter

### Message from the President

#### Higher Cost for Sendera HOA and Residents

*Submitted by Rick Perkins*

The Board is reviewing the budget for 2012 and recognizing that we have to project increases in some expenses.

This year, we used surplus monies to improve amenities. Now we are seeing higher costs to maintain those amenities in almost all areas.

It seems that 2012 will be another very busy year for responding to residents on a variety of topics and resolving neighborhood issues. It will take extra time and effort through our management company to correct problems resulting from the 150 plus yards that are out of compliance with our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCCRs). That equals higher management costs and, potentially, money to do plantings and/or maintenance as allowed by Section 3.08 of the DCCRs. It's the sad truth, bad yards throughout Sendera cost every homeowner more money.

A perfect example of what causes Sendera HOA to have higher operating expenses is the volume of additional correspondence to correct neighborhood violations. Not maintaining a yard by not watering will cause expensive correspondence with our management company. There could even be a bonus expense for the homeowner if failing to water causes a cracked slab (see Ron Urias' article in the September 2011 newsletter on this subject). Not watering is a huge risk for these residents to take. Plus it would not be a good thing for all residents if Sendera got a reputation for problem slabs. Having that kind of word on the street could lower the value of our homes by thousands of dollars. Correcting a broken slab is a major cost, and you may not be able to sell your home until the repairs are made. It just does not make sense for the few bucks in water savings verses thousands in slab repairs not to mention the headache in dealing with fines and increased HOA assessments.

### 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](mailto:suzannchili@sbcglobal.net).

Next Meeting: February 2012, Date TBD

Thank you to Sharon, The Remenys, and Angie for judging the annual Halloween contest this year on Saturday October 29, 2011.

The winners are.....

The Hacklers	9209 Walsall Cove
The Watsons	4704 Hoffman
The Mooks	4605 Walsall Loop
Merle Remeny	4316 Companeros Way
S. Prewitt	4415 Tello Path
The Voleks	4717 Norman Trail
M. Herring & B. Zitterich	4809 Norman Trail
L. Jones	4820 Chesney Ridge
Jesse Flores	4609 Norman Trail
Robert Vera	8817 Whiteworth Loop
The Andersson's	8916 Lanna Bluff
The Zymowskis	8656 Barrow Glen
J. Gomez	8829 Whiteworth Loop
	4617 Ramies Run
The Leos	8720 Barrow Glen

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

The annual **Christmas Decorating Contest** will take place on Saturday December 17th at dusk. Fifteen special awards will be given to the best decorated homes and the winners will be featured in an upcoming newsletter and on the website. To enter the contest, please have your lights on!

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## WINTER LIGHTS BIKE RIDE

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike Ride through Sendera  
to see the Holiday Lights*

All levels of cyclists are welcome and we finish the event with Hot Chocolate and cookies! Meet at 8817 Whiteworth Loop at 5:30pm.

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Practice starts at 6pm with caroling beginning at 7pm. Meet at the corner of Whiteworth Loop and Raimes Run. All welcome.



## Keeping Sendera Clutter-Free

*Submitted by Rick Perkins*

I want to send out a big THANK YOU to our volunteers and any resident that helps keep Sendera free of old and unauthorized signs. Sendera is distinctively different from neighborhoods that don't have involved and effective home owners' associations. We make an effort to keep our neighborhood free of illegally posted signs. You know those signs that are hand written, like "House for Sale" or "I buy houses?" Our volunteers and residents help remove old garage sale signs and the forgotten signs that are taped to light posts, stop signs and trees. Sendera residents that do not pick up all of their garage sales signs are not being good stewards of their very own neighborhood. These signs do nothing more than encourage more forgotten postings that quickly become faded and tattered. This becomes unsightly trash and I view it almost like graffiti. Be a responsible neighbor and take down ALL of your signs.

Speaking of graffiti, this is one other item you don't see in our neighborhood. If you do see any graffiti, email our management company or a Board member as soon as possible so that it can be removed. Thanks again to our volunteers that take the time and effort to help keep Sendera a nice place to live.

Oak Hill United Methodist Church

## Christmas Worship Services

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011**

Family Worship Service - 5 p.m.

Traditional Worship Service - 7 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service with Communion - 9 p.m.

Candlelight and Communion Worship Service - 10 p.m.

**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2011**

Traditional Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.



Regular Sunday Services:

8:45 a.m. Blended Worship Service

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Coats for Kids is a program in its 25th year that provides warm winter coats each December to disadvantaged children and teenagers in Central Texas through a community-wide collection and distribution process. Each year, The Junior League of Austin, Jack Brown Cleaners, KASE 101 and KVUE partner with the community to ensure the children of Central Texas stay warm. On average, 30,000 coats are distributed per year with the help of over 2,600 community volunteers.

So how can you participate? Donate a new or gently-used coat to your nearest Jack Brown Cleaners, organize a coat drive through many outlets in your community (schools, places of worship, offices, neighborhoods), volunteer during sorting days or distribution days or spread the word.



### Here are the facts about this year's program:

- Distribution Day: Saturday, December 10th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
  - Distribution Site: Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road
  - Community Coat Drive: Monday, November 14th through Wednesday, December 7th. Please drop your coats off at any local Jack Brown Cleaners.
  - School & Business Coat Drive Competition: Monday, November 14th through Friday, November 30th. Please drop your coats off at any local Jack Brown Cleaners. To register, go to the JLA website: [www.jlaustin.org/coats](http://www.jlaustin.org/coats).
  - Volunteer: Please join us to help sort coats December 6 – December 9 and/or to distribute coats to children on December 10. Register at [www.jlaustin.org/coats](http://www.jlaustin.org/coats).
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### *Reducing spread of disease while at home and work*

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From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

#### **When to wash your hands**

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

#### **Hand washing basics**

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
- Rinse off soap under a stream of water

#### **What else can you do?**

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands. \*

#### **For more information**

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC’s creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at [www.henrythehand.com](http://www.henrythehand.com).

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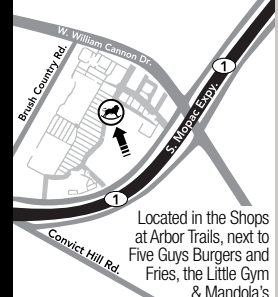


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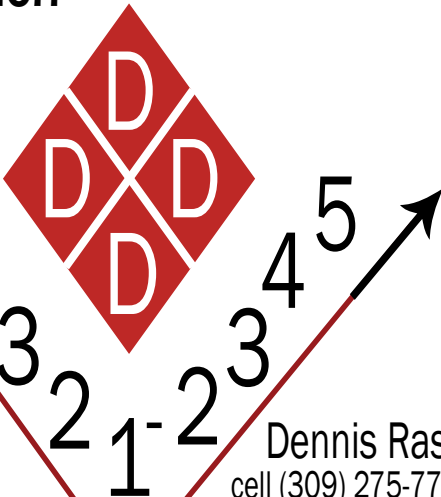
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