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Plan Now for Landscape Changes

Any gardener will tell you, winter is the time to plan for all those changes you need/want to make in your landscape. Whether you need to take immediate action or can wait until the last frost (about mid February) to make improvements, now is the time to get your landscape changes down on paper. You want to be sure those plants are in the ground with enough time to settle in before the heat and drought return.

If your plans are simply to replace dead grass, tree, shrubs and other plants with essentially the same

thing, you can do that without getting approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). If you are thinking about the prediction of continued drought and the prospect of higher costs of water along with watering restrictions, and these thoughts have led you to consider changing your landscaping with hardscape and/or drought-tolerant plant material, then you must submit an ACC Approval Application. Why do you need approval to change your own property? Because this requirement is part of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions that all property owners agreed to when they purchased a home in Sendera. This rule is there to make sure that all landscapes in Sendera meet a standard that will be consistent with the look originally established when our neighborhood was built. This helps preserve all of our property values.



The process starts with getting a copy of the ACC application. You can find it on the Sendera web site under Resources. Just click on the Document Library in the dropdown menu. The form is not difficult but it does require very specific information to be complete. An incomplete application will not be considered for approval so here are some of the items that you don't want to forget.

All applicable parts of the form must be filled out. Don't forget to sign and date it.

Item 2 is where you describe your plans. Put in as much detail in as you can, including the type and size of the hardscape, and the plant material you will be using. It really helps the review process if you provide a scale drawing of the finished project. It doesn't have to be fancy but it does have to be understandable.

Be sure and complete Part 5 with the initials and addresses of all neighbors who

will be looking at your changes from their homes.

Don't overlook the requirement to provide a plot plat showing where on the property changes will be made. A plat should have been provided to you when you closed on the house. If you can't find it, try going back to your title company or mortgage company and see if they can provide you with a copy. Often these documents are very fuzzy so you may have to use a high quality setting to get a copy that is clear

enough to show the survey lines. If you are using a professional landscape architect to design your new yard, they should be able to mark the plat for you.

IMPORTANT! Don't start the work until approval is received. Doing that or not submitting a request at all may mean that you have to remove what you have already done and it may also lead to fines.

Because many lawns and gardens were devastated by the terrible summer and the on-going drought, there are a lot of applications being submitted. Don't wait too long to send yours to our association manager, Jessica Bishop (see contact info on page 3). It may be cold and dark and rainy (we can only hope) now but Spring is just around the corner with Summer waiting to bake us to a crisp. Now is the time to make a plan that will help your yard not only survive but thrive.

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Sendera Recreation Committee News

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE!



7TH ANNUAL SENDERA CHILI COOK OFF AND FAIR WINNERS

A good time was had by all last November! Hope you all join us for May's BBQ Cook Off for some more neighborhood fun! And the winners are.....

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GRAND CHAMPION - MOTORCYCLE FROG POPPERS -THE MCCLEARYS



Sendera Loses A Good Friend

Gary Trumbo, a long-time resident of Sendera and a tireless worker for the improvement of our neighborhood, died October 13, 2011. Gary was born in Japan in 1950 and graduated from high school in Spain in 1968. He had a zest for life that included fishing, motorcycle trips with biker buddies and coaching his daughter's soccer team. He held a degree in Finance but pursued many professional interests including running a retail business, The White House, and opening a well-know restaurant, Rita's Cantina. He was also a successful realtor, broker, and property manager.

When Gary moved to Sendera from the Tanglewood subdivision, their loss was definitely our gain. Gary brought a wealth

of knowledge and experience that greatly benefited Sendera through his many years of service on the HOA Board of Directors. His special cause was volunteering as a member of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), a challenging and often stressful job. As the chair of the ACC, Gary authored or co-authored the current HOA guidelines for basketball goal placement, screening of trash receptacles, online paint palette site and xeriscaping. All were done with the goal of keeping Sendera the type of neighborhood people are proud to live in. He was always willing to meet with residents to discuss their ACC applications either at their homes or on the phone. Gary was an involved and concerned member of our community. He will be missed.

Do You Know What's On the Sendera Web Site?

Sendera is governed by local, state and federal laws and regulations but there are additional rules established when our neighborhood was first built that all residents must follow. You can see all of the governing documents by clicking on the link to the Sendera page at Goodwin Management. The link is located on the home page.

Access to the Sendera web site (www. senderahoa.com) is available to all residents. If you don't have a password you may request one from the web site's home page. Click on Login and then Request. The Sendera Web Master will send you the information you need to log on to the Resident portion of the web site.





Setting S.M.A.R.T Fitness Resolutions

By Hjalmar Perez, BS, CPT, LMT and Humberto Estrada, CI-PT, MTI Oh YES! Another New Year. Time to turn over a new leaf, to start fresh, to renew, to revive! We've heard it all, year after year. How could this year be any different than the others? A study conducted by Franklin Covey concluded about one in three people fail at maintaining their resolutions by the end of January and about four out of five individuals ultimately end up giving up by the end of the year. The top reasons: taking on too much and lack of commitment. So, what can you do to increase your chances of completing your goals for 2012?

The answer, get back to basics and being S.M.A.R.T. Studies have shown goals should be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Let's revisit each, so grab a pen and paper and let's prepare you with your own S.M.A.R.T resolutions.

1. Specific

First, make goals are clear and unambiguous. Make them specific by clearly stating what you expect to achieve. Think about why your goal is important. How do you plan to accomplish it? For example, setting a goal to get stronger or have more energy is too vague. Instead, come up with a statement that leaves no doubt about what you are trying to accomplish. For example, to get stronger so I can take my family on a hiking trip to Colorado or to start exercising so I can run my first 5k. Now that has purpose and clarity!

2. Measurable

Second, set criteria for measuring progress along the way. This one is all about answering "how much or how many" in order to quantify your results. For example, stating you are going to lift weights and do cardio is not as effective as deciding you are going to lift weights for 40 minutes 3 times a week. The latter one leaves little room for misinterpretation. Therefore, by the end of each week you should be able to easily determine if you are moving towards your goal.

3. Attainable

Third, goals should be realistic and attainable! Come up with goal that is challenging. However, be realistic about factors such as your skills level, your current knowledge and how much time you can reasonably devote. You're looking to be committed to your goal by making it attainable. Allow it to take you slightly pass your comfort zone and have a support system to assist you if you happen to side step it!

4. Relevant

Next, the goal must be important to you. Furthermore, you must believe you can accomplish it and you must take ownership for completing it. Asking family members or friends for their input is perfectly fine. However, we often put the responsibility of our goals on others. Using phrases as "my wife says I need to exercise" or "my doctor wants me to lose weight" shifts the ownership of the goal away from you. There is good news; studies show those who take an active role in defining and owning their goals are likely to have a

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higher level of commitment and success!5. Time-Bound

Last, set deadlines, keep it moving! Focus in setting daily, weekly and monthly mini-milestones to serve as guideposts for your journey. This strategy provides you with a chance to regularly assess how you are progressing and to adjust if necessary. Here's a quick example: you've decided to lose 10 pounds. So establish a daily goal to decrease your caloric intake by 200-300 calories, a weekly goal to lose one half to one pound & a monthly goal to complete 10 miles of walking. Mini-milestones provide you with guidance on specific actions you can take to move closer to your future goal while decreasing the failure rate!

By applying the principles of S.M.A.R.T you prepare yourself to achieve your New Year resolutions. Also, it is highly recommended to consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. Cheers to a New You and a New Year!

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