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Getting Ready to Paint Your House?

The first houses were built in Sendera in 1996. That means your house could be over 15 years old. If you haven't thought about repainting, it may be something that should be on your radar about now.

Because fashion and style are always moving on, many of the paint choices used by the original builders may no longer be available. Or maybe you are interested in updating to more contemporary colors. Before you choose a lovely shade of puce or pumpkin, you need to check the list of paint colors that can be used without submitting an application to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

Two years ago, the ACC realized there was a need to expand the list of paint colors that would be considered in keeping with the palette originally used in Sendera. They researched current housing developments by the same builder and came up with a list that could be added to the original paint selections. This list may be found on the Sendera web site in the Document Library under the Resources tab.

There are many neighborhoods in Austin that do their part in 'keeping Austin weird'. Probably very few of them are part of a Home Owners Association. By choosing to live in an HOA you have agreed to follow the conditions established by the Board of Directors. Sometimes that means that you may not be allowed to indulge your love of eggplant and chartreuse (at least not on the outside of your home) but your sacrifice will help maintain a contemporary and cohesive look to Sendera. Happy Painting!



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Sendera Recreation Committee News-Mark your Calendars

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: Thursday October 18th 6:30pm at 8817 Whiteworth Loop - all welcome.

Tuesday October 2nd National Night Out Texas will take place 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.

Saturday October 27th Don't miss Cowan Elementary School's Fall Carnival 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!

Judges are needed for the annual Halloween Decorating Contest! Judges will drive the neighborhood at dusk on Saturday October 27th and award a prize to some of the Best Halloween Decorated Homes. Winners will be listed in the newsletter and on the Sendera website www.senderahoa.com. If you would like your house judged that evening- please have your decorations up and lights lit!

2:30pm (The Cowboys play at 3:00pm). Judging will take place at 12:30PM 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, and fan favorite. If interested in entering the chili cook off or renting a vendor space please complete the entry forms included in this issue by October 20th.

The annual Christmas Decorating Contest and 4th Annual Bike Ride will take place on Thursday December 20th at dusk. 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! Forth 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!

Join us for Christmas Caroling on Thursday December 20th. Practice starts at 6pm with caroling beginning at 6:30pm. Meet at the corner of Whiteworth Loop and Raimes Run. All welcome. This is the last day of school for AISD students and starts Winter Break.

SENDERA CHILI COOK OFF AND FAIR NOVEMBER 11, 2012 CHILI COOK-OFF REGISTRATION

All interested parties are required to complete and submit a signed copy of Rules and Regulations form by October 20, 2012.

*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: _____

8TH ANNUAL SENDERA CHILI COOK OFF AND FAIR

CHILI COOKERS WANTED! In order to hold our 8th annual chili cook-off, we need a minimum of 10 teams to sign up by October 20th. If you've been thinking about it, it's time to join in the fun and participate! Help us throw this great event, by making your special recipe and competing for trophies, cash prizes, and neighborhood bragging rights!

We love our spectators and without you it would make no sense to host the event, but we really need at least 10 teams to feed everybody! Don't let Whiteworth Loop take home all thr trophies...AGAIN! Sunday November 11th in the parking lot by the pool from 12-

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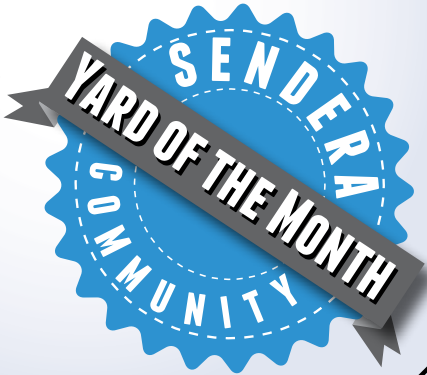
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Yard of the Month

Even with the drought, most of the yards in Sendera are still being well maintained. To recognize the efforts of residents whose yards contribute to putting our best foot forward to future homeowners, the HOA Board of Directors has authorized small monetary awards along with a sign to be displayed in the chosen yards.

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Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair

November 11, 2012

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Official signed chili cook-off registration forms must be received by October 20, 2012. There will be no on-site registration the day of the cook-off. Judging is at 12:30PM. 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 2012 Sendera Chili Cook Off and agree to abide by them.

Date: _____

Acts of the Board

The Sendera HOA Board of Directors met on September 6, 2012 at Bethany Lutheran Church. Complete minutes from the meeting will be posted on the Sendera web site as soon as they are approved.

Several residents participated in the Owner's Forum.

The Board approved several proposals for improvements to common areas. These plans had been on hold until cooler weather and better rain chances were available. Some of these improvements will be to the entry ways and monuments. The trail between Hoffman and Ramies Run will also be undergoing renovation, especially the hardscape. A trail between Chickasaw and Chesney Ridge has been completed.

The Board has been in communication with the City of Austin concerning the fence around the retention ponds on Bremner. It's taken several months but the final evaluation has been made and the City is waiting for the contractor's proposal. There has been some discussion about removing the fence altogether. We are waiting for more information before a final decision is made.

There have been multiple accidents at the intersection of Davis and Copano. Director Todd Moore met with City foresters to get their recommendations on improving the line-of-sight on Davis Lane. One suggestion was to remove some limbs on trees to the east of Copano and cut back some brush. The Board approved the funds for this. If the problem persists, consideration will be given to removing part of the decorative fence in front of the green belt area.

What to Do With Your City Strip

It's that piece of land between the street and the sidewalk that causes all sorts of headaches for home owners...plus, nobody agrees on what to call it. Some refer to it as the right of way or easement. It's a boulevard in Canada and some northern states. The term city strip could be related to the fact that it is between the sidewalk and the street which are both maintained by the city. Whatever you call it, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain. So what are you supposed to do with such a space that is usually less than four feet across but can be as long as 90 feet?

If you look around Sendera, you will find an incredible variety of approaches to landscaping the city strip (that's what I call it). A lot of folks leave it in turf like the rest of their front yard but, as more and more residents are opting for some sort of xeriscaping, the designs are getting more creative.

Changing to hardscape like rock or decomposed granite means you won't have to mow this sometimes awkward area. Of course, that means you need to be diligent about weed barriers and keeping those really persistent weeds cleared out. Combined with interesting plantings like Queen Victoria agave, Blackfoot daisy or one of the many varieties of lantana, hardscapes can be softened and made very attractive.

There are several examples in the neighborhood of using flagstone, either alone or with cascading plants like prostrate rosemary and damianita. Of course, flagstone and pavers are a bit more expensive but you can get nice results using inexpensive shredded hardwood mulch with colorful katie ruellia or mounds of pink and white skullcap.

However you deal with this part of your property, remember it needs love and attention just like your trees, lawn and shrubs. It is often the part that catches the eye of people driving through the neighborhood. Make it noticeable for all the right reasons.

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VENDOR REGISTRATION

If you would like to rent a space for a booth at the Sendera Chili Cook-off and Fair on November 11, 2012 from 12:00-2:30 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.

Mail or drop off completed form and registration fee to:
Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair
Attn.: Suzann Vera
8817 Whiteworth Loop Austin, TX 78749

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Explanation of booth: _____



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