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Sendera Homeowner's Association

Official Community Newsletter

Letter from THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Sendera Residents,

I wanted to introduce myself to you as the new President of the Home Owners Association. My family and I have lived in Sendera since it was a new subdivision 14 years ago and have lived in Austin our entire adult lives....some 30+ years. We are both graduates of Crockett H.S. and SWT (Texas State) and UT Austin. I have served on two prior Sendera Boards as Director and VP and most recently as Secretary.

Sendera has transformed from a quiet community to a very busy and vibrant one. We have seen our drive-thru traffic increase dramatically with all the new businesses just a few blocks away. Fortunately, we have also enjoyed an increase in our property values as a result.

Board members have an obligation to operate with Sendera's best interest at heart; from much needed beautification projects, fence maintenance, pool repair, increased "friendly" reminder letters, to the recently approved Violet Crown Trail project. All of which help increase our bottom line....property values.

As you are aware, we recently changed management companies to Pioneer. Your Board has authorized Pioneer to begin the collection process when residents fall $500 behind in their assessments.

There are a few larger ticket items on our plate for this year:

- We have been informed by the City of Austin that due to environmental reasons, we will need to relocate the Norman Trail playground.
- We are currently undergoing a Reserve Study of our assets/liabilities to ensure we are planning correctly for the future. i.e. do we have enough capital for large repair / maintenance items? This should be completed in a few weeks and published on the website.
- Perimeter fencing repair/replacement. i.e. perimeter fencing along Davis Lane that Sendera HOA is responsible for maintaining.
- Continued beautification of our Slaughter Lane entrances and Pool.

Kind Regards,
Todd Moore

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.

Movie Nights at the Pool- sponsors wanted! Remember how much fun the movie nights at the pool were last summer and in previous years? Sponsors are needed to plan and implement the events including equipment rental, obtaining rights to show the movie, and set up/break down. There is a Sendera budget for this which will cover the expenses. We just need volunteers to organize the event. Any businesses willing to sponsor a movie night(s) would be recognized in the newsletter and would be welcome to pass out other advertisement materials at the event. Contact Suzann if interested.

Don't miss the July issue of the Sendera newsletter for the results of the Ninth Annual Sendera Memorial Day Weekend Barbecue Cook off and Grill Master Challenge.

Sendera Family Fun Run information coming soon.....

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Greetings new Resident
and welcome to Sendera!

If you don't already know, Sendera is a great community. While you should have received a copy of the Sendera Covenants and Bylaws, we thought the following basic information would be helpful.

1) As a general rule, parking over night in the street is prohibited. There are exceptions such as holiday visitors, but you'll need to let our HOA manager know in advance so you don't receive a violation letter. You may contact her at judy@pioneeraustin.com or by calling 512.300.8147.

2) Garbage pickup is on Mondays. Recycle collection is every other Monday. Trashcans shall be stored out of public view until the night before the scheduled pickup and should be removed from public view the day of pickup.

3) Whether you are a renter or buyer, your yard is important and so you'll need to keep it maintained.

4) Yes! Sendera has xeriscape guidelines also known as nativescape standards. Find them at http://www.senderahoa.org/resources/document-library.

5) Portable basketball goal installation requires prior approval from our Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

6) Austin is currently under Stage 2 watering restrictions. Odd addresses can water on Saturday; even addresses on Sunday. For more information, check out http://www.senderahoa.org/home or www.austintexas.gov/department/stage-2-watering-restrictions.

7) Enjoy the pool! If you don't have an access key or yours doesn't work, contact mike@pioneeraustin.com.

These are just the most basic and frequently asked about deed restrictions. Want more fun reading? These documents can be found by visiting www.senderahoa.org

Best Regards,
Sendera HOA

A Focus on SUNBURN
Protect your skin from our powerful sun

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Sunburn is caused from over-exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. While the symptoms (such as red skin that is painful to the touch) are usually temporary, the skin damage is often permanent and can cause serious long-term health effects, including skin cancer, pigmentation and premature aging. In addition to the skin, eyes can get burned from sun exposure; sunburned eyes turn red, dry, and painful, and can feel gritty.

Sunburn results when the amount of exposure to the sun or other ultraviolet light source exceeds the ability of the body's protective pigment, melanin, to protect the skin. Sunburn in a very light-skinned person may occur in less than 15 minutes of midday sun exposure, while a dark skinned person may tolerate the same exposure for hours.

Sunlight contains an invisible form of radiation called ultraviolet (UV) rays. UV A and possibly UV B can harm skin, connective tissue and increase risk for developing skin cancer. Certain drugs such as some blood pressure medication, antibiotics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs increase sensitivity to sunlight and the risk of getting sunburn.

SYMPTOMS

The first signs of a sunburn may not appear for a few hours. The full effect to your skin may not appear for 24 hours or longer. Possible symptoms include:

- Red, tender skin that is warm to touch. (1st degree burn)
- Blisters that develop hours to days later. (2nd degree burn)
- Severe reactions (sometimes called "sun poisoning"), including fever, chills, nausea, or rash.
- Skin peeling on sunburned areas several days after the sunburn.

FIRST AID

- Try taking a cool bath or shower. Or place wet, cold wash cloths on the burn for 10 to 15 minutes, several times a day. You can mix baking soda in the water to help relieve the pain. Small children may become easily chilled, so keep the water tepid.
- Apply a soothing lotion to the skin.
- Aloe gel is a common household remedy for sunburns. Aloe contains active compounds that help stop pain and inflammation of the skin.
- Over-the-counter steroid cream can also be applied several times a day.
- Over-the-counter pain medication, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, including aspirin, may be helpful, and are excellent for reducing burn inflammation whereas Tylenol only reduces pain, not the burn itself.

For more information, check out: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/uvradiation

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Drowning Is **Preventable**

The Texas weather is warming up. Summer is almost here. Pools will soon open and the cool water will be calling your name. You can almost hear your kids laughing and the playing in the pool. Your family deserves to have many Best Day Ever moments in the water this summer. Please do not let those moments be ruined by the sound of a life guard whistle blast or the need to do CPR in order to save your child's life. Most families love a trip to the swimming pool, the lake or the beach during the summer…but the water can be deadly for a child.

Did you know that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 14, with kids under the age of 5 at even higher risk?

Colin Holst's parents did not know either. Sadly, June 13th marks the 5 year anniversary of his drowning in a public, lifeguarded pool in Austin. Since Colin's drowning in 2008, Central Texas-based Colin's Hope has become a nonprofit leader in water safety and drowning prevention.

My name is Alissa Magrum and I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. But I am also a parent to 8 year old Ella. So, from one parent to another, please listen to this message. It is simple but filled with purpose: DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. YOU can help protect your children. Following a series of simple water safety tips creates multiple layers of protection. These layers WILL keep children safer in and around the water and CAN prevent drownings.

THE FIRST 3 OF THESE TIPS ARE KEY.

Practice constant visual supervision. Always assign an adult "water guardian" whose ONLY responsibility is to watch children who are in, near and around the water. If that water guardian needs to take a break, they must transfer their "watching" duty to another adult.

Learn to swim. Enroll children (and adults too) in formal swim classes. For kids under the age of 4, taking formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning by 88%.

Wear life jackets. Children who cannot swim should ALWAYS wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in and around the water.

You can see additional tips, as well as more information on water safety and drowning prevention, on our website at www.colinshope.org..

Each year, Colin's Hope volunteers stuff and distribute 75,000 water safety packets to families in zip codes that have been targeted due to the high number of near drownings and drownings in recent years. This life saving information along with a Peel Inc. ad campaign, a Reagan National Adverstising billboard campaign and a presence at many community events is helping to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with family, friends, neighbors, teachers, babysitters…everyone! We have seen the difference that being aware and being prepared can make. Communities that have received our water safety information in prior years have seen child drownings and near drownings in their areas reduced to zero!

Please visit www.colinshope.org to find out how you can get involved in your own community. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our monthly newsletter or even support our efforts with a donation.

We envision a world where children do not drown. Please share that vision and together we will get there.

Wishing you the SAFEST AND BEST SUMMER EVER,
Alissa Magrum Executive Director, Colin's Hope

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Oak Pruning and Oak Wilt

Submitted by Guy LeBlanc, Certified Arborist

Oak Wilt is a fungal disease that is often fatal to live oaks and red oaks. The disease primarily spreads through root system connections from oak to oak. This spread can even occur under driveways and streets, often killing scores of oaks in an area. This has happened in dozens of neighborhoods throughout Austin over the last 40-plus years.

New infection centers can get started through fresh, unprotected wounds above ground. Most of these wounds are caused by severe weather, animals like squirrels and certain birds and insects, and by tree limbs being hit by vehicles or rubbing on things. However, tree pruning also creates wounds.

For years, the Texas Forest Service has said advised the public that pruning oaks at this time of year significantly increases the risk of getting Oak Wilt. "This time of year" has been defined in numerous ways over the years, and currently encompasses February through June. Obviously it is extremely impractical to avoid pruning oaks for nearly half the year when they make up about half the trees in Austin's residential areas. Low limbs pose a threat to safety and increase the risk of Oak Wilt if they are damaged. For this reason, in 2011 the Forest Service met with Certified Arborists from the International Society of Arboriculture to clarify these guidelines. As the arborist who coordinated this meeting, let me offer some details of the revision.

The importance of proper pruning is emphasized. This means retaining all live limbs that are not a safety concern or at risk of rubbing or buildings or even other limbs. If you must prune branches that are at risk of causing injury or damage during this time, make sure to only use arborists that use the proper pruning techniques recommended by the Forest Service (not all so-called arborists do). Most important in this regard is to make proper pruning cuts and paint them immediately. Consult with an I.S.A. Certified Arborist if you are unclear about how to make proper pruning cuts, sometimes referred to as "branch collar" cuts.

A common mistake I see made by homeowners and non-professional tree services is that pruning wounds are not painted immediately (within minutes), and/or only the largest wounds are painted. This is NOT proper technique, and can result in infection. By far the most injurious practice I see is that far, far too many live branches are removed from trees.

Please protect your neighborhood's trees by only hiring competent I.S.A. Certified Arborists to prune your trees during this time of year. I recommend looking for companies that use Certified Arborists to do the actual pruning.

Guy LeBlanc owns and operates Arbor Vitae Tree Care, which he established in 1983. In 2012 he was named Texas Arborist of the Year by the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas chapter of the I.S.A.

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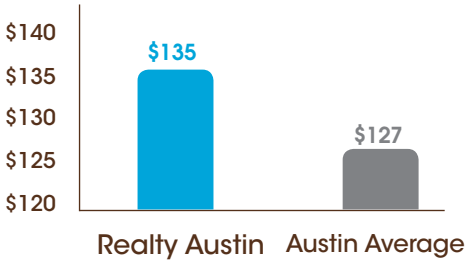

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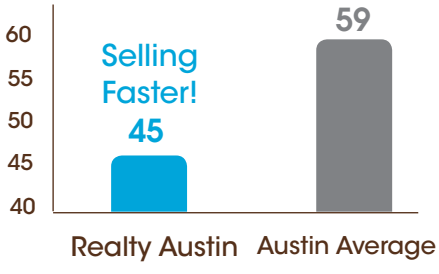

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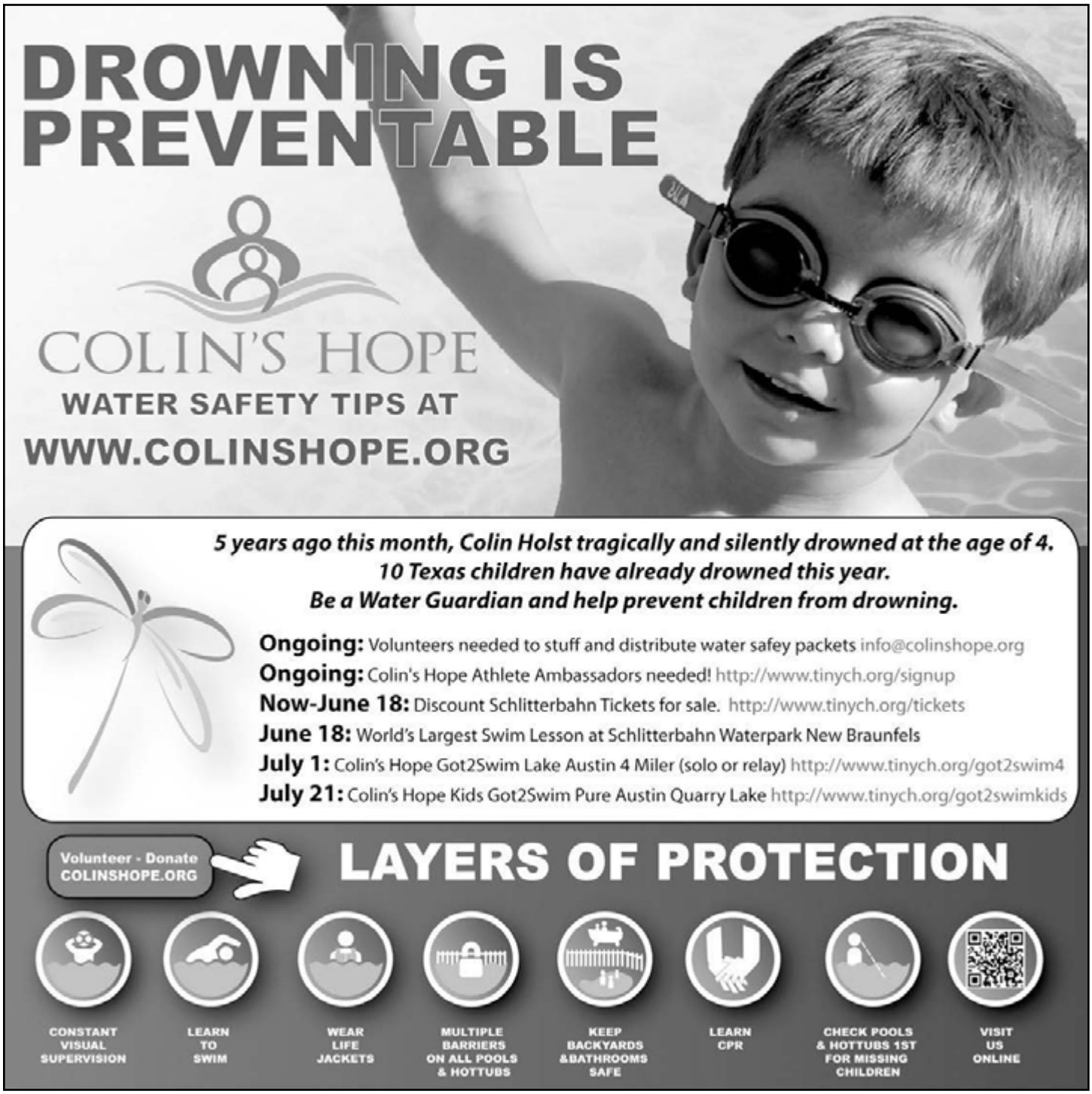

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