

# SENDERA

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## Official Community Newsletter

### MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

*by Todd Moore*

The Board of Directors has several projects in process. Here are updates on several of them.

#### **Replacement of fences maintained by the HOA**

After reviewing 4 bids, the Board of Directors has awarded the fencing contract to Viking. The lumber is being pre-stained now and as soon as we get a start date for each section we'll post it on the Sendera webpage. If you don't already have access to the webpage, it's a good idea to register now so that you can get up-to-date information and email alerts. Also if your yard backs up to Davis or Latta Lanes, start thinking about moving things off or away from your existing fence.

#### **Violet Crown Trail**

The City of Austin required feedback from residents that live on Sendera Mesa who may be impacted by the Trail utilizing the existing sidewalk on the apartment side. The Board went door-to-door to get the required feedback and submitted it to the City. The required 60% of those residents indicated they approve usage of the sidewalk so the City will continue to move forward. Additionally, the City required the Board to submit an application for enhanced pedestrian crossings at Sendera Mesa / Slaughter and Davis / Latta. Any enhancements will be solely funded by the City of Austin. That application has been filed and accepted.

#### **Traffic Study**

The recent traffic study performed back in May indicated there is still not enough cross traffic at the intersection of Davis

/ Copano to warrant a signal or 4-way stop sign. We all know how difficult that intersection can be so we'll keep requesting studies in the future.

#### **Solicitors**

We've received several complaints about door-to-door solicitors. We appreciate residents letting the Board know about problems, but please keep in mind that the HOA cannot enforce non-solicitation. It is better to call 311 to report any concerns with soliciting.

#### **Plans for Improvements at MoPac and La Crosse**

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are hosting a "Meet and Greet" for anyone who wants to provide input and learn more about the MoPac Intersections Environmental Study. The event will be held Thursday, October 24, from 10 am to 7 pm at Parkside Village, 5701 Slaughter Lane in front of Suite B between BurgerFi and Matthew Horne Dentistry. Residents are invited to come and go at their convenience. Displays of the project location and preliminary options for mobility improvements at the intersections of Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue will be available for review. Study team members will answer questions. There will be no formal presentation. Those with questions or special needs are invited to contact Melissa Hurst, Community Outreach Manager at the Mobility Authority, 512-996-9778, or [mhurst@ctrma.org](mailto:mhurst@ctrma.org).

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# SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS

## Mark Your Calendars

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).

Judges are needed for the annual **Halloween Decorating Contest!** Judges will drive the neighborhood at dusk on **Saturday October 26th** 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](http://www.senderahoa.com). If you would like your house judged that evening, please have your decorations up and lights lit!

### 9th Annual Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair

Date has changed to **Saturday November 16th!** The Sendera Recreation Committee will host the ninth Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair in the parking lot by the pool from 3-6pm. Judging will take place at 3pm 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 reserving a vendor space, please complete the entry forms.

We need 10 Teams signed up by October 26th to host the event!

The annual **Christmas Decorating Contest** and **4th Annual Bike Ride** will take place on **Thursday December 19th** 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! Fourth 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 19th**. Practice starts at 6pm with caroling beginning at 6:30pm. Meet at the corner of Whiteworth Loop and Raimes Run. All welcome.

# WATER RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

RESIDENTIAL		COMMERCIAL		PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
Hose-End Sprinklers BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 7 PM	Automatic Irrigation BEFORE 5 AM or AFTER 7 PM	Hose-End Sprinklers BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 7 PM	Automatic Irrigation BEFORE 5 AM or AFTER 7 PM	Hose-End Sprinklers BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 7 PM	Automatic Irrigation BEFORE 5 AM or AFTER 7 PM
Even Address Sunday	Even Address Thursday	Even Address Tuesday		Monday	
Odd Address Saturday	Odd Address Wednesday	Odd Address Friday			

**STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Austin is still under Stage 2 water restrictions. In addition to limiting landscape watering to once a week (see schedule above), there are a few other items covered under Stage 2.

- Hose-end irrigation may take place between midnight and 10 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your assigned watering day.
- Automatic irrigation systems may operate between midnight and 5 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight on your assigned watering day.
- Please reduce system run times to fit within this schedule.
- Please ensure that your system has a working rain sensor, or operate the system manually when rain is forecasted.
- Watering with a hand-held hose or a refillable watering vessel, such as a bucket or a Tregator®, is allowed at any time on any day of the week.
- Drip irrigation is exempt from the schedule, due to increased efficiency.
- To water trees, soaker hoses may be used under the drip-line of the tree canopy or you may use your automatic tree bubblers. Irrigating trees in this manner is exempt from the watering schedule.
- Watering a vegetable garden with a soaker hose is exempt from the watering schedule.
- Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial carwash facility.
- Charity car washes are prohibited
- Fountains with either a fall or spray of water greater than four inches are prohibited; unless necessary to preserve aquatic life.
- Restaurants may not serve water unless requested by a customer

## Chili Cook-off Registration

All interested parties are required to complete and submit a signed copy of Rules and Regulations form by October 26, 2013.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rules and Regulations

1. Official signed chili cook-off registration forms must be received by October 26, 2013. There will be no on-site registration the day of the cook-off. Judging is at 3PM. 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 2013 Sendera Chili Cook Off and agree to abide by them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sendera Chili Cook Off and Fair Vendor Registration

If you would like to rent a space for a booth to sell crafts, merchandise, jewelry, services, etc. at the Sendera Chili Cook-off and Fair on November 16, 2013 from 3:00-6:00 P.M., 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation of booth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WEBSITE NOTES



- The Recreation tab has information about fall activities. A new Forum has been added for Architectural Control information. Click on the Forum tab on the Home page and then look at the column on the left.
- We have a lot of new residents (and some old residents, too) who need to request access to the website. You can do that by going to senderahoa.org and clicking on Sign Up Now.
- If you haven't been checking the Sendera website, you missed information about a casting call from HGTV for a new renovation competition. Perhaps you have seen the start of new road construction south of Deer Lane. Information about that construction was posted to the website in early August. So get your login and password then check the website regularly. You just never know what you might learn.

# Fencing Guidelines

*Submitted by Tom Franke, ACC*

Most of the fencing in the Sendera neighborhood is over 10 years old and is starting to show its age. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has developed these guidelines to assist you with any repairs or replacement questions you may have.

First, let's start off with what is the current fencing requirement for Sendera. The Sendera HOA deed restrictions state:

*4.05. Fences and Sidewalks. Fences shall be six (6) feet in height and shall be constructed with #1 grade cedar pickets and with treated pine or cedar railings and posts. Installation of such fences may be completed without the approval of the Architectural Committee. The design, construction materials, height and location of all other fences shall otherwise be approved by the Architectural Committee. In no event shall any fence or wall be erected, placed or altered on a lot nearer to the front street than the front wall of the single family dwelling which is located on the Lot and no hedge may be installed or maintained more than three (3) feet in front of the wall of the single family dwelling which is located on the Lot and closest to the front property line of the Lot. The Owner of each Lot shall construct, at its sole cost and expense and prior to occupying any improvement located on the Lot, a sidewalk, located and designed in conformance with the Plat, to the extent the Plat requires a sidewalk on such Owner's Lot. The provision in the foregoing sentence may not be amended or altered without the express written consent of the Planning Department of Austin, Texas.*

Second, variances from the required fencing materials and height restriction have been considered in the past but have caused some confusion among homeowners. So to clarify, the following variances will be allowed in regard to fencing material:

- Galvanized steel posts can be substituted for the treated pine or cedar posts but the homeowner must face the post side of the fence towards their property/home. The "pretty side" should face towards their neighbors. ACC approval is required prior to the start of construction.

- Fence height may not be modified above or below the six (6) foot high requirement.

Finally, for basic fencing maintenance (replacing cedar pickets, cedar or pine railings, and gate repair) ACC approval is not required.

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding these guidelines, please contact an ACC committee member.



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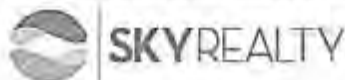
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# Breast Cancer



## Importance of Early Detection

*By Concentra Urgent Care*

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

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- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
- Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
- An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

For more information about breast cancer and early detection, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, visit the American Cancer Society Web Site at: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site at: <http://nbcam.org/>

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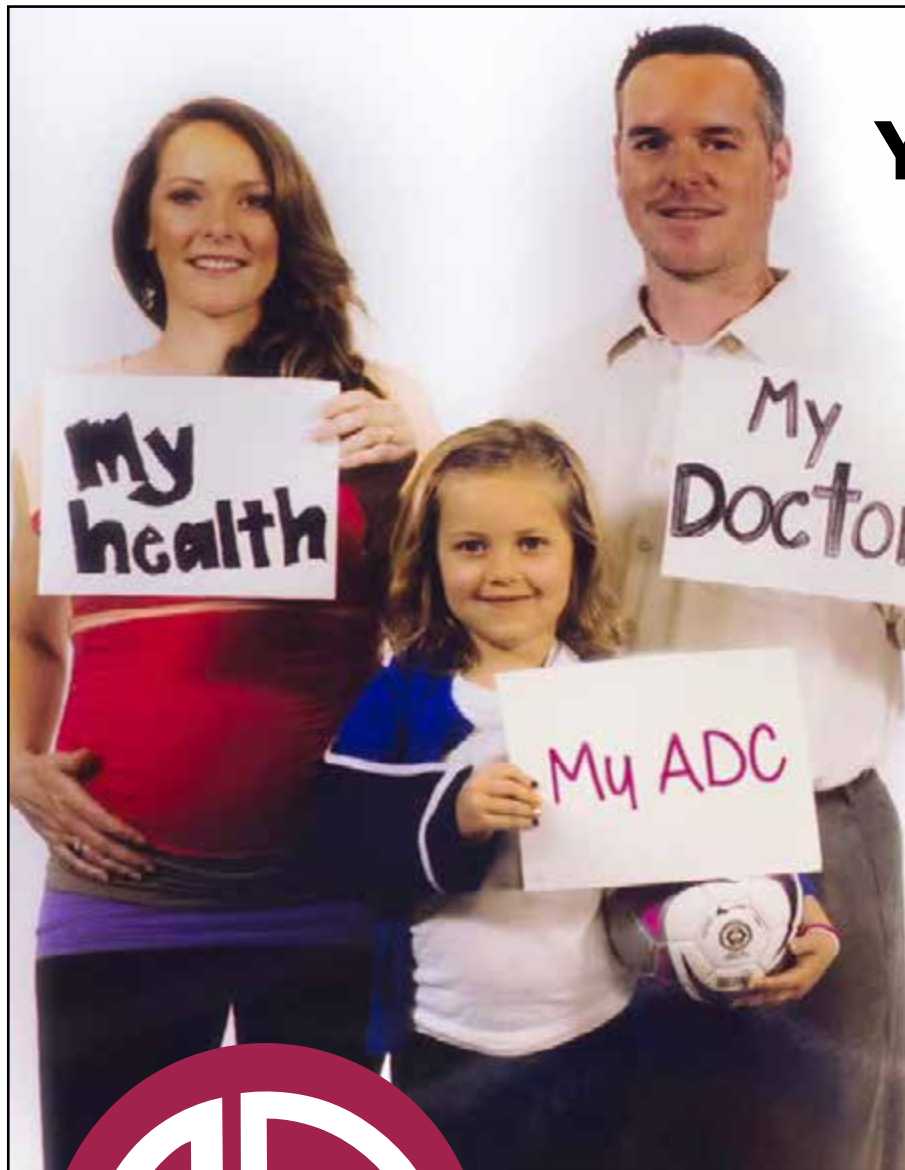


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