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UPDATE ON FENCE PROJECT

From Todd Moore, President

I just wanted to give a quick update on the status of the fence project and to apologize for the slow communication to those residents that are directly impacted.

The fence work began as scheduled on the week of October 21st on East and West Hove followed by Sendera Mesa.

With all the recent rains it has been difficult to stay on a predictable schedule but here is the latest update from Viking. The fence crew will be completing the last few lots on the north side of Davis Lane (across from the pool) by November 2nd. They will begin on the south side of Davis (the same side as the pool) the week of November 11th. This is a huge section and may take a couple weeks to complete; averaging 4-5 lots per day. If you notice that your house is 4-5 lots away from a newly

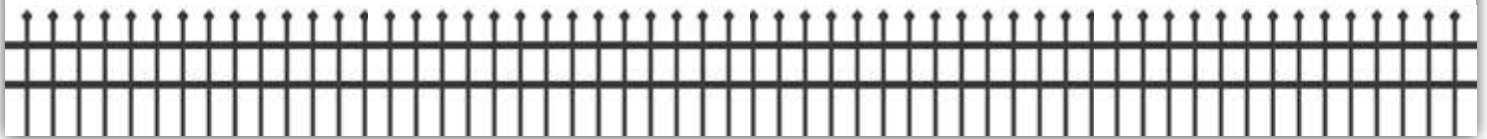
re-fenced lot, your lot will likely follow within a day or two.

Once Davis Lane is completed, the crew will start on Latta Lane beginning at corner of Davis/Latta. The final section will be the interior of the pool. Also, to my knowledge no lot has been left unfenced overnight.

Sorry we can't be any more specific than that with regard to scheduling. If anything changes, we'll post it at www.senderahoa.org.

In case you are interested in staining your fence to match the new fencing, the stain is Dark Walnut OS-025B from Viking.

Editor's Note: It appears from a post on the web site that the Latta Lane portion of the project was started ahead of the replacements on the south side of Davis Lane.



Chili Cook-off Cancellation

The Recreation Committee regrets that the 2013 Chili Cook-off schedule for November 16th had to be canceled. Unfortunately, there were only three teams that signed up by the deadline. That is not enough teams to provide chili for the number of residents that normally attend this event. The Committee promises to try again next year.

There are still events on the Recreation Committee's calendar including the holiday home decoration contest and bike ride through Sendera to look at all the lights (December 5th), and caroling in the neighborhood (December 20). Check the web site (www.senderahoa.org) under the Recreation tab for more information.

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2013 Laws Impact HOAs

Several bills were passed this year, but nothing like the reforms we saw in the last legislative session. The following is a brief overview of some of the House Bills which affect HOAs.



Management Certificates must be re-recorded between September 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014. This is handled by the management company.

Xeriscaping S.B. 198 prevents associations from including or enforcing a dedicatory instrument provision that prohibits or restricts using drought resistant landscaping or water conserving turf. HOA's can create a reasonable policy detailing the process for review of plans related to xeriscaping. As you saw in last month's newsletter, several years ago, Sendera made changes to landscape restrictions that reflect what has now

been passed into law.

Displaying of flags in front yards H.B. 680 focuses on front yards with front setbacks of no less than 15 feet from the road. Flag poles may be installed in the front yard so long as there is not less than a 15 foot setback. If the front setback is less, then no flag pole in the front yard is permitted and should not be installed. HOA rules may still regulate the location of the front yard flag pole or flag stand.

Vacancies within the Board of Directors H.B. 3176 relates to filling vacancies within the Board of Directors. Formerly, vacancies could only be filled by appointment in the event of a death, disability or resignation. With this amendment, any vacancy on the board may be filled by an appointment. The appointee will serve the unexpired term of the position filled.

Several other bills were passed, but this highlight covers the issues that have the greatest affect on our community as a whole.

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Wash Your Hands

Reducing Spread of Disease While at Home and Work

By: Concentra Urgent Care

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that nearly 90,000 patients die in U.S. hospitals each year due to a preventable disease – many could be avoided if everyone properly washed their hands.

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 a 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, or visit the CDC's creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.



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Austin is still under Stage 2 Water Restrictions.

- 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.
 - o Please reduce system run times to fit within this schedule.
 - o 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 Treegator®, 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

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