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SENDERA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Todd Moore

Swimming Lessons Coming Soon

The Sendera Board of Directors and Cruzin' Aquatics are pleased to announce that child group swimming lessons will be offered at the Sendera Swim Center beginning in June. Classes are for Sendera residents only; no exceptions.

Sessions are in two-week intervals. The first session runs June 8-18. The second session will run June 22 - July 2. Classes meet daily, Mondays through Thursdays, for a total of 8 lessons per session. All lessons will be held between 9 AM and 11 AM. Each lesson is 30 minutes long (25 minutes of class time, 5 minutes for student/parent Q & A with the instructor). The fee for a session is \$20 per swimmer. Registration must be completed and paid in full by the close of business on the Friday prior to the first day of class. You can register with a staff member or by calling or emailing. Contact information is shown below.

Depending on interest, classes may be offered for toddlers (18-36 months), preschool (3-4 years), Level 1/Level 2 (Introduction to Water Skills and Fundamental Aquatic Skills), Level 3 (Stroke Development) and Level 4 (Stroke Improvement). Parental involvement in the water may be required for some classes. Class size is limited so it is important to register soon to ensure a spot for your child.

Please direct ALL questions about the swimming lessons to: Cruzin.Aquatics@ymail.com or Joshua Cruz, 512--535--8082/Kim Ortiz, 512--535--8067.

Note: The times and dates of the classes will not be changed as pool usage during the evening and weekend hours is heavier.

If you are interested in swimming lessons outside of the dates/ times being offered, you will need to contact the COA or another provider. Please review the pool rules for children using the pool. Rules are posted at the Swim Center and may be found on our web site, www.senderahoa.org. Click on Resources and select Document Library.

Repairs Planned for Water Quality Pond

The water quality pond and rock gabion wall located behind Corran Ferry Loop will be undergoing major repairs later this year. The contractors will be using the HOA's double-gated access point on Corran Ferry Loop. Once a contractor has been selected, we will notify nearby residents of start/completion dates. We are also seeking guidance from our newly elected city representative on the possibility of donating this structure to the City of Austin to lessen the financial impact of maintenance on Sendera in the future.

Vigilance Needed to Thwart Criminals

There have been several car break-ins and home burglaries recently in and near Sendera. We all need to be alert to suspicious activity in our neighborhood, and be diligent about reporting it to authorities and posting observations on NextDoor. Watching out for each other is our best defense. Keep your porch lights on at night. Put your vehicles in your garage or at least remove valuables and lock the doors. Don't make it easy for someone to make you a victim.

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SUMPER MOVIE NIGHTS at the Pool!

Movies will begin at dusk. Mark your calendars: June 13th Surf's Up July 11th Jurassic Park

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Adopt a Pet





Submitted by Alison Carpenter

Hello Sendera! My name is Alison Carpenter and I will be the new editor for the Sendera newsletter. I'm very excited for the opportunity to continue what Pam Kurburski started 10 years ago. After many years of editorial excellence, she is graciously handing over the responsibility to me. I'll do my best to maintain

A little bit about me: I'm a graduate of St. Edward's University and 25-year Austin resident. My husband and I moved to Sendera from east Austin back in 2011, attracted to the nice yards, quiet streets and family-oriented atmosphere. We have two kids, in elementary and middle school, and a 19-year-old cat. You might catch a glimpse of me fast-walking down the neighborhood streets in the morning (my daily exercise routine), or perhaps playing with (and often yelling at) my kids in the pool during the summer.

This newsletter has kept me connected to what's happening in our small corner of the city. I hope you will continue to find it relevant and informative. I love our neighborhood and I look forward to contributing to the Sendera community!



It's been an Interesting Journey

Submitted by Pamela Kurburski

When the Sendera newsletter was created, it only came out quarterly, and was printed and mailed by our management company who charged us for the service. In 2006, then Director Barbara Richardson recommended we switch to Peel, Inc. They would publish and mail the newsletter at no cost if they were allowed to include paid advertising along with our articles. It was a win-win situation. All they needed was someone to provide neighborhood content. I was getting ready to retire and thought I would enjoy doing the job for a couple of years. Boy, did I miss the mark, but only on the "couple of years" part.

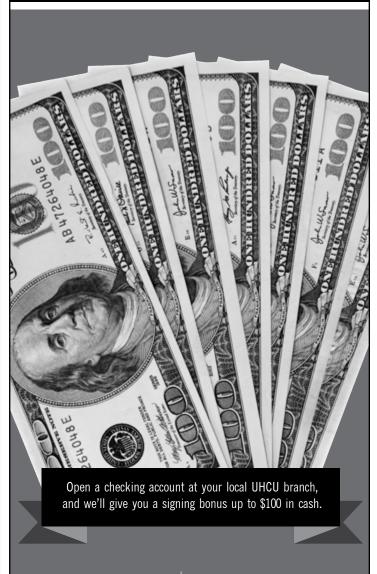
As technology and the make-up of our neighborhood changed, I began questioning the viability of a paper newsletter. Web sites, Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor seemed to be the preferred modes of communication for most of our residents. But every time I suggested discontinuing the newsletter, I was assured it was an important tool for keeping all residents informed about what was going on in Sendera.

Some months it was hard to fill the pages with Sendera-specific articles. In an effort to learn more about HOA activities, I ran for the Board of Directors. I highly recommend the experience. Most of us have no idea what it takes to keep this neighborhood functioning. I learned so much in the few years I was on the board serving as Director at Large and then President. Things like retention ponds, pool maintenance and DCCRs had never been part of my daily life. Now those issues and more seem all too familiar.

It's time now to bring a fresh perspective and energy to the newsletter. I am so happy that Alison Carpenter (see her introductory article) has agreed to become the new editor as I go on to other volunteer opportunities. I know she will find the position as challenging and rewarding as I did. It has been a privilege to serve.

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MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes can be very irritating and disrupt outdoor activities. They also are able to transmit various diseases to humans and animals. Mosquitoes are known to transmit heartworm in dogs and cats, and they can spread encephalitis (including West Nile Virus), Chikungunya, dengue, yellow fever, malaria and filariasis among humans.

Most female mosquitoes require a blood meal for egg production whereas males feed on nectar and do not bite. Eggs can be laid on the surface of water or in dry locations that are occasionally flooded by water. Some eggs are able to remain dormant under dry conditions for several months. Eggs hatch into larvae, or wigglers. Mosquito larvae live in water and feed on organic debris or microscopic plants and animals. Larvae molt into pupae which do not feed. Mosquito pupae spend the majority of their time at the surface of the water, only moving when disturbed.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains Bacillus thuringiensis var. israeliensis. The donut disrupts

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Avoiding peak hours when mosquitoes are active is probably the best method to avoid being bitten. When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when evening activities cannot be rescheduled. Other products such as citronella candles will also repel mosquitoes, but work best in enclosed areas.

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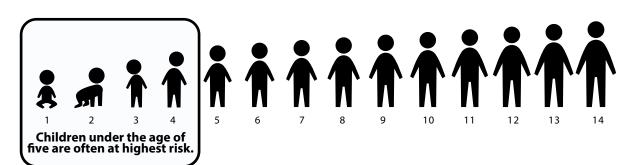






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