

SENDERA

SENDERA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Project Updates and a Call To Action

by Todd Moore

The Board has approved and is moving forward on many Sendera repair and construction issues.

Baby Pool: Keeping the baby pool drained and mosquito-free was an ongoing challenge. In mid-June, volunteers assisted the lifeguards with draining out the excess water, followed by scrubbing and sanitizing to remove the algae. The full repairs to the baby pool should be completed by the time this July issue is in print. In addition, the sunshade has been ordered, but it could take several weeks for arrival and installation. I assure you, the wait will be worth it!

Pool Fence: The fence repair is complete as of June 17th. Six more very large boulders have been relocated to the front fence line to prevent future damage. It is very unlikely any vehicle will be able to penetrate both layers of boulders, as some of them weigh close to 3000 lbs.

Pool Security: New surveillance equipment for the pool has been installed, a state-of-the-art, ADT security system with more cameras, 1080 dpi resolution, and better accountability when we need it to identify trespassers and document occurrences. The Board was not satisfied with the outdated equipment and lackluster customer support from the previous vendor. Please note any unauthorized (after hours) entry to the pool will trigger the monitoring service and APD may be notified.

Norman Playground Relocation: The COA granted the proper permits so this project is moving forward. Ground-breaking on the new playground began June 15th. The canopy and ADA mulch is scheduled for delivery on June 29th. Six above-ground quarry blocks have been added to serve as sitting/resting areas. Please be patient with this project as there might be unforeseen delays. Fingers crossed and weather permitting, the playground should be open on June 30th.

Corran Ferry Gabion Wall and Gate Trail: The maintenance and inspection of the gabion wall and retention field will be contracted out. This should help prevent future expenses and may entice the COA to adopt from us. Additionally, the Board approved the construction of a short trail to this area, benefitting residents who use the gate to access the green space. This project should be completed by June 16. We will recycle material from the Norman Trail park to help reduce costs and be environmentally friendly.

Davis Lane Tree Trimming: Tree trimming began in mid-June and will continue for several weeks until all of the trees on Davis, from Corran Ferry to Copano, have been raised up to improve visibility.

Street Repair at Davis and Copano: This project should be in progress as of early July. Repairs won't be a quick fix as it will require several layers, many crews, and possibly temporary lane closures.

On a personal note, I'm looking for some 3-1-1 help from all my neighbors. You might have noticed that the Davis medians between Latta and Mopac have not been regularly maintained for the past two years. I spoke with the Deer Park HOA Board last year and they gave me a couple of excuses, but ultimately wanted the "rich" Sendera to take it over.

One of our volunteers mowed/edged it twice last summer, but obviously Sendera is NOT going to be responsible for yet another median on a permanent basis. Therefore, I'm asking all Sendera residents to join me in a 3-1-1 campaign to report the unsafe/unsightly median. I'm not concerned who mows it, but it needs to be done regularly by someone.

I highly recommend the free, Austin 3-1-1 smartphone app for this campaign. The app is very intuitive and easy to use. You can report via pin drop or use the address 4900 Davis Lane. Of course, you can also report by phoning 311.

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Sendera homeowners may not have had to use sprinklers much yet because of all the rain, but once it gets hot and dry again, residents will need to know the city's current watering rules.

With an eye on long-term conservation, the Austin city council voted in May to permanently restrict the use of automatic sprinklers to once-a-week watering for residential neighborhoods.

This limitation is already a part of our current "Conservation Stage." The graphic on the right from Austin Water makes it easy to remember.

For more information go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/watering-restrictions>.

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Many Calories Burned (and Consumed) at Sendera Family Run

by Alison Carpenter

There was a sweaty, red-faced woman jogging down Davis Lane on June 2 amongst scores of other Sendera residents. That woman was yours truly, taking part in Sendera's 10th biennial "Run Into Summer."

Strollers, dogs, and runners lined up near the pool at 7 pm sharp. Event organizer Sharon Boatwright calmed everyone's pre-race jitters with the playing of the National Anthem. At the sound of the air horn, we all took off, straight up Lanna Bluff for the first leg of the race.

My neighbor and I had exchanged some trash-talking beforehand—"You're going down!" I said, shaking my fist—but I quickly realized that folly 2 minutes into the race when I ran out of breath. As I slowed to a walk, my 14-year-old ran by me and said, "See ya, Mom!"

The course was not difficult, 1.2 miles of neighborhood streets marked off with black- and white-checked flags. At the mid-way point, tables were set up and volunteers distributed water to everyone, with a special present for the kiddos (light sabers!) One of the volunteers took pity on me and handed me a light saber. That was all I needed to renew my desire to win a trophy!

The home stretch was the Violet Crown Trail sidewalk on Sendera Mesa Drive. As I rounded the corner, it occurred to me my only real advantage was that I wasn't burdened with small children. Moms and dads were slowing down left and right out of kindness to their struggling children. I had no such compunction as I shoved my way to the finish.

I crossed the line at the end and immediately hunched over in pain. More nice volunteers cheered and offered me an array of participation medals. My husband and I felt really great about ourselves when, at the trophy ceremony, we both received 1st place in the "Masters" (40+) age division. No matter that there were no other male participants over the age of 40, or that we were both soundly beaten by at least six children.

The best part of the evening was the reward for all our hard work: several tables of Jet's pizza and a giant bin full of ice cream. Gatorade and water bottles filled coolers under the trees, and neighbors ate, drank, and socialized until dusk. Overall, the whole event was impressive. Credit goes to Sharon Boatwright, the Sendera Recreation Committee, and dozens of volunteers who made it happen.

After bragging about my exploits on Facebook, one party-pooper commented, "What's so fun about running?" I said, sure, it's exercise, but it's great when neighbors come together and cheer each other on. That, and you can briefly feel good about yourself and the positive benefits to your body before stuffing your face with free food.



Finishers in Sendera's 10th "Run Into Summer" Family Run

Overall Male Winners

1st Erik Andersson (12) 9:16
 2nd Luke Schoelkopf (10)
 10:03 3rd Jack Povondra (10) 10:10

Overall Female Winners

1st Oliva Devore (10) 10:25
 2nd Aaliyah Fisher (13) 11:03
 3rd Evelyn Inovejas (14) 11:33

Age Group 0-4 Males (short route)

1st Hudson McCleary (1)
 2nd Theo Morse (3)
 3rd Liam Street (3) [Overall Male: 20 in long race]

Age Group 0-4 Females (short route)

1st Norah Becker (4)
 2nd Eva Becker (1)
 3rd Olivia Musitano (6) [Overall Female: 10]

Age Group 5-7 Males

1st Jack Chapman (5) [Overall Male: 8]
 2nd Caleb Becker (5) [Overall Male: 11]
 3rd Shai Rampton (5) [Overall Male: 17]
 4th Violet Devore (7) [Overall Female: 13]

Age Group 5-9 Females

1st Lucy Povondra (7) [Overall Female: 7]
 2nd Avery McCleary (6) [Overall Female: 9]

Age Group 8-9 Males

1st Justin Flores (9) [Overall Male: 7]
 2nd Jayden Stewart (9) [Overall Male: 12]
 3rd Alec Morse (8) [Overall Male: 13]
 4th Landon Nowell (8) [Overall Male: 19]

Age Group 10-14 Females

1st Peyton Nowell (10) [Overall Female: 8]

Age Group 10-14 Males

1st Trey Carter (10) [Overall Male: 4]
 2nd Erica Steen (16) [Overall Female: 15]
 3rd Apollo Fisher (10) [Overall Male: 14] 11:58
 4th Mark Fattouh (14) [Overall Male: 15]
 5th Mason Morse (10) [Overall Male: 16]

Age Group 15-19 Females

1st Bradie Ann Gottlieb (19) [Overall Female: 11]
 2nd Jon Steen (13) [Overall Male: 5]

Adult Males

1st Aaron Chapman (26) [Overall Male: 6]
 2nd Matthew Becker (39) [Overall Male: 10]
 3rd Marty Rampton (39) [Overall Male: 18]

Adult Females

1st Elyse Collier (31) [Overall Female: 4]
 2nd Valerie Street (33) [Overall Female: 14]
 3rd Heather Chapman (?) [Overall Female: 16]
 4th Ashley Nowell (?) [Overall Female: 17]

Adult Master Males (40+)

1st Kintaro Inovejas (46) [Overall Male: 9]

Adult Master Females (40+)

1st Alison Carpenter (45) [Overall Female: 5]
 2nd Amy Povondra (41) [Overall Female: 6]
 3rd Sarah Morse (40) [Overall Female: 12]

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Awards and Accolades for Sendera Residents



Two sisters from Sendera competed in the District 10 competition of 4-H held in late April. Pictured left to right, Annicka Fisher (14) and Aaliyah Fisher (13) both competed in two events in the Share-The-Fun category: Solo Musical Instrument and Choreographed Routine. They competed against each other on piano, with Annicka placing 4th and Aaliyah 2nd. Then they teamed up and did a routine from Elite Marital Arts and took 2nd place for their choreography.

The girls have been taking piano for 3 years and mixed martial arts (MMA) for 7 years. Mom Jennifer attributes their success to their excellent teachers, Robin Alston as piano coach and Sensei John Roberson from Elite Martial Arts. She's also justifiably proud of their hard work. "We just joined 4-H in January," she explains. "In four months they have competed at the district level, enrolled in the GLOBE program, and Annicka will serve as the Oakhill 4-H Parliamentarian next year." The family would also like to thank neighbor Sheri Hicks for loaning an electric keyboard for the competition.

Congratulations to Sendera's own Maddie Lionberger, a Georgia Tech Honors grad and All-ACC softball player. Maddie played second base for Georgia Tech and made 2nd team in the Atlantic Coast Conference. She wants to be a doctor like her grandfather, so her future plans include taking the MCAT in July and working for the Emerging Infections Program.

As an undergrad, an average day for Maddie began at 5:30 am with softball practice, then class, then practice again, ending at 7:00 pm—then studying after that! Proud parents Jane and Phil Lionberger are original Sendera homeowners and have lived here for 17 years. Maddie benefitted from our great schools, Cowan EL, Kealing Magnet MS, and Bowie HS. In 2010 she helped Bowie achieve 2nd in State in softball.



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