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SENDERA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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HOA Updates on the Violet Crown Trail, Traffic Device on Davis

by Todd Moore

The latest information we have on the trail's progress comes from George Cofer, Executive Director of the Hill Country Conservancy (HCC). Specifically pertaining to the section planned behind Walgreens:

"The HCC just secured an agreement from United Heritage Credit Union to re-route VCT through their property just East of Walgreens, rather than having to zigzag around it down the Slaughter Lane sidewalk and then back westward, so that's good. [The] HCC lawyer is working on an amendment to the Sendera HOA trail easement, but the three pipeline companies have been slow to respond on a few technical/construction details. We want to make sure we have everything correct, and approved by them, before we survey the re-route and send you an easement amendment. City of Austin said two weeks ago that they, too, are ready to sign amendment."

The trail rerouting is due to one of the pipeline managers requesting a slight change, so the HCC wants to cooperate. Sendera has approved this proposed trail change, as it is a non-substantive change to the original easement.

The VCT section that will cross under MoPac is managed by the Austin Parks & Rec Department (PARC). They are scheduled to collect bids in the first quarter of 2017, with completion expected by mid-year.

To put it simply, if PARC can stay on schedule, by next year Sendera residents will have pedestrian and bike access to the Alamo shopping center without needing to risk life and limb crossing over MoPac.

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Davis and Latta

Initial work has begun on the PHB at the Davis/Latta intersection. Anna Martin, our liaison with the City of Austin Transportation Department, sent out the following update:

"[...] We are in the process of setting up construction contracts

for all of our PHBs and signals funded through ¼ cent funds.* This is very tentative but Districts 2, 5, and 8 will be in the 2nd wave of contracts. Therefore, construction will hopefully occur in the latter half of 2017. More details may be available when the contracts are procured."

[*The Quarter Cent Fund is a percentage of Capital Metro revenue that is currently allocated to local districts' mobility infrastructure. Sendera is in District 8.]

In The Works: Normal Trail Pond Project

by Alison Carpenter

Now that the Norman Trail playground is officially relocated, I wanted to catch up on the plans for the expansive, low-lying field directly behind it. HOA Board member Tom Franke is overseeing this project—a wet pond, complete with appropriate landscaping and mosquito-eating fish. I briefly interviewed him to get the low-down.

When will work start on the pond?

At this point, the pond work should take place next spring.

How long until completion?

I anticipate the work to take about 3 months, depending on the weather of course.

What kind of fish will be stocked?

The wet pond will be stocked with approximately 300 gambusia affinis (see photo). [a.k.a. "Mosquitofish"]

Will it fill naturally (rainwater)?

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Yes, our goal is to have the wet pond fill naturally. The timing of the completion of construction before the spring rain showers is key.

What is the overall cost and how is it being funded?

The project is fully funded using drainage utility fee funds. The cost of construction is estimated to be around \$350,000. Construction costs should cover the replacement of the non-functioning liner system, upgrading the main inlet to the wet pond, re-vegetating the pond, modifying the extended detention outlet to meet current 72-hour drawdown time requirements, stocking the pond with fish, and fencing the critical environmental feature with a split rail fence.

Thanks to Tom for managing this important addition to the neighborhood! Thanks also to Bana Jousan for the two artistic renderings of the completed pond seen here.



Sendera Shows Up for National Night Out

by Alison Carpenter

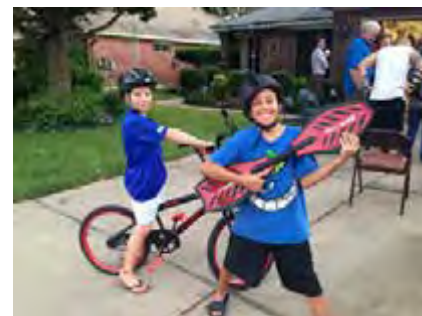
Tuesday, October 4 was the 31st Annual National Night Out, when neighbors get together to strengthen ties with each other and with police and first responders. All over Sendera, residents gathered to share food and fun conversation.

Earlier that week, Nextdoor was abuzz with invitations. Chickasaw Court and Norman Trail scheduled pot-lucks on the south side. Corran Ferry and Hove Loop were grilling on the north side. Meanwhile, Ramies Run and Whiteworth Loop hosted block parties in the middle section of Sendera.

Ron Urias was the host of one such party on Ramies Run. It was a super nice crowd with dozens of friendly faces. Ron provided drinks, hot dogs, chili, and chips, and another guest brought the most delicious brownies. At the end of the evening, Ron held a mini-contest for attendees to guess which residents at the party had lived in Sendera the longest and least amount of time. The two winners received a classy, 20 oz. beer mug with a ring-able bicycle bell attached, to signal refills, or toasts. Cheers to Ron for his excellent party!



Ron and crowd on Ramies Run.



My son and his friend enjoying themselves.



The Whiteworth Loop gang with AFD Engine 29.

Sendera Recreation Committee News

November-December 2016

Submitted by Suzann Vera

The annual **Christmas Decorating Contest** will take place the weekend of **Friday, December 16th–Sunday, December 18th**. 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! Judges needed! Contact Suzann suzannchili@sbcglobal.net.

Be informed about neighborhood events by joining NextDoor.com, Sendera HOA Facebook page, or Sendera Moms Facebook page. Up-to-date information is posted there. Contact Suzann 512-291-0714 to volunteer for event planning.



SKILLS, CHARACTER, TEAMWORK

At the Southwest Family YMCA, kids develop all of their skills, from catching and dribbling to teamwork and sportsmanship. Just as important, they learn firsthand the benefits of being healthy & active and that virtual games just can't compare to the real thing.

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In the Garden

by Pamela Kurburski

Even though the temperature was still hitting the high 90s and even the occasional 100, September's meeting topic was what to do in the fall. We discussed fall vegetable gardening, specifically what to put in the ground now and how to revitalize the soil for the winter growing season. The consensus was COMPOST, COMPOST, COMPOST. Several of the members have compost piles and/or composters. The techniques for composting varied but we all agreed that you need brown stuff (like leaves), green stuff (grass clippings, vegetable scraps), water and regular turning to introduce air into the mix. And speaking of air, fall is a good time to aerate your lawn. After a summer of baking, our clay-centric soil needs to be loosened up and plug aeration is a good way to accomplish this.

If you have irises or day lilies, fall is the time to thin out the overgrown rhizomes and bulbs. If you don't want to start them in a new place, these are easy pass-alongs. Once you've cleaned up that bed, go ahead and plant any new varieties you have so the roots have a chance to establish before the first freeze. Give your new residents a chance to settle in. It usually takes a year before you see any blooms. Be patient. Remember, gardening is a process not a goal.

Sendera Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us, please call me at 512-940-8430 to find out when and where our next meeting will be held.





IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Westoak Woods Baptist Church invites the community to browse the aisles at their 10th Annual Craft Bazaar.
 Saturday, November 19, 2016
 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 2900 W. Slaughter Ln.
 Vendors will be selling quality, creative or hand-made merchandise appropriate for families and loved ones. Come see what your neighbors have to offer and enjoy the atmosphere of fellowship during the holiday season.



Interested in adoption for your family? Learn about starting the adoption process and the children waiting for forever families at www.heartgallerytexas.com.

The Heart Gallery is part of the Adoption Collaborative of Central Texas, organizations committed to adoption and raising awareness about the local children in foster care. The collaborative aims to share responsibility for the adoption process in order to strengthen the adoption community and build forever families.

You can work with the agencies to become licensed to foster and/or certified to adopt. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system, regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in care of the state. Every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. The first step is choosing a child-placing agency to begin your journey.

Please be our guest to a special a portrait exhibit and community education/outreach initiative featuring children in Central Texas who are awaiting adoption.

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Inspecting For Bed Bugs

by Wizzie Brown

Before the holiday travel season begins, it is wise to know what to look for when traveling so you do not bring home unwanted guests. Bed bugs are small, dark brown to reddish colored insects with no wings. Their bodies are oval and the color and size often depends on if the insect is engorged with blood. Immatures, or nymphs, resemble the adults but are smaller and lighter in color. Usually adults are about the size of a watermelon seed.

Most feeding occurs at night when bed bugs pierce skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response. The allergic response causes the skin to become irritated and itchy at the bite location.

After feeding (it takes about 12-15 minutes for a bed bug to become fully engorged), bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas—mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Bed bugs hide in their chosen location for about 3 days while they digest the blood meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. Luggage should be placed in the bathtub until the room has been inspected. Make sure to carry a small flashlight to help with inspection. When you return home,

place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

Tips on inspection:

- Check all sleeping areas (beds, pull-out couches):
- Inspect linens as they are removed from the bed.
- Check mattress and box spring seams, bottom of the box spring and near the mattress tag.
- Inspect the dust ruffle.
- If possible, lift the boxspring and inspect the bed frame.
- If possible, pull out or remove the headboard to inspect behind it.
- Check bedside tables and everything on them, including opening all drawers.

If you find bed bugs, go to the front desk to inform them of what you found and request a different room. Do not get a room that is adjacent, above, below or across from the infested room (bed bugs can travel through wall voids to adjacent areas).

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com.

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