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SENDERa HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Sendera Welcomes Its Newest Board Member *Duane Galligher*

The Sendera HOA elected a new member to the Board of Directors at its April meeting. Duane Galligher is a relatively new resident of the neighborhood, having purchased a home with his wife, Jill, in June of last year. Duane and Jill were married in 2015 and had lived in a condo downtown prior to purchasing a home in Sendera.

Duane is a native Texan, having grown up in the small East Texas town of Sulphur Springs. He has lived in Austin for most of the past 20 years, originally moving here in 1997 to attend the University of Texas at Austin. He also attended law school at Southern Methodist University, and is now a partner at Texas Strategy Group, a small governmental affairs consulting firm in Austin. His practice centers around representing healthcare entities before state agencies and the Texas Legislature, and he has spent most of the past 20 years working in and around Texas government.

Jill is a more recent Texas transplant, having moved to the state in 2013. Jill and Duane met while she was living in Washington, D.C. and visiting friends in Austin in 2012. Their rescue dog, Parker, played a key role in their introduction, as Jill and Duane first struck up a conversation after Jill came to pet Parker at a bar on Rainey Street. Jill is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is a clinical dietician at a dialysis center here in Austin.

Jill and Duane are greatly enjoying living in Sendera, and Parker certainly enjoys no longer having to take an elevator to go outside. They enjoy having many friends in the area, including several

other families who live in Sendera. Duane had been active with his previous HOA, and agreed to serve on Sendera's board in order to help continue the quality operations and upkeep of our neighborhood.

Duane and Jill both love to travel, and enjoy entertaining friends at their home. You will usually find them on weekends with food cooking on the grill and rooting on their favorite Longhorn or Pittsburgh sports teams, respectively. They look forward to defending their title at the Sendera Chili Cookoff this fall!

Duane replaces Ron Urias as Board Secretary and has joined Ron and Tom Franke on the Architectural Control Committee. You can reach Duane by calling 512-750-6862 or e-mailing [duanegalligher@gmail.com](mailto:duanegalligher@gmail.com).



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# Pool Usage Changes and Reminders

by Todd Moore

When the pool gate malfunctioned in early May, the HOA Board made the difficult decision to switch security vendors. Since then the pool gate has undergone new hardware and software replacement for the swipe card reader. Subsequently, new pool cards had to be issued to all Sendera residents. The lifeguards spent a busy June checking off names as homeowners stopped by the pool to pick up their new cards.

By now everyone's card should be working properly. There were a few hiccups initially with residents giving a different name than what Pioneer had, or their card was suspended for some reason. Any resident who owes the association \$50 or more are not eligible to use the pool facility until their account is rectified.

Any remaining cards that weren't picked up by Monday, June 19th were returned to Pioneer. If you haven't picked up your card yet please make arrangements with Judy or Janice at 512-447-4496.

## A FEW ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 1) In order for the gate latch to unlock, users need to lift UP on the gate handle. For safety reasons it is set not to release otherwise.
- 2) If you try your card and think it doesn't work, make sure it's the new one and not the old one. Contact Pioneer with all pool card problems.
- 3) For those residents who had previously paid for two cards, the Board did not receive any data as far as who had an extra card or not, so we purchased enough cards for each household, plus a few extras. If you previously paid for 2 cards, you will need to show a receipt, invoice, or a picture of both your old cards so we can order the extra cards. That proof can be emailed to me, Todd Moore at [atmoore44@att.net](mailto:atmoore44@att.net).
- 4) It seems every summer there is at least one 'accident' from a little one requiring the pool to close 'until further notice.'

Nobody likes to think about poop in the pool, but that is what happened on June 6, and the pool had to be shut down for the rest of the day. Pool diapers and plastic shorts are NOT effective at preventing fecal leakage; therefore, the lifeguards may require changing swim diapers hourly to prevent pool contamination. Please be courteous to other swimmers and make sure your child is wearing appropriate swim attire and changed often enough to prevent future 'floaters.'

5) Lastly, and this is very important: We have new lifeguards this season and some of them are our very own residents. Please be kind and respectful to them. If I get one, single call about a parent, adult, guest, or child yelling, cursing, or talking rudely or disrespectfully REGARDLESS of circumstance, you and your guests will be escorted out of the facility and your pool privileges will be suspended.

The HOA Board would like the pool amenity to be a fun and welcoming place for residents during the summer months. Thank you for helping us make it so.



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## In the Garden

by Pamela Kurburski

Last fall, I wandered out of the house one morning and decided to do some impromptu weed pulling. Not having a plan in mind, I drifted from weed clump to weed clump, bending at the waist and pulling as many weeds as I could before I straightened up. Before I knew it, I had invested about an hour in this activity and had the start of a serious backache. The next day, I drove to Houston for a concert and drove home, all the while ignoring the growing problem in my lumbar spine. Twenty-four hours later, I was completely incapacitated by lower back pain and got a lovely ride from some wonderful EMS folks to visit the ER. Fun times. What's the point of this cautionary tale? Gardening is an athletic activity and you need to prepare your body for it unless you're just looking for trouble.

Before you start your garden chores, you need to stretch all those parts that you will rely on to reach, bend, and lift. Important areas to consider are your lower back, thighs, calves, shoulders, and hands. No need to go through an entire yoga class but 10 minutes of warm-up will go a long way to avoiding injury.

Don't forget to hydrate frequently (beer doesn't count) and take breaks. Sometimes we get so engrossed in the project before us

that we don't realize how much time has flown. Be mindful of the sun. Wear a hat and use sun screen. While you're at it, make sure to apply mosquito repellent often.

Gloves are essential for protection from sharp plant parts, harsh chemicals, and little critters that sting and bite. Making sure you have the proper tool for your purpose will not only reduce strain on your body but will also do less damage to the plants you are trying to cultivate. Determine if the size, weight, and length of the tool fit your body. Keep cutting edges sharp.

Change your position frequently. Use both hands whenever possible. For moving heavy items like bags of soil or mulch, use a garden cart or wheelbarrow. Finally, don't try and pack too much in a short time. Even big jobs can usually be broken into smaller chunks. If you don't finish, it will be there when you come back. If you push yourself too hard, it can take weeks to recover from an injury. Prevention is the key.

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.

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TBD - Fall Garage Sale

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2. Bring your completed journal to any Barnes & Noble store between May 16th and September 5th, 2017.

3. Choose your FREE reading adventure from the book list featured on the back of the journal.

*Happy summer reading, everyone!*





## Hide Your Pets From Critters in the 'Hood

by Alison Carpenter

The Sendera neighborhood seems to go through cycles when it comes to wildlife. My first experience was with vultures several years ago. They were everywhere, looming on the streetlights or hopping in the street after squished squirrels. They hung around for a few years, then I suppose drifted off to better road-kill pastures.

Then came the wild rabbits that populated the grassy strip leading to the pool. The small, brown bunnies would emerge in the early mornings and evenings of summer to the delight of pool-goers. Nearly tame, they would simply stare at you and munch grass as you walked by.

That, too, didn't last.

This year in Sendera could be called the Year of the Fox, or Coyote, or Rattlesnake: fox dens under decks, coyotes roaming the roads, rattlesnakes in plain sight on the sidewalks. The cute, bunny population is virtually extinct. Even more tragic, Nextdoor abounds with reports of missing pets.

Recently a raccoon figured out how to unlock my cat door and enter my house at night, washing its tiny hands in the water bowl and leaving behind a disgusting food mess. Efforts to trap it or block the entrance have failed. I'm now faced with the prospect of buying a brand new door and locking in my already traumatized cats.

While that would be torture for both my cats and myself, it might be the best option. Raccoons are germ-factories, carrying dangerous bacteria like leptospirosis and salmonella, plus the more deadly diseases like distemper and rabies. Coyotes and foxes are predators besides, and could make a meal out of a small pet.

I borrowed a humane trap from a neighbor, but I found out it's very hard to catch a raccoon, especially one as people-savvy as my little guy. There are also rules for trapping and releasing, so if you find yourself with a similar problem, educate yourself first, or call a professional. For sick, dangerous, or larger animals call 311 and report it to Animal Control. Injured or baby animal needing help can be taken to the Austin Wildlife Rescue, a local organization for soft-hearted folks like me.

Most of the animals out there won't attack unless cornered or provoked, so the best I can do now is minimize direct interaction. My garbage bins are now secured. I don't fill my backyard feeders anymore—because smaller animals attract the larger ones. All food is locked away at night.

I've spent the past several years in Sendera enjoying the proximity to wildlife... until now, when that proximity means inside my house.



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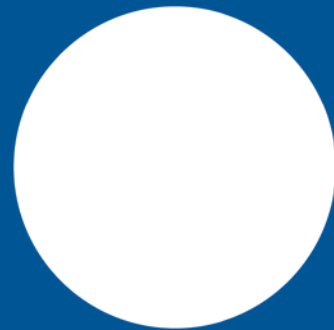
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