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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Considerations When Repairing or Replacing Your Fence

by Todd Moore

Unfortunately it looks like several lot owners sustained minor and/or major fence damage after the storm in late August. Sometimes these fence panels can be reattached with minimal effort and hopefully that is the case with most of you. However, if your fence is original, it's going on 20 years old and has surpassed its expected lifespan by several years. Now just might be the time to go ahead and replace it.

Some advice:

- 1) Be sure to select a reputable fence company that is insured, bonded, and warranties both their work and materials.
- 2) I highly recommend replacing the wooden posts with metal AND upgrading the pickets to 5/4inch thick. This gives the nails more material to hold/grip thus better chance of withstanding high winds.
- 3) Picket grade #1 or #2 is allowed.
- 4) Cedar is required.
- 5) If using metal posts, the side with the posts must face towards the interior of the lot. More details on the fence guidelines can be found here: <http://www.senderahoa.org/files/164>. When the HOA replaced the community fencing along Sendera Mesa, Davis, and Latta, we chose to use metal and thicker pickets.

Now to tackle the tricky question that always comes up when replacing a fence. Whose fence is it and who pays? There is nothing in our Covenants or Bylaws that identifies fence ownership or responsibility, but it is highly recommended that neighbors talk to one another to share the costs. But, do not let negotiations with your neighbor drag on for too long. For those residents whose lots back to a green space or pipeline (i.e. Ramies/Hoffman/Walsall Loop), this is your property and NOT common grounds maintained by the Association. Therefore, you are responsible for replacing/repairing the fence. Also, please do not leave your old fence material on the pipeline. (Yes it's been done) I've had lots of experience with different fence companies over the years. Think long and hard about using a mom-and-pop small outfit. Yes, their pricing might be a little lower than the bigger guys, but I have found you might wind up paying more in the long run in both money and aggravation. Good luck everyone!

Business Booms for Summer Lemonade Stands

by Alison Carpenter



Dylan, Landon, Parker, and Caden on Norman Trail

The children of Sendera recently took full advantage of the #FreeTheLemonade campaign undertaken by our city council representative, Ellen Troxclair.

Children were previously not allowed to set up a lemonade stand without a permit costing hundreds of dollars. On June 15, the city council voted unanimously to eliminate this requirement. Soon after, the enterprising young people of Sendera popped up lemonade stands in various locations, advertised flash-mob style on Nextdoor.

The Anderson family on Norman Trail hosted a booth, manned by four boys ranging in ages from 5 to 11 (see photo). Lemonade came in two sizes, \$.50 for small and \$1.00 for large. A free cookie was included with the large, either a Red Velvet Oreo or Confetti Springs Oreo. According to Tiffany Anderson, the turn out was great. "Lots of neighbors came by, some from the fliers on doors, some just driving by. And some people new to the neighborhood," she said. "The boys learned to make change and had a great water balloon fight to end the day!"

Across the way on Bremner, the McKinnon girls, age 6 and 4, served lemonade to their neighbors (see photo), "with a little help from their Grammy," according to Dad Mike. It was \$.25 per cup, or \$.50 for a cup with strawberries. A cookie was a mere quarter extra. Mike publicly thanked on Nextdoor all the neighbors who stopped by. "The girls had a lot of fun planning the stand and met some of our new neighbors," he said. "In just one hour they raised almost \$20.00. We were very proud of the kids for voluntarily offering their profits for Harvey Flood Relief."

Now that the lemonade floodgates are open, keep your eyeball on Nextdoor to catch the next round of deliciousness sponsored by Sendera kids.



Juliette and Alexandra on Bremner

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In the Garden

by Pamela Kurburski

It's October and though it may not feel like it, winter is coming. Now is the time to prepare your garden for the cold days ahead. One of the best organic anti-freezes is seaweed spray. Use it regularly on lawns and beds to help your plants ward off the chill. Another valuable winter tool is mulch. It will provide a cozy blanket for perennials and bulbs. Speaking of bulbs, now is the optimal time to thin out irises and lilies. Share your extra bulbs with friends and neighbors. The same goes for ferns, violets and cannas.

Now is also a good time to plant wildflower seeds and not just Bluebonnets. Indian Blanket, Indian Paint Brush, Coreopsis, Larkspur and Drummond Phlox offer an array of colors. Mix the seeds with sand to help get an even distribution. Make sure you get a good seed to soil contact and water in gently (using a mist setting on your nozzle works well). Wildflowers generally need a lot of sun (8-10 hours a day) so select your location accordingly.

The Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center has classes on Pollinator Gardening on Saturdays, October 7 and 14. Find more information and registration at <https://www.wildflower.org/event/pollinator->

gardening-certificate/2017-10-07. Also at the Wildflower Center, the Fall Native Plant Sale is October 20 and 21.

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.

POOL LIFEGUARDS & END OF SEASON

As of September 5th, lifeguards are no longer on duty at the pool for the remainder of the pool season. The pool officially closes for the year on Wednesday, November 1st and will reopen Spring Break 2018.

The short 4-month break gives the Board time to recalibrate, assess, and make necessary repairs and maintenance for 2018. Those wishing to volunteer to serve on the pool committee would most welcomed and much appreciated. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

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Submitted by Suzann Vera

Contact Suzann at suzannchili@sbcglobal.net or (512) 291-0714 to volunteer for event planning. Any help is most appreciated—whatever your schedule allows.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - 31st Annual National Night Out

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, support crime prevention, & strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations. Get your block organized for a pot luck, ice cream social, or happy hour! Post your party on Nextdoor.com or put flyers on your block neighbors' doors. There is no neighborhood-wide event planned as NNO is meant for blocks. See <http://natw.org/> for ideas and more details.

Saturday, October 14th - Sendera Fall Festival

Our annual festival will be at the playground by the pool. More details to follow. Check NextDoor and Facebook!

Saturday, October 28th, 11 am-4 pm The Cowan Elementary Carnival

Enjoy games, vendors, food booths, train rides, slides, petting zoo and more! Proceeds go to the school for enrichment programs. See <http://www.cowancoyotes.org/> for more details.

Friday, October 27th - Monday, October 30th Halloween Decorating Contest

Homes with decorations will be judged sometime over the weekend. Twenty small prizes will be awarded to the top best-decorated homes by volunteer judges. Winning addresses and family names will appear in the December newsletter. Judges are needed and are asked to drive an assigned section of the neighborhood at dusk to award the prizes. If you would like your house judged that evening, please have your decorations up and lights lit! Want to be a judge? Contact Suzann.

Tick tock, get your shot

Get your flu shots early for maximum protection

submitted by Erin Rogers

When it comes to addressing health concerns, sooner rather than later is best. With flu season just around the corner, early vaccination is key to protecting you and your family against the nasty flu virus.

"The flu vaccine is one of our best lines of defense against the flu virus," said Cesar Gerez Martinez, MD, a primary care doctor at Seton Family of Doctors plus Express Care. "Get the shot early, before the virus begins spreading in your community."

Protect and Prevent

The flu virus changes from year to year, so does the composition of the vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control Prevention conducts studies each year to determine the most effective vaccine for the season.

The annual needle stick may not be comfortable, but it offers protection for about six months.

"The flu vaccine helps the body create antibodies that provide protection against infection," Dr. Martinez said. "Getting the shot will not only protect you, but others around you throughout the flu season."

Age, illness, or other risk factors may prevent some people from getting vaccinated, so they rely on herd immunity to help keep them protected. When a large population, or "herd," is vaccinated, the possibility of spreading preventable diseases decreases. This creates an extra layer of protection for those who are too young or too sick to be vaccinated.

Risks associated with the flu vaccine are very low. You can't get the flu from the shot.

The most common side effects include redness, mild swelling, or soreness at location of shot. In some cases, people may experience low-grade fever, mild rash, headache and body ache.

Getting the flu shot doesn't always mean you won't get sick, but the immunities already built up from the vaccine can help you weather the illness with more ease.

"If you get sick even after being vaccinated, the symptoms are typically milder," Dr. Martinez said.

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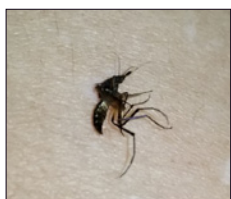


Floodwater Mosquitoes



If you've been outside lately, you have most likely noticed the giant mosquitoes that seem to want to pick people up and carry them off. With recent weather conditions, floodwater mosquitoes have emerged in large numbers.

Floodwater mosquitoes lay their eggs above the water line in ponds, ditches, pastures, or other places where water collects. The eggs can remain in dry areas and when these areas are flooded the eggs hatch, leading to swarms of hungry mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are larger than mosquitoes we are used to and can swarm in high numbers.



While floodwater mosquitoes won't last forever, other mosquitoes called container breeding mosquitoes emerge when floodwaters begin to recede. Many of these species are ones that we are used to seeing around our homes.

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 the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when activities cannot be rescheduled.

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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Sooner rather than later

The flu virus is active all year, and due to factors such as climate shift and being cooped up indoors more often, the number of infections peaks December through February. Some outbreaks can last into the spring.

The CDC recommends that most anyone aged six months and older can get a flu shot. Talk to your doctor if you have concerns about the flu vaccine.

Tips to reduce the spread of flu

Dr. Martinez emphasizes that getting immunized is key to protecting you and your loved ones against the flu. For additional prevention measures, use these tips to avoid spreading germs:

- Wash your hands and hard surfaces often.
- Don't share food or drinks.
- Stay home if you're sick.

Cesar Gerez Martinez, MD, is at Seton Family of Doctors Plus Express Care, now in your neighborhood 5301-B Davis Lane, Austin TX 78749, at the southwest corner of Mopac and Davis Lane.

VIOLET CROWN TRAIL SOUTH BEGINS CONSTRUCTION SOON

According to the City of Austin Public Works Department, the Violet Crown Trail will soon begin the next phase of construction. A portion of the trail completed in 2016 runs through the Sendera neighborhood and connects Sendera Mesa Drive to Slaughter and Davis Ln. The next phase is a 4000 foot-long section that will begin south of the Hampton Branch Library and continue to Convict Hill Rd at Brush Country. A parking lot will be constructed near the Convict Hill Rd and Brush Country intersection.

At its completion, the Violet Crown Trail will be a regional trail system beginning at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park and wind more than 30 miles south into Hays County. The trail will connect neighborhoods with parks, pools, libraries, schools, and shopping centers, and create new terrain for hiking, running, and biking. Questions? Contact Tony Lopez at Tony.Lopez@austintexas.gov.



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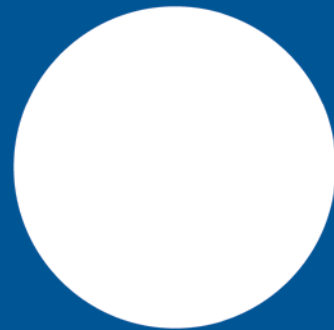
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