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SENDERA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## FOR EXTERIOR PAINT, KNOW THE GUIDELINES AND CHOICES

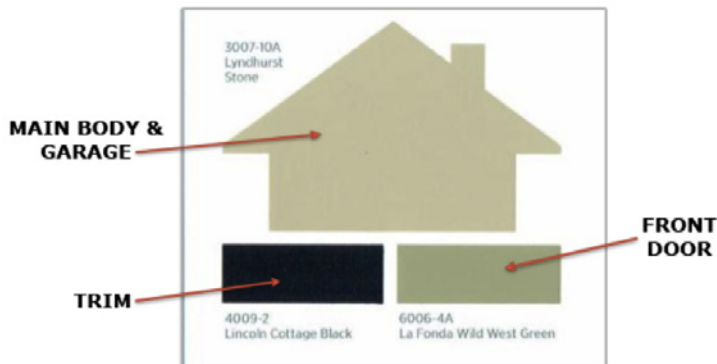
The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has reported an upswing in paint applications that are not following the approved guidelines. In 2016, Sendera board member Tom Franke and a team of dedicated volunteers compiled a new, more modern paint palette and guidelines that were approved by the HOA Board.

The rules are simple:

1. If you plan to change the exterior color of your home—including the main home and garage door, trim, or front door—you must have Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval prior to painting. The approval form is here: <http://www.senderahoa.org/files/130>
2. If you decide to match the same exterior colors on your home, then no ACC approval is required. (Unfortunately, the original paint palette is lost in time.)

The paint supplier Valspar was selected to assist with our paint palette. Residents are not required to use this brand, but the options and color coordination Valspar provided fit best with the goals the team set. The complete Valspar color palette for Sendera can be found at Lowe's.

The paint choices from Valspar are color-coordinated to match up with the stone color in the homes of Sendera. Colors for the front door of a home are provided too. At this time, the ACC will not allow mixing of the various color combinations. (See graphic for how colors are coordinated.)



## *Farewell from the HOA President*

Over the past several years, various Boards have had to contend with many projects ranging from relocating the Norman Trail playground, replacing the neighborhood fencing, approving the Violet Crown Trail, Google Fiber installation, waterline ruptures, rebuilding a huge gabion wall within the water quality fields, and procuring several new vendors. And my personal, 13-year goal of getting a streetlight installed at the intersection of Davis and Copano is finally approaching, with installation scheduled for early 2018.

I'm highlighting these projects to point out that a ton of work, time, and energy has been required and expected from our 100% volunteer board. While it hasn't always been easy or fun, it has been very rewarding. Beginning December 1, 2017 the Sendera HOA will have a vacancy. I hope you will consider lending your talents.

Todd Moore  
HOA President

Editor's note: On behalf of the Sendera community, I'd like to thank Todd for his years of service to our neighborhood. Since moving to Sendera in 1999, Todd has served several terms in our governing body, both as a board member and committee member. In the two years I've worked closely with Todd as the newsletter editor, he has been tremendously helpful communicating information vital to our residents and has always been responsive and knowledgeable regarding the issues we collectively face. It's fair to say that to serve on the board takes a combination of thick skin and self-sacrifice; Todd also brought experience and leadership. More than ever it seems we need kind and sensible people in roles of governance, and those shoes are hard to fill. As a fellow volunteer I will miss Todd's assistance and wish him the best in his well-deserved HOA retirement.

Alison Carpenter

*The full color palette is not printable in this newsletter, but all of this information plus the full color palette can be found at the Sendera HOA web page <http://www.senderahoa.org/files/215>.*

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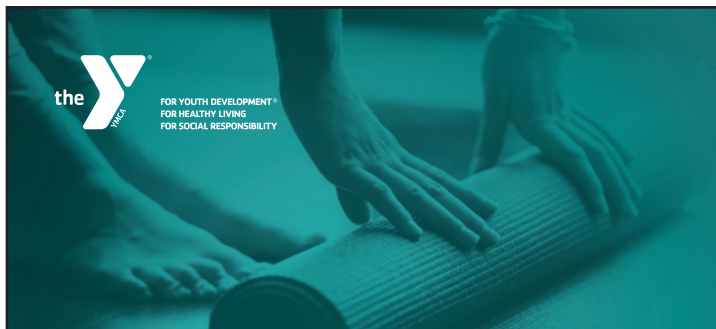
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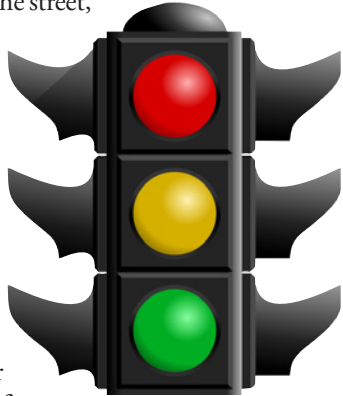


## TRAFFIC LIGHT FUNDED

While never a good place to cross the street, the intersection at Copano and Davis has become very dangerous in recent years, thanks to ignoring-the-speed-limit traffic, an improved thoroughfare from Brodie, and poor visibility around corners. In the latest accident, a collision resulting in a flipped-over pickup truck in early October caused much concern among residents.

The city council representative for Sendera has been aware of this issue for the past couple of years and responded with good news. "I was able to fund the long-awaited traffic light at Copano and Davis," Ellen Troxclair said in an email. "The Austin Transportation Department is in the process of procuring a contractor and has notified me that the light is slated for completion in April 2018."

If all goes according to schedule, hopefully soon our neighborhood will have a fix to one major traffic problem. Keep an eye on Nextdoor and this newsletter for further updates.



## Sendera Recreation Committee News

**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2017**

*submitted by Suzann Vera*

There are no recreation events scheduled for November.

The annual Christmas Decorating Contest will take place the weekend of Friday, December 15th– Sunday, December 17th. 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](mailto:suzannchili@sbcglobal.net)

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## IN THE GARDEN

*Submitted by Pamela Kurburski*

Soil is generally a prerequisite for gardens and it is often in short supply and of poor quality where we live. The September Garden Club meeting was all about the improvement and amendment of soil. We were privileged to have George Altgelt, owner of Geo Growers, as our speaker. George opened our eyes and minds to the things in the soil that plants need to thrive and provided us with an introduction to some products that can help plants access those essential nutrients.

In addition to the big three (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium) that you find in many commercial fertilizers, there are many others that play a huge role in helping plants fend off insects and diseases. Two unsung heroes are molybdenum and copper. George taught us that molybdenum is essential for plants to be able to fix nitrogen. Even if you put nitrogen into the soil, low levels of molybdenum limit the plants ability to take up the nitrogen, leading to pale leaves and failure of flowers. Copper is another important micronutrient. In addition to playing an important role in chlorophyll production, copper also helps plants fight off fungal infections.

So, when you're thinking about improving your soil, look for products that not only add nutrients but also provide the mechanisms for increasing the availability of those nutrients to the plants.

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.



*Soil Amendments*



*Carmen and George*

## RATTLESNAKES ARE STILL OUT

Residents, watch out for venomous snakes! Michele Perroux on Whiteworth Loop reported this baby rattlesnake on her back porch in October. Until the cold fronts move through Austin on a regular basis there is still snake danger. We should all be diligent, especially where children and pets are concerned. Hope this helps others!



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STS Foundation is currently looking for families for the 2018/2019 school year. What does it take to be a host family? STS accepts all types of families, be it single parents, young marrieds, empty nesters or same sex couples – we are looking for families that are willing to Share their America with a high school student for the year. All you need to provide is three meals a day and a room for them to sleep in. The student can share a room with a same sex sibling that is within five years of their age. Each student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. Most of all, they come with an excitement to learn all they can about our American way of life.

Hosting is a great way to learn about the student's culture as well, perhaps even learn a few new words in a new language. It's a way of opening a new world to your children as well. Most importantly, it's a way of making the world just a little bit smaller, so that we can all live in peace and harmony together.

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at [vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com).

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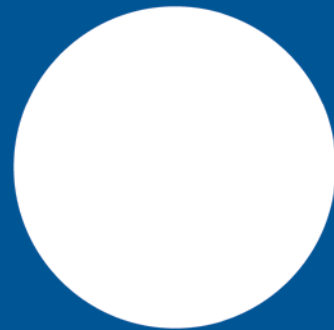
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