

SENDERA

SENDERA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR SENDERA

By Todd Moore



Beginning January 1, 2018, the Sendera Owners' Association will begin a new partnership with First Service Residential (FSR). The HOA Board of Directors finalized the 2018 budget in October. Once FSR has the final numbers they will create the monthly coupon booklets and mail them to all residents. Hopefully everyone will receive the new coupon booklet and their

account/web portal information sometime in late November or early December.

The board is working towards not having to increase our annual dues. Nothing is guaranteed but that is the hope. It will require some cutbacks.

There will be plenty of changes that will be apparent as soon as everything gets launched. Meanwhile, **December is your final payment to Pioneer.**

To better serve the community, starting January 1st, all related inquiries to landscaping, pool, playgrounds, deed violations, payments etc. will be directed to the new property management team and web portal. They will be getting paid to handle your concerns. Their contact info will be made available soon. This means there will be a limited engagement from board members on Nextdoor and other social mediums, notwithstanding general or emergency announcements.

To preview FSR, click on the following link:

<https://www.fsresidential.com/texas/about-fsr/overview>

Thanks in advance for your patience and support as we make this migration.

Ongoing Mail Theft has Residents Seeking Answers

Several Sendera mailboxes are being vandalized with increasing regularity and mail stolen. This newsletter's deadline fell before the November HOA board meeting, at which a postal agent was scheduled to attend and answer questions. In the meantime, here are three easy things residents can do:

- Sign up for Informed Delivery at USPS.com. This will give you a snapshot via email of what mail you should expect to receive each day.
- Mail outgoing letters in the early morning before the postal worker arrives.
- Pick up mail before nightfall.

A Neighborhood Watch of Sendera volunteers was being discussed on Nextdoor and might be the best way to combat this problem. If all neighbors could be on the lookout for suspicious activity around the mailboxes after dark and report it to the police ASAP, hopefully we can put a stop to this criminal activity.

Dog-Sitting Co-op

Attention Sendera dog owners: our neighborhood now has a dog-sitting co-op open to Sendera residents only.

This co-op connects reliable neighbors who are willing to help each other with dog sitting, walking, feeding, etc. This is primarily a free service on an exchange basis. If you wish to pay, the amount is negotiated individually between owners and should be a reasonable rate, not necessarily the market rate. The goal is not to run a business but to do a favor for our dog-loving neighbors.

If you would like to participate, send an email to Audrey Cheong at dogsdomatter@yahoo.com. Please indicate your name, email address, phone number (optional), dog name(s), age, breed, weight, and also if you have cats. Please include any special care information as well. A list will be put together and emailed to the participants.

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GUIDED TOUR OF THE VIOLET CROWN TRAIL

By Alison Carpenter



Over a dozen Sendera ns gathered at the park on Sendera Mesa Drive on Saturday, November 4, for an information session with Butch and Sarah Smith from the Hill Country Conservancy

off into sections with hills with rocks. The hike was not difficult for the youngsters, but some sections proved challenging for the older folks. Along the way, we encountered hard-at-work crews from American YouthWorks, contracted for trailbuilding whenever possible. Friendly mountain bikers and dog-walkers were also prolific on the rough paths.

Slaughter Creek marked the end of our guided tour. Now only a dry-bed of rocks, the creek will soon have a low-water bridge that at times could be hazardous and closed to foot traffic, depending on rainfall. Just beyond the creek, the trail will bisect and continue right to the Circle C trails and left to the Veloway. We thanked Butch and Sarah for their time and expertise, then headed back the way we came, nearly getting lost on the way!

and a guided tour of small section of the Violet Crown Trail.

Butch and Sarah brought flyers and brochures describing the goals of their organization, plus poster boards displaying what the finished VCT project will look like. Participants could also pick up a free tote bag and t-shirt.

Residents mingled and asked questions before a brief presentation. The VCT will be built over the next three months from Sendera Mesa Drive to Slaughter Creek, an extension stretching behind Walgreens. The plan estimates another 18 months to complete the trail from Slaughter Creek to the Veloway near the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Butch noted that Sendera Mesa Drive is considered a trailhead and will soon have signage and a map. The trail will be approximately 10 feet wide and comprised of a unique and proprietary material called StayLok, “granite with a stabilizing binder” that is more environmentally friendly than concrete, according to Butch.

The hike to Slaughter Creek was 1.5 miles round trip. After crossing at the light at Slaughter Lane, we headed into a grassy area and followed a worn trail for several minutes, eventually branching

For more information on the Hill Country Conservancy or the Violet Crown Trail contact info@hillcountryconservancy.org or 512-328-2481.




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IN THE GARDEN

Submitted by Pamela Kurburski



Even though the winter solstice (the astronomical start of winter) is only a few weeks away, anyone who has lived here over a year is familiar with the vagaries of Texas weather. It could be in the 60s, 70s or 80s. But just for the sake of this article, let's assume it will get cold sometime before March. Even

gone to their final rest and planning what you are going to try next spring in all those spots that are now bare. Of course, any time is a good time to improve your soil with compost and trace minerals (see November's column).

If you are seeing an explosion of ball moss on your trees (see photo), especially live oaks, cold weather is the time to act. First know that ball moss is not a parasite. It is an epiphyte, which means it gets its nutrition and hydration from the air not your trees. However, to some eyes it is ugly, and it can shade buds. Since they aren't firmly attached to the limbs, the best method is just to knock them down with a long pole. The next phase of the attack is to use a spray like copper hydroxide to kill any residual plants. This needs to be done before the trees leaf out and when the wind isn't blowing. The spray can burn the leaves of evergreens so watch out for overspray. With the height of the trees in our neighborhood, it might be prudent to hire a professional who will have the proper equipment (and insurance) to do the job safely.

in the coldest weather, there are still gardening chores to perform.

When the temperatures fall, it is time for cleanup. Pruning perennials, removing dead wood from trees and making sure that no limbs are touching your house, pulling up annuals that have

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HOW TO RESPOND TO COYOTES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Sendera residents are reporting an increase in coyote sightings in recent months. The City of Austin Public Information Office issued the following guidelines to help keep Austin's wildlife wild, by following some simple, preventative measures:

- Always keep trash and compost in a secure bin.
- Keep your barbecue grill clean.
- Keep the area under your fruit and nut trees free of droppings. (A coyote's diet can be up to 40% fruit in Texas.)
- Avoid feeding pets outdoors. If you must feed pets outside, feed during the daytime and remove the uneaten food as soon as the animal has finished.
- Feeding wildlife and feral cats can attract coyotes. In addition to coyotes eating the food, mice and other animals will be drawn to leftovers, which can subsequently attract predators such as foxes and coyotes.
- Keep small pets inside when possible and monitor them while outside. While walking dogs, use a secure, 4-6 foot leash and do not let dogs explore vegetation that you can't see through.

Hazing

When young coyotes leave the den during the fall, they are more active while they attempt to establish territory. It is imperative that they learn people are not safe to be around. You can influence the behavior of a coyote through a simple process of negative reinforcement called hazing. Doing so will help it relearn to avoid people during the day.

Hazing, also sometimes called vexing, is a process that helps shape coyote behavior and encourages coyotes to avoid contact with people and pets. It reinforces coyotes' natural wariness without harming them. The more an individual coyote is hazed using a variety of tools and techniques by a variety of people, the more effective it will be for the entire community.

Hazing should be exaggerated, assertive and consistent. It is a common technique used in communities around the country.

- Make eye contact, yell and wave your arms. You want the coyote to know the behavior is directed at it. Waving your arms will make you seem bigger.
- Use noisemakers such as whistles, air horns, a "shaker" can full of small rocks (or something similar), or bang something like pots and pans together.
- If the coyote does not leave immediately, throw non-edible objects near it (not at it.) You can use something like small rocks, sticks or tennis balls. Remember, the goal is not to hurt the coyote; you're trying to get it to leave and associate humans with unpredictable, "scary" behavior.
- Spray the coyote with a water hose, water guns or spray bottles.

You can also use a mixture of water and vinegar, pepper spray, or bear repellent.

If the coyote does not leave after escalating hazing efforts, maintain eye contact and back away slowly. Notify 311 immediately.

Do not haze if a coyote appears sick or injured, with pups, or if cornered or displaying unusual behavior. Please call 311 to report sick or injured animals. For more information, visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/coyotes-central-texas>.

SENDERA RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS

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Congratulations to the Halloween Decorating Contest winners!

- The Johnson Family - 4809 Norman Trail
- Stephanie Prewitt - 4415 Tello Path
- Sara and Phillip Tso - 4416 Tello Path
- Trinda Brennan-Farris - 4625 Steed
- Whitney and John Falcon - 4608 Norman Trail
- Isela and Steven Alvarado - 4512 Chesney Ridge Dr
- The Tien Family - 4601 Ramies Run
- The Street Family - 9019 Copano Drive
- The McWilliams Family - 8912 Copano Drive
- The Johnson Family - 8921 Latta Bluff Loop
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- Kendall Family - 4506 Corran Ferry
- Jones Family - 8717 Packet Ct
- Zymowski Family - 8656 Barrow Glen Loop



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. To enter the contest, please have your lights on!



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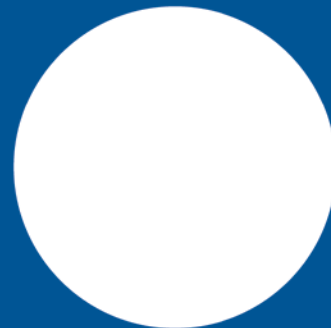
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