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SENDERa HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONSIDERATIONS AND REMINDERS

by Steven Cannella

Spring will be here before we know it and it is a popular time to start home improvement projects. Many projects involving the exterior of your home and/or landscaping require Sendera Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval prior to commencement. This is important to keep in mind when considering start dates and scheduling. Some applications may be processed more quickly based on the proposed project; however, expect about a 30-day turnaround, providing all information is presented with the initial application. Please also take into consideration that HOA or ACC approval is not a substitute for any permit you may be required to obtain from the City of Austin before starting your project.

The new HOA Management Company will be working with residents to provide the ACC with a complete application and project plan that should help expedite the process of approving your project. The ACC has identified two major issues that commonly delay the process. Your survey plot plan is required for the majority of applications. This information was provided to you during the purchase of your home. Providing this information (with a rendering of your project if applicable) will undoubtedly help facilitate the process, so it is a good idea to submit it regardless. The second issue known to delay an approval is lack of detailed information. It is important to be as thorough as possible when submitting your application. While it is the ACC's goal to approve your project, if the application is vague and requires more information it can certainly delay the process.

Many projects will fall into preset guidelines that define whether or not a project will be approved. If your project does not fall under the guidelines currently set in place, this does not necessarily mean that project will automatically be denied. Preparation and communication play a key role if you wish to minimize any potential delays. The ACC wants to help as best they can. If for any reason your project is denied, we encourage you to reach out for clarifications and possible alternatives.

With all the new and exciting home improvement innovations

and products available on the market, it is hard not to get excited about improving your home. The ACC will be taking initiative over the next year to create more opportunities for our residents to add value to their home and to our community.

NEW FEE FOR ACC FORM SUBMISSION

by Tom Franke

The new management company, FirstService, has officially taken over management of Sendera. With that comes changes, more specifically, the overall management of the architectural control process. An application processing fee of \$35 will be charged to a homeowner at the time the application is submitted. FirstService offers a completeness check of the application to ensure it meets Sendera guidelines and covenants. They also offer full-time staff that can quickly answer any ACC-related questions and assist with processing.

A little background and reason for the change. For the last two decades, ACC review, approval, and processing duties have been handled by ACC committee volunteers. Previous management companies either didn't offer this level of service or were not able to take on these additional duties and manage them to the HOA's satisfaction. FirstService is the first management company Sendera has hired that has a system in place that dedicates staff to the review and processing of ACC applications. The fee is needed to cover the cost of this level of service.

As in the past, all improvements to the exterior of a property must get ACC approval before commencing. The guidelines that have been adopted by the HOA board over the years are still in effect. The ACC will work with FirstService to ensure a smooth transition and assist with clarification of covenants and guidelines.

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City of Austin Utilities (Electricity/Water/Waste)

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(need PowerLink # from your bill)..... 512-322-9100

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INTRODUCTION LETTER FROM NEW MANAGMENT



community and look forward to the opportunity to assist with your individual needs while providing oversight for the community's day-to-day operations.

I am available by phone at 512.620.7103 or you may email me directly at Jacquilyn.thate@fsresidential.com. I do respond most promptly to email, as I may be onsite when your call comes in.

Your Community Assistant Manager is Cassie Burgess and she may be reached by phone at 512.620.7056 or by email at Cassie.burgess@fsresidential.com.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions and feedback. Building community within community is our focus and our desire to enhance your Sendera lifestyle and experience.

Warm Regards,
Jacquilyn Thate

**** More about the website coming soon ****

NEED HELP? FIND IT ON NEXTDOOR

Are you looking for a reliable babysitter, yard worker, or tutor? The best way to find neighbors for hire is to ask for recommendations on Nextdoor.

If you haven't done so already, create an account at Nextdoor.com. Then post your inquiry to find neighbors available for hire, or advertise your own services in a quick and easy way. Nextdoor is essentially a **free job listing service** that is always up-to-date and based on community participation.

Sendera neighborhood currently has almost 75% participation on Nextdoor, so it is the most efficient way for Sendera residents to solicit jobs or hire help. Best of all, it's online, so the more people use it, the better connected we can all be.

Sendera Recreation Committee News February 2018

Submitted by Suzann Vera

Thank you to The Scotts, The Rettigs, and Lewis Family for judging our December Christmas Decorating Contest.

The winners are.....

Judy Willis- 4500 Steed
The Shinaults- 4820 Norman Trail
The Prewitts- 4415 Tello Path
The Friends- 9508 Zuniga
Heidi Brennan-Farris- 4625 Steed
The Jacksons- 4400 Tello Path
The Bright Family - 8811 Sendera Mesa
The Chapman Family - 4515 Ramies Run
The Fortman Family - 4400 Walsall Loop
The Gallegos Family - 4315 Bremner Drive
The Johnson Family - 8921 Lana Bluff Loop
The Palacios-Pinon Family - 4712 Hoffman Drive
The Ricketts Family - 8809 Whiteworth Loop
The Robinson Family - 4712 Ramies Run
Tony and Reeta Holmes 8620 Barrow Glen Loop
The Allens 8651 Barrow Glen Loop
Rudy Albarez 8716 Puckett Court
The Kendalls 4506 Corran Ferry
Jolyn Turner 4437 East Toll Loop
Leora Davis 8837 Corran Ferry

Mark Your Calendars for 2018 Sendera Events:

- **March 12-16** AISD Spring Break
- **March 24** Easter Egg hunt
- TBD Spring garage Sale
- TBD Ladies Night
- **June 9** Dive In Movie
- **July 14** Dive In Movie
- **August 11** Dive In Movie
- **October 13** Fall Festival
- TBD Fall Garage Sale
- **October 26-28** Halloween Decorating Contest
- **December 14-16** Christmas Decorating Contest

Event details can be found on:

The Sendera HOA website <http://www.senderahoa.org/home>
The Sendera Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/SenderaHOA/>

NextDoor <https://senderaaustin.nextdoor.com>

In the Garden

Submitted by Pamela Kurburski

If you haven't already done it, it's time to clean up the mess left by what passes for winter around here. This year we got some decidedly nippy weather so it's quite possible that some of your plants did not survive even if you tried to protect them. There might still be some freezing temps in our future so resist the urge to replace everything. There's still plenty you can do to prepare for Spring. Mid-February is usually a good time to prune roses. If you have antique roses you can choose to do a light pruning (about a third of the bush) or a serious pruning (taking them down to a foot or less). Either way, you need some good equipment. Rose gloves (long cuffs, all leather) will give you protection from those pesky thorns. Use bypass pruners that are very sharp so that your cuts are clean, and the stems aren't crushed. Loppers with long handles help you get down into the plant with minimum exposure to puncture wounds. Make your cuts above a bud. Clear out dead wood and any stems growing into the center of the plant. Air circulation is very important for roses.

Woody perennials like Esperanza and Beauty Berry can be cut down to about a foot. As soon as you see new growth, cut all last year's stems to the ground. If you don't, you will have a bunch of hard, pointy sticks in the center of your plant that are no fun to step on (personal experience with this). Now is the time to look at your trees and see if they need some shaping or lifting before they put on their new leaves and it's harder to see their 'bones'.

If you have plants with freeze damage, cut away the mushy parts and give them a chance to come back. If they don't, well hey, sounds like it's time for a field trip to your favorite nursery.

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 NEWS for 2018

by Ron Urias

Although it's cold and blistery outside (maybe) as you read this, we're busy making the pool ready for the spring. New pool furniture will replace our old, worn-out, and fatigued equipment. We'll also see that the pool floors and playground equipment are freshly pressure-washed and our "fall zone" areas at the swings and slide are fluffed up.

We're also replacing our pool vendor and you'll see a marked improvement in the quality of our facility, restrooms, and pool water.

The board is currently taking bids for replacement of the 20-year-old metal fence that surrounds the pool. The new fence will be 8-feet tall and powder coated to insure it will last a long time.

TRAFFIC LIGHT DELAYED

According to Councilmember Ellen Troxclair's office, the installation for the traffic light at Copano & Davis has been delayed a few months.

The original schedule called for the light to be installed by April 2018. Alice Claiborne, District 8's Outreach Director, could not give a specific time frame but expects completion during the summer. "[The Transportation Department] said the Davis/Copano light will be in the next batch of signals after the original ¼ cent* list is completed by the end of April," she stated in an email.

**The Quarter Cent fund is a portion of tax revenue collected by Capital Metro and returned to the city's districts for mobility and transportation improvements.*

2018 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The city has a useful online tool from the Austin Resource Recovery department (a.k.a. garbage collection and recycling.) Plug in your address to <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/my-collection-schedule> and get a personalized calendar for Trash, Recycling, Yard Trimmings, and Large Brush Collection.

If you aren't sure about the rules or what is recyclable, the pop-up links on the calendar will assist you. You can also sign up for reminders via text, email, phone, or social media.

SPRING 'IT'S MY PARK DAY' IS SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

The Austin Parks Foundation holds the biggest, city-wide volunteer event, It's My Park Day, in both the Fall and Spring. Each year thousands of volunteers work to improve parks and greenbelts throughout the city.

Last spring the event had over 3,200 volunteers and nearly 100 projects city-wide, putting in over 10,000 hours of labor. That's equivalent to 7 park maintenance employees working full-time for a whole year. All told, including labor, this one day represented an investment of over a quarter of a million dollars for Austin's parks.

Sign up begins in February. Visit <https://www.austinparks.org/volunteer/impd/> to volunteer or get reminder emails.



Fun Valentine Facts

- In Victorian times, it was considered bad luck to sign Valentine's Day cards.
- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. This makes it the second most popular day of the year for sending cards.
- XOXO- Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with a kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their name signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentine would be. They would wear the name pinned on their sleeve for 1 week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression, "to wear your heart on your sleeve".
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for this holiday in 1868.
- Roses are Red- The red rose is considered the flower of love because the color red stands for strong romantic feelings.

Board Meeting Schedule

The HOA Board of Directors welcomes all homeowners to attend the monthly meetings. Bring your questions and concerns and find out more about what is happening in the neighborhood.

WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Bethany Lutheran Church, Rm 112

If the monthly meeting is canceled or changed unexpectedly, prior notice will be given through an announcement on Nextdoor.

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Recluse spiders

Recluse spiders, as their name suggests, are shy and do not like being in the open. They are about the size of a quarter, with a body that is 1/2 inch long. Recluse spiders can be light brown to dark grayish-brown in color. Legs are spineless and body color is fairly uniform. Recluse spiders are known for their characteristic violin or fiddle-shaped marking on the "back" (a.k.a. cephalothorax...the front body section of spiders). Since other spiders may have similar markings, the eye pattern is what really needs to be examined to determine if it is a recluse; three pairs of eyes arranged in a semicircle on the front of the cephalothorax will be confirmation.

Outside homes, recluse spiders can be found in garages or sheds, firewood piles, or piles of stored materials such as lumber, bricks, or rocks. Inside the home, these spiders are found in bedrooms, closets, bathrooms, under furniture, behind baseboards, in attics, or in cracks and crevices. They are most active at night when hunting for food.

Recluse spiders do not tend to seek people out to bite; instead, people are bitten accidentally when rolling over onto a spider while sleeping or when trapping a spider next to skin while putting on clothing. Recluse spiders have a cytotoxin that breaks down tissue around the bite area. Several hours after being bitten a blister forms at the bite site that may grow in size as more tissue breaks down from injected venom. Infected tissue eventually sloughs off; this leaves an open wound that takes often months to heal completely. Other symptoms may also occur such as chills, fever, fatigue, joint pain, or nausea. If problems are experienced after being bitten by a spider, then seek medical attention immediately.

To avoid spider bites, try some (or all) of the following:

- Use sticky taps to capture spiders
- Remove bed skirts from beds (these make it easy for spiders to crawl into the bed)
- Don't leave clothes or blankets on the floor; shake out blankets and clothing before using
- When storing items, either use sealed plastic containers/bags or tape boxes on all seams to keep spiders out
- Wear leather gloves when cleaning in undisturbed closets, attics, garages, or the yard
- Keep stacked, stored items away from the home.

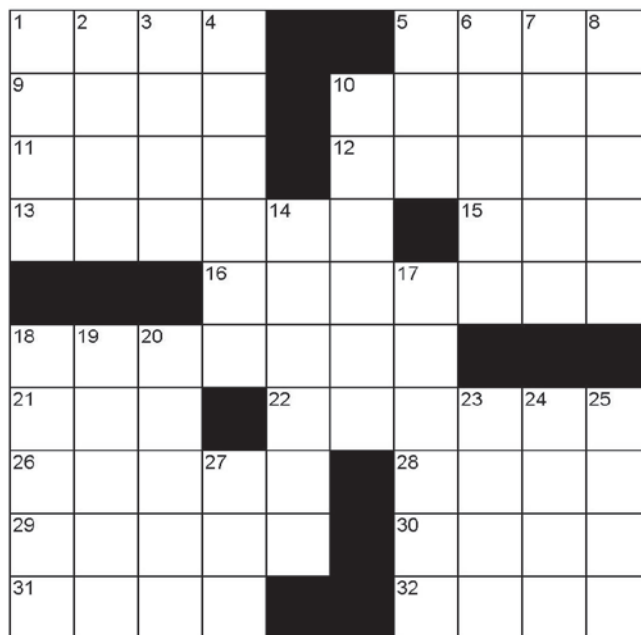
Do not store firewood against the house and only bring in firewood to immediately place on a fire.

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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1. Green seedless plant
5. Syrian bishop
9. Singing voice
10. Tapestry
11. Oracle
12. High School dance
13. Camel seat
15. Kimono sash
16. Moslem
18. Ancient time piece
21. Environmental protection agency (abbr)
22. Naval fleet
26. From Asia
28. Aroma
29. Jeans
30. Back of the neck
31. Tuber
32. Removes the water

DOWN

1. Squash
2. Tub spread
3. Soup
4. Dirty
5. Creative work
6. Sweeper
7. Deer
8. Molded salad
10. Precision cut stone
14. People from Asia
17. Kitchen appliance color
18. Large mammals
19. Defeat
20. Simple
23. 6th month (Jewish calendar)
24. Foolish
25. Greek god of war
27. Place

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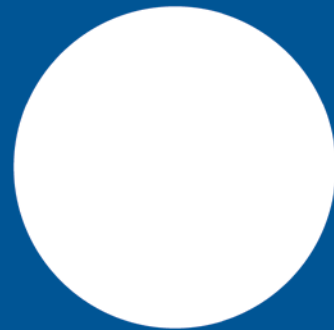
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