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PROJECT UPDATES ON THE SENDERA WETPONDS

by Tom Franke

The two wetpond rehabilitation projects located within the Sendera neighborhood are proceeding as planned, despite some delays due to rainy weather.

Below are the project updates as of July 13, 2018. Both projects should be completed by early fall. Of course, if the weather changes and we get more rain, that will delay both projects.

NORMAN TRAIL WETPOND:

1. The excavation is complete and the new geomembrane liner system has been installed.
2. The protective soil layer over the liner has been installed and fortunately the latest rains filled the pond to within one foot of the final depth or permanent pool elevation.
3. I installed approximately 200 *Gambusia Affinis* (mosquitofish) yesterday. Their numbers should grow substantially over the next few months as they get use to their new home. I managed to take a picture of two of them before they swam away (see photo).
4. Over the next few weeks, the installation of the wetpond plants, split rail fence around the critical environmental features, temporary irrigation system, and re-vegetation of disturbed areas will take place.

BREMNER WETPOND:

1. The wetpond has finally dried out enough that work can get started.
2. Crews have begun excavating the old clay liner to get the pond ready for installation of the new geomembrane liner system.
3. The geomembrane liner installation is scheduled to occur by mid-August.

MOSQUITOFISH, COMING SOON TO A POND NEAR YOU

by Alison Carpenter

As the wetponds on Norman Trail and Bremner get makeovers, the HOA plans to stock them with mosquitofish. These tiny fish are very important to the ecosystem. For residents living near the ponds, it should ease your minds that the water will not contribute to a larger mosquito problem.

The City of Austin Watershed Protection department explains:

"Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*) are common in our creeks and have a voracious appetite for young mosquitos (aquatic larvae). Schools of mosquitofish often number in the hundreds and can easily vacuum up thousands of mosquito larvae, which is one of the reasons there aren't many mosquito larvae in Austin creeks. Mosquitos prefer to lay their eggs in small puddles of water where these predators don't live."

If you do have a mosquito problem around your home, try fully draining your gutters and the water in your plant trays. Change out the water in outdoor pet dishes every day, and in birdbaths at least every 3-4 days. Use products with *Bacillus thuringiensis var. israeliensis* to control mosquitoes in rain barrels and other small containers of water near your home. According to the COA Watershed Department, these products are less likely to harm pollinators, other beneficial insects, and wildlife.



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Greetings neighbors,

I just wanted to remind everyone that your neighbors are out there all hours of the day and night watching out for one another. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact me at senderacrimewatch@gmail.com.

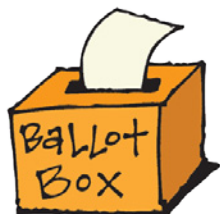
You'll be safe out there and remember, if it seems out of place it probably is, so always report suspicious activity to 311. If you feel that a crime is afoot phone 911. -James Craft

Pool Lost & Found

Pool season is ending soon and now is a good time to check the lost and found for all your missing items. The box inside the lifeguard station is overflowing with towels, floaties, noodles, dive toys, water bottles, etc. Ask one of the lifeguards on duty to assist you.



It's an open field for District 8 City Council candidates



Ellen Troxclair, our District 8 City Council representative, recently made the surprising announcement that she would not seek reelection. As of this newsletter's deadline, three candidates are willing to fill her position: Bobby Levinski, Rich De Palma, and Paige Ellis. Over the next two months, I hope to

publish the candidates' responses to a variety of questions. I have received verbal commitment from Bobby Levinski and Rich De Palma, with no word yet from Paige Ellis. They have been submitted several questions, but I hope to get more input from the Sendera community. If you have a question or issue you would like them to address, send it to senderanews@gmail.com. Early voting begins October 22 and the general election is November 6, 2018. -Alison Carpenter

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE VIOLET CROWN TRAIL?



As of mid-July, one section of the VCT was being built under Mopac near Dick Nichols Park. According to Project Manager D'Anne Williams, "Half of the crossing under Mopac at Dick Nichols is complete and the other half is formed up. We had hoped to pour concrete this week but the rain is going to set us back at least to [mid-July]." For

more information, contact DAnne.Williams@austintexas.gov.

One neighbor, Todd Moore, reported on another section of the VCT, the trailhead located on Mule Deer just past Latta. "Nice crushed granite, easy access for most users," he said. "I didn't notice any dog poo stations so be sure to take your own bags." He provided photos of the section on Nextdoor.



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Sendera Recreation News August 2018

2018 Events

- August 11th – Dive In Movie @ dusk: Pirates of The Caribbean
- October 13th – Fall Festival 8:00-10:00 pm
- October – TBA Halloween Decorating Contest
- December – TBA Christmas Decorating Contest

Seeking Co-Chairperson(s):

Those interested in helping our new volunteer Sarah Morse chair the recreation committee should contact Suzann Vera for more information. This summer we have begun the transition so that the co-chairs have sufficient time to shadow and take on the responsibilities.

The Sendera Recreation Committee chairperson(s) are responsible for planning and implementing neighborhood events with other committee volunteers to promote a sense of community in our neighborhood. One can expect an average of 8-10 hours per month time commitment, not including the actual time to attend events.

Duties include:

- Set agenda and facilitate volunteer meetings 4-6x per year.
- Recruit volunteers for events.
- Review budget and decide which events will be implemented and which will be contracted to a vendor.
- Plan and implement events to accommodate all Sendera residents: singles, families, and seniors.
- Work with the HOA management company and event vendor to set dates.
- Promote all events by posting flyers and information on social media.
- Present committee report at annual HOA meeting.
- Attend events to meet vendors and oversee logistics.
- Submit monthly newsletter event information to newsletter editor.

If interested, contact Suzann Vera at suzannchili@sbcglobal.net or 512-291-0174.

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.

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 a **free job listing service** that is always up-to-date and based on community participation.

The Sendera neighborhood has over 75% participation on Nextdoor, so it is the most efficient way for 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.

IN THE GARDEN

Submitted by Pamela Kurburski

Last month, I wrote about visiting several gardens, mostly those belonging to members of the Sendera Garden Club but also a special garden in Rob Roy which we were invited to tour. Space issues limited the number of photographs that could be published in July. There was so much more that I wanted you to see so here are more pictures courtesy of our talented and dedicated local gardeners. Enjoy!

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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LOOKING FOR A MEETUP NETWORKING GROUP?

JOIN THE S.W.I.N.G.ERS

by Ron Urias

Now, I know what you might be thinking about the name, but rest assured the acronym stands for **South West Inclusive Networking Group**. Come and meet some entrepreneurs and solopreneurs that provide services for just about everything you might need. GUESTS are most certainly welcome to attend. The meetings are held at the Escarpment Waterloo restaurant on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 AM.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS IS BACK



High school football is a Texas tradition on Friday nights. The Bowie Bulldogs' 2018-19 season starts August 31. Home games are played at the Toney Burger Stadium, 3200 Jones Road. Kick off at 7:30 pm.

Date	Opponent
8/31	Pflugerville (@Pflugerville HS)
9/7	Madison (Home)
9/14	Lake Travis (Home)
9/21	Del Valle (@Del Valle HS)
9/28	Hays (Home)
10/4 (Thurs)	Anderson (@Anderson HS)
10/19	Akins (Home)
10/26	Austin (@Austin HS)
11/1 (Thurs)	Lehman (Home)
11/9	Westlake (@Westlake HS)

End of summer recipe: pasta salad in a jar

Courtesy of Taste of Home

This versatile recipe is great to portion out for school lunches, or seal in a much larger container to take to an August picnic. Substitute with your favorite pasta, veggies, or light dressing.

INGREDIENTS

8 ounces each uncooked bow tie pasta, medium pasta shells, and wagon wheel pasta
 2 cups Greek vinaigrette
 3 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
 1 medium red onion, finely chopped
 1 jar (12 ounces) marinated quartered artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
 1 jar (12 ounces) roasted sweet red peppers, drained and chopped
 1 cup chopped fresh basil
 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1 package (3-1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni
 1 can (2-1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained



DIRECTIONS

Cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Drain pasta; rinse with cold water and drain well. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add vinaigrette to pasta; toss to coat. Add vegetables, basil, cheese, pepperoni and olives; toss to combine. If desired, transfer to covered jars. Refrigerate until serving.

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