

SENDERa

SENDERa HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

New Sendera Painting Options Are Here!

by Steven Cannella

Hello, fellow Sendera residents. The Architectural Committee has been working to provide more options for painting your home. The new guidelines are printed below and the full color palettes are on the Sendera HOA website. http://senderahoa.com/sendera/document_view.asp?id=58 Happy Painting!

OPTION 1: Paint House Existing Color

This is a great option if you love your existing color and just want to refresh it.

- No Architectural Control Committee (ACC) application necessary. **(No application, no cost.)**
- No ACC approval necessary.
- You can start painting as soon as you are ready.

If you are unsure if your home's current paint scheme was previously approved, you might look into it before painting.

OPTION 2: Fast-Track preapproved color schemes from Sendera's Valspar (Lowe's) or Behr (Home Depot) Lists

This is a great option if you want to update the color of your home using color schemes designed by professionals at Valspar and Behr. This option has a quick ACC approval as well.

- Electronic ACC application required. **(Cost \$35.)**
- Updated color palettes designed by Valspar & Behr.
- Quick ACC approvals (usually 30 days or less).

You may select a 2- or 3-color option:

2-Color Scheme: main body (Includes siding, garage door, and front door) and trim.

3-Color Scheme: main body (Includes siding and garage door), trim, and front door.

****You may use a different brand of paint, however the Valspar or Behr color scheme/combination must be referenced and swatches must be provided with your ACC application.**

OPTION 3: Custom Exterior Plan

This is a great option if you plan to work with a designer or have your own detailed palette/design you would like to create.

- Must present your exterior plan to ACC members during a monthly board meeting before submitting electronically.
- Approvals are NOT guaranteed, and will be issued on a case-by-case basis, pending the home and selections chosen.
- Electronic ACC application required: **cost \$35, + \$200 deposit** that will be returned upon verified completion.
- Please reference Page C1 on the website for more details.

Projects, Projects, and More Projects

by Alison Carpenter

Whether all the projects in and around the neighborhood are exciting or frustratingly inconvenient, keeping up with all of them is nearly impossible. Here's some info to satisfy your curiosity or allow you to vent in the proper direction.

Slaughter Lane & Mopac Construction

Yes, this has been a nightmare for commuters, or even those hoping for a quick trip to HEB or Walgreens. The final project won't be completed until 2021. Check out this quick link to the TxDot website with specific details: <https://tinyurl.com/ybnebnqf>. Click on "Slaughter Landscape" for an artist's rendering of the finished intersection.

For regular alerts about MoPac construction, send an email to MoPacIntersections@txdot.gov with UPDATES in the subject line. Or follow the project on Twitter @TxDOTAustin. Search #MoPacIntersections.

Davis & Copano Light

Holy Traffic Accidents, will this ever be installed? Cars westbound

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on Davis consistently exceed the 40 mph limit, often pushing over 60 mph. The line to exit Sendera at Copano can stretch 10 cars deep at times, and sticking your vehicle's nose into the intersection is an act of bravery.

The utility line markers have been in place for months. As of October 15, the concrete contractor finished relocating the curb and moved the pedestrian crossings closer to the intersection. The next step will be to drill the foundation for the light poles and arms.

According to Project Manager Scott Feldman, the foundation drilling will probably take "a little bit of time due to the nature of the soil [in the area]." He is hesitant to pin down dates depending on the difficulty of drilling through rocky soil.

Scott Feldman can be reached at 512-974-6366 or Scott.feldman@austintexas.gov

AISD Bond Projects

Bowie HS was under construction all summer long, routing all high school business to Akins until the beginning of the fall semester. Several weeks into the school year the AC was still not functioning in many parts of the school, though administrators assured parents, "They're working on it." Other schools zoned for Sendera (Cowan EL, Bailey EL, Covington MS) are similarly being renovated thanks to the AISD bond project approved on last November's ballot. Go to <https://www.austinisd.org/bond> for an interactive map that allows you to search and find out a school's specific projects and key dates.

Hampton Branch of APL Closed

It was a sad day when the Hampton Library closed for renovations on August 24. All the moms of little kids know what I'm talking about. Even more sadly, the renovations don't seem to include a parking lot expansion. It does include plans to replace the existing roof and skylights, replace all worn furniture and equipment, update HVAC and electrical systems, and improve ADA compliance.

The library and book drop will be closed until May 2019. According to the library website, "Bookmobile services will be available at the nearby Dick Nichols District Park, 8011 Beckett Rd." For questions about the renovations, contact Project Manager Paul Sanchez via Paul.Sanchez@austintexas.gov or 512-974-7469.

In the interim, the closest branches (12-15 minute drives) are:

Manchaca Road Branch, 5500 Manchaca Rd.

Pleasant Hill Branch, 211. E. William Cannon Dr.

Speeders on Bremner

This isn't a project, but the Slaughter Lane construction is 'projecting' unsafe drivers into our space. Drivers frustrated by the delays at the Mopac intersection are cutting through Sendera. Those who live on or around Bremner are dealing with the fallout. If you are affected, try contacting Sara Behunek in the Corridor Program Office, 512-974-7840 or Sara.Behunek@austintexas.gov. Another route would be to email our new city council representative after the November election.

Reminder from the HOA Board

Just a friendly reminder from your HOA Board to keep your plants, trees, and bushes trimmed up and out of the way of people using the sidewalk.

Look at your sidewalks from the perspective of someone in a wheelchair, a parent pushing a baby in a stroller, a child taking a bike ride, or simply a tall adult taking a walk. Is there room for them to get through without getting poked in the eye by an overhanging tree branch or a leg scraped by a giant century plant (see photo)?

Many plants can be trimmed back with the shears or trimmers you probably have in your garage. In order to prevent oak wilt, the middle of winter is the best time to prune your oak trees, but if you have some that need a bit of pruning now, make sure to cover the cut areas with a tree wound sealer found at home improvement stores.

For more details, see the Sendera website (Documents>Architectural Documents>Xeriscape Guidelines). Thanks for all you do to make Sendera a safe, welcoming, and beautiful neighborhood!



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In the Garden

by Pamela Kurburski

Ah, November. Summer's hot grip has loosened, and it is a pleasure being in the garden again.

This is the latest it is advisable to put out wildflower seeds. You should also get in all those cool season transplants like lettuce, spinach, and peas. Herbs like cilantro, dill, and fennel need these cooler temperatures to thrive. If you like annuals, now is the time for pansies and snapdragons.

There's never a bad time to put down mulch, especially around newly planted trees and shrubs. Seaweed spray helps these babies deal with the colder weather. Our first freeze usually comes around November 15th so now would be a good time to either bring

potted plants inside or arrange for some other protection. Before a freeze, it's important to water all plants well.

Sendera Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday 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.



Youth Looking For Work and Those Looking To Hire

by James Craft



Greetings neighbors,

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Lead for Sendera Nextdoor. I'm reaching out to everyone to let you know that I've created a "Sendera Pet Sitter/Baby Sitter/House Sitter/Grass Cutter Youth Looking For Work" group. Youth and young adults

can post their contact information, and Sendera folks can come to the group to find the young neighbor with the right skill set.

For this to work, I need those looking for work to post to the group their particular skill set and how you wish to be contacted. Please keep all posts to contact information and skill set only. The previous agreement allowing teens to post in the Sendera-only General category is still an option, but this way Sendera folks don't have to word-search the entire Nextdoor site hoping a teen's name pops up. It also gives us the opportunity to hire young entrepreneurs that live in our immediate neighborhood.

Good luck to the teens looking for work and to the neighbors searching for someone. <https://nextdoor.com/groups/20873095/>

Little Free Library in Sendera

Erica Cizek is looking for interested neighbors to help establish a micro library in Sendera (see photo for example). A little free library is a wonderful way for kids and families to exchange books with neighbors.

While pre-made boxes are for sale at <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>, perhaps a handy person out there knows how to build one of these? Volunteers would need to collaborate on the placement of the box (perhaps getting permission from the HOA Board) and on strategies to prevent theft and vandalism. And, of course, the library would eventually need books.

If you have expertise or would like to donate time, money, or materials to this project, call Erica at (832) 244-7828 or email: erica.cizek@gmail.com.





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RELAY LIVE Austin

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Please help the American Cancer Society finish the fight against cancer.

Please join us at the American Cancer Society's 1st annual Relay LIVE – Austin concert series. Please join us for a night filled with live music, food, drinks, games, activities, and a survivor celebration. With your support, help the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

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We hope to see you at this cancer fighting music series!

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How to Respond to Coyotes in Your Neighborhood



Photo Credit: Melanie from Flickr

Sendera residents are still reporting coyote sightings in our neighborhood. The City of Austin Public Information Office issued the following guidelines and 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. Mice and other animals will be drawn to leftovers, which can subsequently attract predators such as foxes and coyotes.
- Keep smaller 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/department/coyotes-central-texas>.





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