

# SENDERA

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Sendera Homeowner's Association

## Official Community Newsletter



On August 1, Board Member Jamie Avila and several Sendera residents met with Chris Dolan, the City of Austin Oak Wilt Program arborist. The meeting was prompted

by the identification of oak wilt infected trees on Sendera Mesa near Lanna Bluff Loop. In April, this newsletter reported similar infections identified on Barrow Glenn Loop. Mr. Dolan showed those at the August meeting maps of our neighborhood with several infection centers noted in and around our area.

### What is oak wilt?

Oak wilt is caused by a fungus that invades and disables the water delivery system of the tree. Leaves at the top of the tree are usually the first to die. The spread of the disease is primarily through the interconnected root systems. It can travel up to 150 feet in any one direction in a year. Small beetles also transmit the disease by carrying spores from fungal mats on red oaks to open wounds on live oaks.



### What trees are susceptible?

Red oaks (e.g., Spanish, Shumard, Texas Red, and Blackjack oaks) are particularly susceptible. An infected red oak will generally die in 3 to 4 weeks. White oaks (e.g., Post, Bur, Chinkapin and Lacey oaks) are resistant and rarely die from oak wilt. Live oaks fall somewhere in between but are vulnerable because they are essentially one

## There's a Fungus Among Us

big root system connecting all of the trees in a large area, and that facilitates the spread of the disease from tree to tree.

### How do I know if my trees are infected?

It is not always easy to identify oak wilt infection as opposed to fungal leaf spot or some other problem but Dolan provided the following guides.

- Watch red oaks for out of season color displays. Fall color in the spring is not a good thing.
- Keep an eye on the very top branches of live oaks. If they start to defoliate, call the City (512-974-1881) and set up an appointment to have an expert come and take a look.
- Examine oak leaves on the tree for chlorotic (yellow) veins. Look for veinal necrosis (brown veins) on leaves on the ground.

Often it takes an expert to make the identification. We are fortunate that we have access to an arborist through the City's oak wilt program. If you have concerns, contact him at the number shown above or at [chris.dolan@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:chris.dolan@ci.austin.tx.us).

### How do I stop this disease?

#### Prevention (worth a pound of cure)

- Eliminate diseased red oaks (or don't plant them in the first place).
- Handle firewood properly (make sure to buy wood that has been thoroughly dried for at least one year and don't store it near healthy oak trees).
- Avoid wounding oaks (including pruning) from February through June and immediately treat all cuts or wounds with a wound or latex paint.

#### Trenching (not the easiest thing in a

#### suburban neighborhood)

- Break root connections between live oaks by digging at least 4 feet deep and a minimum of 100 feet from infected trees.
- Remove trees within the trenched area and closely monitor those immediately outside for several years.

#### Fungicide (needs to be repeated every 2-2 1/2 years)

- Injections of propiconazole applied prior to infection have proven effective as a preventative.
- Fungicide injection does not stop root transmission but it can offer protection if trenching is not practical.
- Use a trained professional to ensure the best results from this treatment.

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### Correction to July Sendera Newsletter

Raffle sponsor Taco Del Mar on William Cannon was incorrectly listed as Casa Del Mar in the article on the Second Annual Cook-off and Fair. We apologize for the error and again express our appreciation to Taco Del Mar and all of the sponsors for their support.

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## Board of Directors Announces Resignation

I regret to announce the resignation of Bob Coggin from the Sendera Board of Directors. During his time on the Board Bob was instrumental in several improvements to the community including the replacement of the pool filtration system. Bob will remain in the community and help out when possible. We all thank Bob for his hard work on the Board and wish him well.

The Sendera Board of Directors will fill the vacant position as soon as possible. That person will serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Members. Check the website (www.senderahoa.com), and the next newsletter for updates.

Eric Steen  
 Vice President

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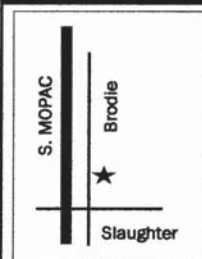
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# Sendera

**Fungus-** (Continued from Cover Page)

**What do I do now?**

Go out in your yard and look at your trees? Identify the oaks (Not sure what they are? Put a few leaves in a zip lock bag and take them to a local nursery for identification. A photo would help.) and pay attention to the foliage. Watch for unusual color changes and leaf drop.

If you suspect something is wrong, contact Chris Dolan. Even if you know you are going to lose the tree, call him so he can record the location. This helps him monitor the progression of the infection. The City also has some cost-sharing provisions for infected tree removal

**Where do I get more information?**

There are many resources and your first stop should be the City of Austin's Oak Wilt Program web site, [www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt). Texas Oak Wilt Information Partnership also has a lot of information at their web site, [www.texasoakwilt.org](http://www.texasoakwilt.org) including a list of oak wilt certified arborists.



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## National Night Out 2007

*Submitted by Eric Steen*

National Night Out 2007 was held Tuesday, August 7. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out parties were held throughout Sendera where neighbors got together, discussed issues, and had a good time. I was able to visit 5 of the gatherings and found that all of them had a great deal of wonderful food and neighborly interaction. Officer Kinley, Sendera's APD representative, was at the gathering on Whitworth Loop and provided information about neighborhood watch training classes held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Austin Police Department South Substation,

404 Ralph Ablenado (South 1st/Slaughter). This training is open to all who would like to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. Additionally, Officer Kinley emphasized the need for residents to call 911 whenever they see something happening in the neighborhood that doesn't look right. He said that the 911 operators are trained to determine if the problem needs immediate attention, or if the call should be transferred to another department.



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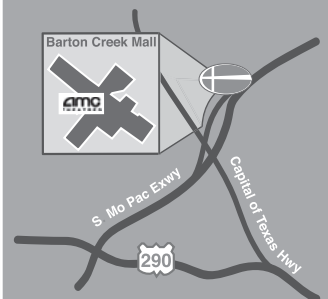
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## For Your Information

**L**arge brush collection in our area will begin September 3rd. Here are the rules:

- Have your large brush and limbs at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the start date
- Trim branches to eliminate forks
- Stack unbound brush no more than 4 feet high and in one row less than 15 feet along the curb
- Place the cut ends towards the curb
- Brush must be at least five feet away from your garbage cart or other obstacle
- Cut trunks over 8" in diameter to lengths of 3 feet

### Sendera playgroup changes meeting date

The Playgroup will change its date from Tuesday to Monday at 10:00am. This change has been made in hopes that those parents who work outside the home will be able to participate on Monday holidays allowing their children to play with friends they have made over the summer.

We hope this change will also provide others who were not able to attend the Tuesday playgroup, the chance to join in on the playgroup.

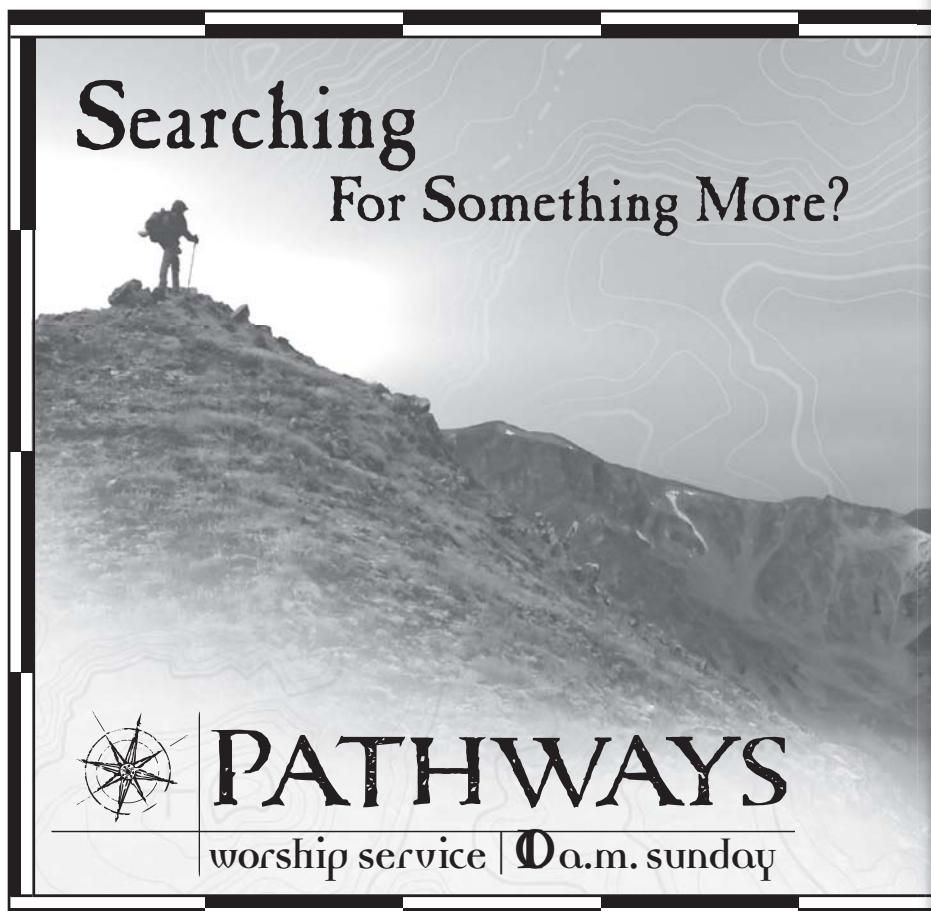
If you have any questions or concerns about the playgroup or its

day change, please email Lori at [senderaplaygroup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:senderaplaygroup@sbcglobal.net). Also, if wish to be placed on the playgroup email listing for survey or notices regarding the playgroup activities, please contact the above email address.

**R**ecently, a resident observed a commercial water truck filling up at a fire hydrant on Whiteworth Loop without appearing to use a meter. He passed on his concerns both for the potential unauthorized removal of water and the presence of a large truck in the neighborhood to the Board of Directors who shared the incident with Officer Kinley, A.P.D. community representative for Sendera. Although this does not appear to be an emergency situation, Officer Kinley's recommendation is to call 911 when you have a concern about something that is happening right at the moment. If needed, the 911 operator will refer you to the appropriate nonemergency department. You just never know when your quick action may prevent criminal or negligent activity.

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## Graffiti in Sendera

Submitted by Luanne Skeen

Please note that if any Sendera resident spots graffiti, these are the steps to take:

1. Call 311 with the address or closest intersection of said graffiti. 311 will then give you a service request number on each location called in.
2. Call APD 974-4281, Officer Kinley (Sendera Representative) with the location and service request # you received from the 311 operator.

Reporting the graffiti to the City and Police is the preferred way to handle the graffiti. If we clean the graffiti ourselves we still need to provide Officer Kinley a photo, exact location, and the cost of supplies used to remove the graffiti.

Officer Kinley will also be sending Eric Steen information on Neighborhood Watch classes being put on by APD. Once he has that information, Eric will send an e-mail and post it on the website. We will need someone to coordinate the Neighborhood Watch and Block Captains. Please, let any of the Board members know if you would be interested in helping get the Neighborhood Watch program back up and running in Sendera.

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# Sendera

## Sendera Recreation Committee News

By Suzann Vera



We hope everyone had a restful and joyous summer. This fall the Sendera Recreation Committee is looking forward to hosting some great neighborhood events: Halloween decorating contest and Neighborhood Garage Sale in October, Sendera's 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off and Fair in November, possibly a Fall Neighborhood Campout, and a Christmas

Decorating Contest in December. Dates will be listed in the October newsletter as well as posted on the Sendera website at [www.senderahoa.com](http://www.senderahoa.com).

All are welcome to attend Recreation Committee meetings. Any help is most appreciated- whatever your schedule allows. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to be placed on the Recreation Committee e-mail list for updates about neighborhood events, please e-mail [suzannchili@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzannchili@sbcglobal.net).



### Fall Meetings

Saturday, September 1st 10:00a.m. at the pool

Thursday, October 4th 7:00 at the pool

## Manager's Corner

Submitted by Kaye Bayes, Association Manager

I'd like to thank all those residents who frequent the pool. We have had very few problems this season. Thanks for your help in keeping the pool and park area clean.

I will be working with the Board and the committees over the next few months to develop the 2008 budget. I am in the process of securing bids on several maintenance projects in the community.

RealManage now has a South office for your convenience. We are located at 7035 Bee Cave Road, Suite 108. Please send you ACC submittals to the Bee Cave Office directly. You may also fax the project to 512-306-9352.

### Special Note: New Name and Email Address

I was recently married and have changed my name. My new email address is [kaye.bayes@realmanage.com](mailto:kaye.bayes@realmanage.com).

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2 <b>Bat Fest 07</b> 	3 Large Brush Collection <b>No school</b>  Playgroup	4	5  <u>Newsletter Article Deadline</u>	6	7	8  9:00pm
9	10 Bulky Item Collection  Playgroup	11	12	13	14 <b>Austin City Limits (ACL)</b> 	15 <b>Austin City Limits (ACL)</b> 
16 <b>Austin City Limits (ACL)</b> 	17  Playgroup	18	19	20	21	22
23	24  Playgroup	25	26	27	28	29 <b>OLD PECAN STREET FESTIVAL</b>
30 <b>OLD PECAN STREET FESTIVAL</b>	1  Playgroup	2	3	4	5  <u>Newsletter Article Deadline</u>	6

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**Every Monday**— Weather Permitting. Sendera Playgroup meets at the pool playground on Sendera Mesa. 10:00am-12:00pm. Parents/caregivers/guests are welcomed to bring their little ones of any age to join other children. [senderaplaygroup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:senderaplaygroup@sbcglobal.net)

**1st**- HOA dues.

**1-2nd**—*Bat Fest 2007* at the Congress Ave. Bridge. More information <http://www.roadwayevents.com/RoadStar/Events-cat.asp?>

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**5th**—Newsletter article deadline. If you have anything you would like to submit into *YOUR* community newsletter. [senderahoanewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:senderahoanewsletter@yahoo.com)

**8th**—Movie Night @ The Pool 9:00pm [Cars](#)

**14-16th**— *ACL Festival*

**29-30th**—*Old Pecan Street Festival* on 6th Street. More information <http://www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com/>

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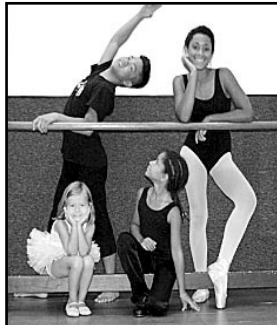
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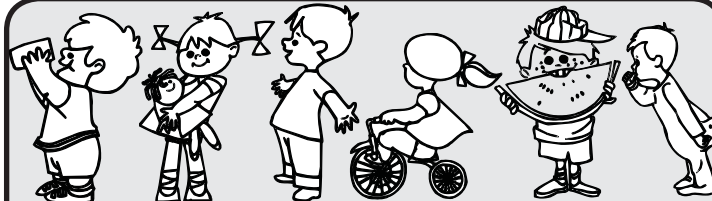
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## Sendera Submission Directory Wanted


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*"We would like to create a directory of residents with their skills/professions and post it on the Sendera website. Our community has so much to offer and this is just one more way we can connect with our neighbors."*

*"You can list any skill, craft, business, or service that you think may be of interest to other residents."*

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**Austin Real Estate Partners' Market Report**

SW Austin by Neighborhood	6 Months Sold History (Feb '07 - Jul '07)					CURRENT MARKET	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE				TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Feet	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
Barker Ranch	6	2,960	\$ 113	2003	36	0	2
Belterra	64	3,041	\$ 111	2006	121	64	12
Circle C Ranch	219	2,715	\$ 124	2000	42	96	42
Heights At Loma Vista	4	3,550	\$ 122	2006	165	3	3
High Pointe	7	3,288	\$ 106	2006	79	16	4
Legend Oaks	39	2,291	\$ 116	1994	17	12	7
Maple Run	54	1,611	\$ 109	1987	20	5	15
Meridian	12	3,403	\$ 130	2006	124	10	8
Sendera	47	2,258	\$ 105	1999	36	19	10
Shady Hollow	25	2,781	\$ 118	1989	28	9	3
Village At Western Oaks	111	2,152	\$ 121	1996	26	42	18
Western Oaks	6	2,768	\$ 127	1989	27	5	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>\$ 118</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>% Change Mo/Mo</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Market Report data was obtained from the Austin-Multiple Listing Service (MLS) on 08/06/2007. In some cases new construction and FSBO homes are not included in the MLS data and therefore are not represented. Data is deemed accurate but not guaranteed. \* = New

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