

# SENDERA

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Sendera Homeowner's Association

## Official Community Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*Annual HOA Meeting  
Scheduled for March 23*

*By Luanne Skeen, President*

Hello Sendera Residents I hope you all are having a very joyous New Year!!! I would like to inform you that the Sendera Annual Homeowners Association meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Bethany Lutheran Church (located at 3701 W. Slaughter Ln.). I hope that we have a great turnout because we will be voting on 3 vacant Board of Director Openings. You will be receiving your meeting packet in the mail, and, please, if you are unable to attend I ask that you give your proxy to a current Board member or a neighbor that will be attending. If you are interested in running for the board please contact me at skeenlu@yahoo.com or Jessica Hammlton who is our Goodwin Management Property Manager at Jessica.hamilton@goodwintx.com.

On another note I would like to thank all committee members for their wonderful work and helping me to make Sendera such a wonderful place to live!!! I do appreciate all the help and do appreciate their diligence in all that they do. I have enjoyed the past 3 years I have been on the Board and thank you all for making my job so successful. Have an amazing 2010!!!

### HOLIDAY DECORATING

*Contest Winners*

Once again our neighborhood looked festive during the holiday season. Cyclists and carolers enjoyed seeing some of the great displays during the two December Recreation Committee hosted events. It wasn't easy for this year's judges to pick only 20 homes. A big thanks to Kelly and Family and Peggy for taking on the task and awarding HEB gift certificates.



#### THE WINNERS ARE:

4522 Tello Path: Robyn Scott  
and Ken Stone  
4605 Tello Path: Tami Malin  
and Ramsey Calvino  
4409 Chicasaw: Roy Campbell  
4412 Chicasaw: Gloria Lara  
4820 Chesney Ridge: The  
Jones family  
4637 Norman Trail:  
The Byrd Family

4605 Norman Trail:  
8708 Puckett Court  
4608 Raimes Run  
8716 Barrow Glen Loop  
4301 Companeros Way  
8608 Barrow Glen Loop  
8905 Lanna Bluff Loop  
4500 Corran Ferry Loop  
8805 Whiteworth Loop

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

- 4437 East Hove Loop
- 4617 Raimes Run
- 4413 East Hove Loop
- 4332 Bremner Drive
- 8822 Whiteworth Loop

**HONORABLE MENTION:**

- 4527 Raimes Run
- 8816 Barrow Glen Loop
- 8921 Whiteworth Loop
- 9101 Hoffman Cove
- 9112 Torran Court
- 4420 Walsall Loop

Be sure to take a look at March's newsletter for dates and details of upcoming events!



**Architectural Committee News**

*By Gary Trumbo, Chairman – Sendera ACC*

The world is continually changing, along with technology, the climate, the environment, the economy, and on and on. Electricity, gas, water, and pretty much everything else are becoming more scarce and expensive. The homes in Sendera are all now pretty much 10 or more years old and many owners want to update and improve their property including painting, solar energy generation, water conservation, xeriscaping, etc. To help keep our Sendera neighborhood up-to-date with a high quality of life, architectural uniformity, conservation of property values, etc., your Sendera Architectural Committee will be working on drafting new sets of guidelines regarding the improvements mentioned above. We hope to have a new exterior color palette with more approved colors in addition to the originals developed in time for presentation at the annual owners meeting in March.

**Community Announcements**

Two fire pits were left at the pool parking lot after marshmallow roasting for the Sendera Bike Ride to see the lights. Two volunteers stayed until 11pm to make sure the fire was out, but the pits were still too hot to move. The next morning, a resident saw the pits at 9am. John the landscaper also saw the pits at around 9:30am. When a volunteer went to pick them up at 11am, they were gone. If you have any information about what happened to the pits, please contact Suzann at 291-0714.

Peel, Inc., our newsletter publisher, has asked for a photo representing Sendera to use on their web site. We considered just taking a photo of the entrance at Slaughter and Sendera Mesa but we thought residents might have a different idea of what image would properly represent Sendera. If you have a photo you would like considered for this use, please send it to newsletter@senderahoa.com. Be sure it is in a jpeg format. Any submissions become the property of the Sendera HOA.

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### Burglary Prevention Tips

Burglaries in Austin neighborhoods cost residents over 1.3 million per year in loss of property alone. Most burglaries in your neighborhood are being committed by youths 18 and under. They are not skilled professionals, but they will take advantage of an easy target. Don't make it easy for them.

#### 1. INSTALL A DEADBOLT LOCK.

Deadbolts are usually locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. The cylinder should be pick resistant. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're leaving for just a few minutes during the day. The most popular times for residential burglaries are weekday daylight hours. In over 1/3 of burglaries, there is no forcible entry--someone forgot to lock the doors.

#### 2. INSTALL SOLID DOORS.

Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 3/4 inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material and each door must fit its frame securely.

#### 3. KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED AND LOCKED.

#### 4. SECURE SLIDING DOORS AND WINDOWS.

Cut a broom handle to the length of the bottom track so that the window or door will not slide open when forced. Also, drill one hole through both casings and sliding window and insert a nail or pin.

#### 5. SECURE SASH WINDOWS.

To prevent wooden sash windows from being pried open, drill a downward sloping hole into the top of the bottom window through and into the bottom of the top window and insert a pin or nail. To prevent aluminum sash windows from being broken into, purchase a track lock that blocks the window track.

#### 6. MARK YOUR PROPERTY.

Mark your valuables with an engraver. Marking your property serves as a deterrent to would-be burglars and it helps police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list. Put warning stickers on doors and windows.

#### 7. PURCHASE A BURGLAR ALARM.

A home alarm system can be a very effective burglary deterrent and fit into many people's needs. Remember to test your system monthly.

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## Oak Hill United Methodist Church

7815 Highway 290 West, Austin, Texas 78736

### Upcoming Events:

Friday & Saturday, February 5 & 6  
United Methodist Men's Retreat in Wimberley

Saturday, February 6  
Sweetheart Ball for Children & Parents, 6-8 P.M.

Saturday, February 13  
Good News Singers Dinner Show  
Shrove Tuesday, February 16  
Bike/Trike Parade, 5:30 P.M.; Pancake supper, 6 P.M.

Ash Wednesday, February 17  
Imposition of ashes -- 7 A.M. and noon  
Ash Wednesday service -- 7 P.M.

Friday & Saturday, February 26 & 27  
United Methodist Women's Retreat in Wimberley

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**8. LEAVE A LIGHT ON.**

When leaving on trips, leave a light on in the bathroom. In the bedroom, attach a lamp and radio to a 24-hour electric timer set to go on at dusk and off at your bedtime. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.

**9. USE PROPER EXTERIOR LIGHTING.**

Place a light over every door. Double cones lights on each corner of the house will also light up windows.

**10. WORK TOGETHER WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.



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## Broccoli Cheddar Soup Recipe (By Luanne Skeen - Serves 4-6)

*Look for deeply green, tight heads of broccoli. I typically avoid any heads that have yellowing florets or seem died out. If you like a slightly creamier soup, stir in a generous dollop of creme fraiche after pureeing. You can easily make this soup vegan by using olive oil and omitting the cheese/creme fraiche, and you can make it gluten-free by doing something in place of the croutons.*

### CROUTONS

- 5-6 ounce chunk of artisan whole wheat bread, torn into little pieces (less than 1-inch), roughly 3 cups total
- 1/4 cup butter or olive oil (I like 1/2 and 1/2)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons whole grain mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon fine grain sea salt

### SOUP:

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter or olive oil
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch cubes (1 1/2 cups)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 3 1/2 cups light, good-tasting vegetable broth
- 1 large head of broccoli (12 ozs or 3/4 lb.), cut into small florets
- 2/3 cup freshly grated aged Cheddar, plus more for topping
- 1 - 3 teaspoons whole grain mustard, to taste

- smoked paprika, more olive oil, creme fraiche (optional)

Preheat your oven to 350F degrees and place the torn bread in a large bowl. In a small saucepan heat the butter until it has melted. Whisk the mustard and salt into the butter and pour the mixture over the bread. Toss well, then turn the bread onto a baking sheet and bake for 10 - 15 minutes, or until the croutons are golden and crunchy. Toss them once or twice with a metal spatula along the way.

While the croutons are toasting, melt the butter (or olive oil) in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir in the shallots, onion, and a big pinch of salt. Saute for a couple minutes. Stir in the potatoes, cover, and cook for about four minutes, just long enough for them to soften up a bit. Uncover, stir in the garlic, then the broth. Bring to a boil, taste to make sure the potatoes are tender, and if they are stir in the broccoli. Simmer just long enough for the broccoli to get tender throughout, 2 - 4 minutes.

Immediately remove the soup from heat and puree with an immersion blender. Add half the cheddar cheese and the mustard (a little bit a time). If you are going to add any creme fraiche, this would be the time to do it. Now add more water or broth if you feel the need to thin out the soup at all. Taste and add more salt if needed. Serve sprinkled with croutons, the remaining cheese, a drizzle of olive oil, and a tiny pinch of smoked paprika.



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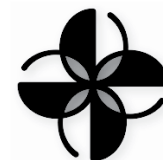
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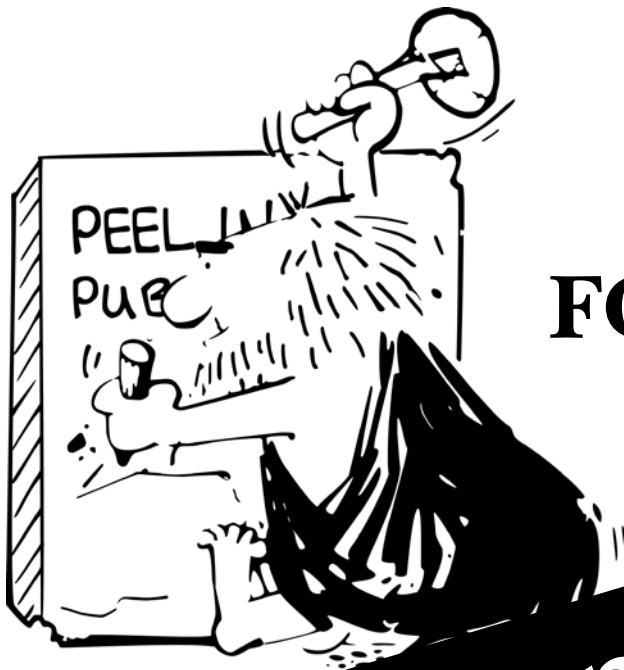
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