

High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS - OCTOBER 2011

Club Hours

Open Monday thru Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Pool/Showers/bath close 30 min (Spa 15 min) before closing
See Calendar for Activity Hrs

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President's Corner



BLACKOUT of 2011

A lot has already been said about the recent blackout, however, as a HCW resident I am proud to say that during difficult times our community always pulls together. Proof of that is that during this event many neighbors checked on each other, stopped by our elderly and asked them if help was needed and offered candles, batteries, ice etc. I am proud to be a resident of High Country West.

Street Improvements

Road repair is planned for the Rancho Bernardo area. If you're tired of the potholes, become a volunteer to help document the road issues in our community. There has been a meeting in the Seven Oaks Community parking lot on September 24th about street repair in Rancho Bernardo. To find out more information and see how you can be part of the action, please see the flyer posted at the Club, or call our Club office at 858/451-0725.

Board of Directors Goals for 2011

During the special Board meeting held on August 24, the Board reviewed last year's HCW residents' survey. Based on the feedback received from the residents, the Board decided to address **Dues collection, Crime Prevention and Home Maintenance**. These will be the three highest priorities to be addressed by the Board during the next three months.

Property Maintenance

It has become apparent that many residents are neglecting the maintenance of their property. The Board has asked the Architectural Committee to pay stricter attention to residents who are not fulfilling their CC&R responsibilities.

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What's Up?

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Fund Raiser Results

- Thank you High Country West residents for coming out to support our local Marine. It was a great success raising money to help in his recovery. We ended up raising about \$700. We hope this will help.
- The Board is reviewing the pool heating requirements during the winter months. If you have any input, come to the board meetings.

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Weeds in Street cracks. The City doesn't deal with all the weeds (or the potholes much) coming out of the numerous cracks in our streets. This has to be done by resident volunteers. If you are able (watch for traffic) to take care of these weeds on your street, **THANK YOU**. Some of the weeds are 6-8 inches tall. The sidewalk weeds are the home owners responsibility.

SAVE THIS NUMBER- City Information number to call for all CITY related items. Follow the prompts to get the information you need or to talk directly with a person to help you. 619-236-5555.

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Next Board Mtg:

October 12 6:30 PM. At the HCW Club. Agenda will be posted at the club. Or call us. Some of agenda items are:
 -- Board goals
 --Landscape improvements
 --Facility use fee changes
 --pool temperature

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW)



Neighbors Are Encouraged To Participate In HCW Earthquake Drill October 20 at 7 PM

Earthquake Drill: On October 20 each of you will have the opportunity to participate in the largest annual earthquake drill in U.S. history called the **Great Southern California Shake Out**. Millions of people will have a major Drop, Cover, and Hold drill at 10:20 AM. You can go to www.ShakeOut.org for more information.

Then at 7:00 PM we will have an **After-Shock Earthquake Drill** to test our HCW Neighborhood Watch Emergency Disaster Alert System. Neighbors will check on their neighbors to see if they are okay. If you put a white cloth or white hangar on your door, your neighbors will know that you are okay and pass by your house to go and check on the others. You can also put another color on the reverse side of the hangar to notify people that you need help. After all of the homes on your block have been checked, your block captain will review the needs of the people on your block and then notify the NHW official for help. Let your block captain know if you would like to help in this drill.

Shake Out is an opportunity to practice how to protect ourselves in earthquakes, and to get more prepared. Please reach out to your family and neighbors to prepare for the real thing. If you have any questions or comments, you may email Galen Peterson at gnpeterson@sbcglobal.net or call him at (858) 487-7000.

Did you see the new Neighborhood Watch signs in HCW?



On August 18 and 19. Les Armstrong and Galen Peterson installed 19 new NHW signs in HCW in areas that did not have signs and replaced some signs that were old and faded. Look for these new signs at the two entrances to HCW and around the neighborhood..

By: Galen Peterson, NHW Area Coordinator for HCW

LOST AND FOUND

We have a few sets of keys and numerous pieces of jewelry found in the neighborhood and in the pool areas this summer. Call and describe your items, we may have it. Also come do a final look through our many clothing, swim toys, and towels left behind this summer. All items to be donated after 09-30.

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Landscaping Camino del Norte Project

Our landscapers have started the first phase of the improvement plan and are preparing a cost estimate for phase 2 and 3 of the landscaping project. Unfortunately, these two phases will have to be delayed several months which will allow the Board time to review and adjust the budget overrun caused by exceptionally high water bills during the previous months.

Action On Delinquent Dues

The action taken by the Board with residents who became delinquent with their dues has resulted in a win/win situation. It allowed the affected residents to fulfill their obligation by starting to make payments and pay off the past due debt, while it is bringing in the income that our HOA has budgeted for.

Sincerely,
 Don Bertsch

Appearance Counts- The Architectural Committee feels it's necessary to remind all residents at this time of their responsibilities to maintain the appearance of their properties. **Declaration of Restrictions Article IX, Section 2, Pages 15, 16.**

Owner Maintenance. "Each Owner shall keep and maintain in good repair and appearance all portions of his Lot, other than that portion of the Lot if any, which is within the Common Maintenance Area, and improvements thereon, including but not limited to any fence which is on the Lot line and the residence located thereon. The Owner of each Lot shall water, weed, maintain and care for the landscaping located on his Lot, other than that portion on the Lot, if any, which is within the Common Maintenance Area, so that the same presents a neat and attractive appearance".

October Architectural meetings are on the 11th and 25th.