High Country West

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August 2023 newsletter

August CLUB HOURS: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The restrooms close at 9:45, pool and spa close at 9:55PM, Court lights off at 9:55PM. All to exit the club by 10:00PM. *Club hours are subject to change*. Club Manager: Wayne Blum, <u>manager@highcountrywest.com</u>



President's Message

Dan Hererra, Board President

We start off the new fiscal year with our new board. Thank you to our outgoing president Kent Stone for his years of dedication and service. With Kent's leadership, we weathered the challenges of keeping the club open during the pandemic and facilitated some great changes to the club facilities in order to meet the changing needs of our community. His leadership and insight will be missed. The next Board meeting is on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30PM. At the Organizational Session meeting held on July 12, the following officer positions were appointed:

Dan Herrera President Kimberly Plumb Secretary Kent Stone Director Elizabeth Bergmann Vice-President Arnold Ahyuen Treasurer

The Summer Campout was a great success. We had an awesome turnout this year, with nearly 100 campers pitching their tents on the field by the tennis courts. Lots of camping treats were enjoyed, including grilled burgers and S'mores. A big thank you goes to the club management, staff, and resident Adam Lanza for helping to organize and run the event. Thank you also to the guys from the walk-about group for waking up early to make everyone breakfast. During the coming year, we hope to build upon the successes of past boards to make HCW an even better place to live. While we have found good solutions to some important issues, we face challenges this year, including substantial increases in insurance and operating costs. Please consider attending our next meeting to learn more and get involved.

JOIN OUR August Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30pm at the club. The agenda will be posted several days before the meeting on the website and on the bulletin board.

FOUR PICKLEBALL COURTS NOW AVAILABLE ON COURT 3



<u>Lifeguard Hours</u> August 1-15 - Every Day - 11am - 8pm August 16-31 - Saturday & Sunday 11am-8pm (Monday - Friday - No Lifeguard on Duty)



PET REMINDER > DOG OWNERS Please be courteous and pick up after your dog



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High Country West Root Beer Float Days

Neighborhood kids and lifeguards enjoying Root Beer Floats by the pool during one of the Root Beer Float Days. The next Root Beer Float Day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2 at 2pm.



High Country West Campout

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the High Country West Annual Campout on June 22-23. Families enjoyed a traditional camp dinner followed by pool games, s'mores, and a relaxing time. An extra special thank you to staff and those who volunteered their time to help make this happen. And, an extra special thank you to Miles, Dan, and Adam for their leadership during the event.



Architectural Committee: Maintaining a Weed-Free Yard

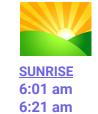
As a homeowner, you take great pride in your property, and a well-maintained yard is a reflection of that pride. However, one common issue that can detract from the beauty of your outdoor space is the presence of weeds. For those with rock yards, keeping weeds at bay can be a challenge, but with the right strategies, you can maintain a weed-free and stunning landscape.

~ Install a sturdy barrier beneath the rocks. Landscape fabric or weed-blocking membranes are excellent options to create a physical barrier that prevents weed seeds from taking root. Ensure the barrier covers the entire area of the rock yard and cut openings for plants.

~ Regular maintenance is key to a weed-free yard. Routinely inspect your rock yard, especially around the edges and gaps, for any signs of weeds attempting to invade.

~ Regularly pulling out any emerging weeds is far easier than dealing with an overgrown mess later. If you encounter persistent weed growth, opt for natural weed killers to spot-treat the problem areas. Vinegar, boiling water, or a mixture of salt and water can be effective in killing weeds without harming surrounding plants or the environment. Always apply these treatments with caution and in small quantities.

With these essential tips, you can take proactive measures to keep your rock yard free of weeds & maintain a beautiful, weed-free landscape and be well on your way to enjoying a stunning yard that enhances the overall appeal of your home.





<u>SUNSET</u> 7:48 pm 7:16 pm

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