

# High Country West "E-NEWS"

Rancho Bernardo, California

## December 2021

### Club Hours

**Open 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM.** The restroom closes at 9:00, pool and spa closes at 9:30, All to exit club by 9:30

Club hours are subject to change, call or check web site.

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### President's Corner:

The end of the year is quickly approaching. I have been enjoying seeing holiday decorations popping up on homes in the neighborhood.

As we approach the Holiday Season we begin to see more news stories on how theft goes up across San Diego. Because of this, we have increased the number of times our security service patrols our neighborhood. Some things that you can do to help from being a victim of crime include:

Hide purchases in your trunk when you're out shopping

When you get home remove packages from your vehicle right away

Keep your cars locked and leave NO ITEMS visible in your car

Check your front doors for packages and empty your mailbox daily

As the year comes to a close, the Board wishes all High Country West residents a warm and festive Holiday Season. The Board also extends their thanks and warm wishes to all Committee Volunteers who are donating their valuable time to our neighborhood needs. And lastly, we would like to give a special thanks to our Club Staff.

Seasons Greetings,

Kent Stone

### Join Our Meetings DECEMBER 8th BOARD MEETING IN PERSON

The HCW Board of Directors will host the meetings at the club in the meeting room. The date is on December 8th at 6:30 PM for the regular board meeting. You have 2 ways to access agenda:

1. Go to our website and under Property Owner Resources click on "Board Meeting Agenda". The agenda will be posted by Monday prior to the meeting.
2. Stop by the club and see the posting on the bulletin board.



## Architectural Column:

In our 40+ year old neighborhood many properties boast a variety of mature trees and an assortment of other well-developed plantings. High Country West is also built on a series of slopes. When we have wind events, especially Santa Anas, this leads to a buildup of debris along sidewalks, street gutters, and the gutters of some of our hilly roadways. Not only is this generally unattractive, but it can also be slippery for the many walkers, strollers, riders, and runners our community hosts daily. If your trees are contributing to this situation, please try to sweep up regularly. You can take advantage of the bi-weekly yard waste pick up to have the material recycled into mulch.

## HCW Architectural Committee

ALERT: Those emails are not SPAM! Many of you are aware the HCW office uses the AppFolio software platform for automated delivery of monthly bills and newsletter. The Architectural Committee is following their lead and using that same platform to communicate with homeowners. If you submit a plan to update your home or yard, the Architectural Committee is using the email on file in the AppFolio platform to request additional information or send the approval. If you express a concern about the condition of a common area or a neighbor's yard, you may also get an email response. The same goes for gentle nudges to weed and initial formal requests to address an architectural guideline shortcoming at your address. This approach expedites Architectural Committee processes, helps save the cost of postage, and reduces materials and labor required to send "snail mail". If you don't have an email in the AppFolio platform and want to add one, please contact the High Country West office at 858-457-0725. The Architectural Committee also has an updated email address: [archhwcw@gmail.com](mailto:archhwcw@gmail.com) – So please do not delete or disregard anything coming from that domain. In the next few months, look for instructions on submitting your HCW Architectural Committee requests online as well!



We will again have our two favorite holiday events. Find the reindeer and holiday lighting contest. See flyer for more details. Good luck and have fun.

## How do you pay your monthly dues? Make it easy with multiple ways to pay thru our ACH System!

No checks are sent to the club, monies transfer from your account to HCW, and your account gets posted when the transfer is made! This is the easiest way for both the member and the office -through our online ACH portal system.

You can set up to *automatically make the payment* each month or- **NOTE**- you can also use this method to *pay monthly and you pick the day* (not autopay). Each month you log on to your account in the system and initiate the onetime payment the date you would like it paid. *We just need your email to get you started*. Paying by credit card through the ACH system is not recommended due to the charges you incur with using a credit card (listed as 3%). Debit card has a \$10.00 fee. It is great for an emergency but can be costly otherwise. If you have more questions, we are happy to help.



The holiday hours for the facility are as follows:

Friday 12/24 8am – 3pm  
Saturday 12/25 closed  
Friday 12/31 8am – 6pm  
Saturday 01/01 closed

## A note for your doggies

Please be courteous and pick up after your dog as you walk the neighborhood. Also, the Lofty Trail field is a City property, and all dogs need to remain on a leash at all times when you are using this area.



## TWO HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR 2021



### FIND SANTA'S HIDDEN REINDEER 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

A favorite game for families and adults will be held this holiday season! Pick up your clue sheet at the club. Using the given clues, start walking the neighborhood to search & locate those hidden deer's around HCW homes.

- Clue sheets may be picked up starting Saturday Dec 11 at the club window.
- Contest starts Dec 11 with entries turned in to the club office by 3PM closing time on Dec 24.
- Only one game sheet per house may be turned in. Winner will be notified by phone after Dec 28.

Locations of all the deer will be posted at the club after Dec 28. All can play, but contest entry is for residents of High Country West only.

This event is presented & sponsored by West Coast Roofing and Construction



### 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST – 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

Join with the neighborhood & decorate your home for the Holidays. Grab the hot cider and enjoy a fun holiday stroll to view the beautiful displays. This yearly event is only possible with the help of our gracious sponsors listed below:

KELLY'S PUBLIC HOUSE at HIGH COUNTRY PLAZA

JOHN LOVETT of TOYOTA of ESCONDIDO

WEST COAST ROOFING and CONSTRUCTION

RON WILSON of RE/MAX CONNECTIONS

GEORGE COOKE of COLDWELL BANKER REALTY

JEFF and JON SHEA of SHEA REALTY

ANDREW at PETTEY'S AUTO RB

**CONTEST JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

The organizers have numerous categories & prizes. No home will win for more than one category. Winning signs are posted in the yard the night of judging.

**Happy Holidays High Country West!**