

High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS - JUNE 2013

Club Hours

Open Monday thru Sunday 8 AM to 10 PM.

Pool/Showers/bath close 30 min (Spa 15 min) before closing

See Calendar for Activity Hrs

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President's Corner:



2013-2014 Budget

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the budget packages have been prepared. The packages including various disclosures were distributed by mail to all residents during the last week of May.

Graffiti

Recently the wall along Camino Del Norte was vandalized with graffiti. Quick action has been taken by our Club Manager to have it removed by painting over the offending marks. We are asking our residents to be on the alert for repeat attempts at defacing HCW property. All incidents should be reported immediately to the police by calling 619-525-8522 and also an information call to our staff at the Club.

Upgrades to Pool Area

As a response to some residents remarks about the shortage of shade around the pool, we have added some colorful umbrellas to increase the shade around the pool deck by 50%. The canopy was replaced on the Kiddy Pool deck, and we are currently looking at upgrading the planter areas near the Kiddy Pool as well.

Reminder Board Member Candidates

During last month's newsletter I informed you about the two upcoming openings on the Board of Directors to be filled in July. Candidates interested in volunteering their time to support our community are encouraged to apply by June 1. Don't forget those positions are for a two year period and are strictly voluntary.

What's Up?



HCW 2013 Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic is coming soon. **Our theme is "H.C.W. FIESTA 2013"**

Saturday June 22nd form 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

This event is free for HCW residents. This is not just FUN for the kids. Seniors and empty nesters please join us for this fun day in the sun. We will again include a "meet the candidates" time slot for our upcoming Board Member election.



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Architectural Corner:

Satellite dishes **DO** need an exterior form filed prior to install. The form with install information can be picked up at the office window. Owners with rentals- **ADVISE your renters** of this policy right away to prevent having to move the dish.

Shopping tip- Working with numerous residents we have found that one tip mentioned often is to *take the extra time & investigate products*. Be sure to **ASK** if there are *commercial grades* available for your product. Many times an item can have a 1, 3, 5, or 20 year life. Sometimes spending a little more cash up front can save labor cost in a few years should the product fail, as well as the hassle of repairing something.

A drive through the neighborhood on a Thursday morning resulted in seeing that many, many **trash cans** were still out front. Most were pulled up to the front of the garage area, but not moved that last few feet to be put away. Be considerate to your neighbors and take the extra minute to store cans out of view by the end of the trash pickup day. Thanks for your help with this one.

Summer reminders at the ENTRY GATE & with reservations:

-Sign in and meet guest you are bringing at the gate, member must remain on site with guest and is responsible for guest behavior along with following our club policies.
-Save time & bring your key tag to enter. You will be asked to sign in and have a name check if tags are forgotten.
-Party reservations at the club fill up fast in the summer months. A reminder **same day parties are not taken**. Reservations must be made a minimum of one day in advance and is subject to available space.

HCW Board of Directors:

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Don Bertsch

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Deborah Fleck

Secretary:

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Directors:

Gary Long

Board Email: directors@highcountrywest.com

Next Board Mtg:

June 12, 6:30 PM. A regular board meeting that will include committee reports and some expense approvals.



Picnic early check in will be available- We are using a wrist band system again this year at the picnic. You can check in at the picnic itself **OR** you may check in ahead at the Club Office, beginning June 1st. One adult from the home will need to come to the Club Office to "check in" your family. We will go over your information (phone numbers, emails...) to make all current. This includes renters who have use of the club. You will sign out wrist bands for the food, along with raffle & ice cream tickets for the event. **Don't lose them!** Replacement (lost) wrist bands & tickets will have a fee of \$10.00 per person to replace them, No exceptions.

Neighborhood Watch Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Living Safe and Secure

We have shared this before but it is an idea worth thinking about using for your own safety.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night:

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents. Tell everyone you run across to put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get into your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

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