

# High Country West "E-NEWS"

Rancho Bernardo, California

## Neighborhood News - May 2019

### Club Hours

Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

The restrooms close 30 minutes before closing & pool/spa closes 5 min before closing.

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### President's Corner

This year is rushing by and we are already in May. We've had the Community Clean Up days and now I'm looking forward to ridding our home of more at the Annual Garage Sale. I can't wait to see what I find to bring home!

The Board's major accomplishment this past month is our budget for 2019/2020. We appreciate Julie Cole and Mark Mooradian, our Board members who have spent extra time working with Manager Mike Lutz and Assistant Manager Shari May to create a budget that meets the needs of our Association. It's never fun to budget income, as you all know, and have to decide on where the money is best spent.

There will be an increase in our monthly dues bringing the payments to \$100. The reasons for this increase include aging infrastructure, new community requests, and completion of critical refurbishment projects. I really appreciate the few homeowners that have attended the budget meetings and given their input on this. As always, we'd love to see more of you there.

Look for the Annual Budget Report in the mail by the middle of May for more details on the increase in dues.

The saying is April Showers bring May flowers, and it is so true this year. We have flowers blooming, super blooms, and weeds weeds, weeds! The Architectural Committee has sent out over 50 postcards with a reminder to work on front yards. I got mine and better get busy!

Last, but most important, is the sorrow I feel with the recent shooting at Chabad Poway. I'm sure as a community our hearts go out to the Jewish Community and we join together to stand united against such acts.

Thank you for making High Country West a great place to live.

Lorie Underwood.



**Easter Event** A lot of kids enjoyed the hunt for the colored eggs spread out in all areas of the club! Thank you goes out to our resident Ross Simmons who is the Scout Master for the local Boy Scout Troop 681. Five scouts arrived very early to make sure all the eggs were distributed. After this task was done, they proceeded to do a more thorough cleanup of our Area C of debris from bringing the shade structure down. We appreciate all your help you extend to us Troop 681. Our staff member Marco took on the role of the Easter bunny and visited with kids and did photos. It was a great morning.

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Car break-ins and thefts from unlocked or unlocked vehicles are on the rise all over our San Diego neighborhoods. Let's work together to make HCW an undesirable place for these thieves. If we make it tough, they will go where there are easier targets. We want to remind everyone you can minimize your chances of becoming a victim by following these tips:

- Avoid leaving property and valuables in vehicles especially in plain view. Even small coats and bags could be a target
- Close all the windows (even in hot weather) and LOCK the doors. Many thefts occur from unlocked vehicles
- Always remove your property, including satellite radios and GPS systems, from your vehicle AGAIN anything in plain view
- Most vehicle burglaries occur because the thief sees something of value in the vehicle, they use flash lights and shine it inside your car!
- If possible, park your vehicle inside the garage rather than in the driveway or on the street
- Park in open, well lighted areas, and use reliable anti-theft devices
- LIGHTING? **Turn on your lights at night!** Prowlers look for darkened driveways and entries. Find a local handyman to install a cost saving LED type lights and put them on a timer to run all night. These are cheap to operate and could also help reduce crime
- Driving home late at night? Take an extra trip down your street before parking - turn around in the cul-de-sac or elsewhere, doing this also may get someone to leave if they see activity
- Be aware of your surroundings and report all suspicious activity to the City of San Diego Police



Our annual SUMMER PICNIC is set for Saturday June 29th this year. Our theme is "Summer of Fun". Watch for all the picnic need to know information in upcoming newsletters. Clowns, games, food, visiting, raffles, & FUN are headed our way ☀️



**Picnic "early check in" is available at the office starting JUNE 1st.** Save time by checking in ahead at the office or you may still check in at the picnic itself too. One adult from the home will "check in" your family. Only the Member (or renter who has use of the club facilities) and the immediate family living in the home may secure wrist bands, raffle, & food tickets. We will go over your information (phone numbers, emails...) to make all current. Don't lose them! Replacement (lost) wrist bands & tickets will have a fee of \$10.00 per person to replace them,

The Board Elections will be held in July with 2 positions to be filled. The candidate application form needs to be submitted to the manager by 5 PM on June 1.

You can get the application by contacting the club manager. We will also have a meet the candidates on picnic day which will be on June 29.



**UMBRELLAS & FURNITURE** Several deck umbrellas & a table have already been broken recently and summer has not even begun. We ask that you treat the deck items with care so they will last longer. Do not place umbrellas so they are hitting stucco buildings or on top of each other. Generally there is room to move your chair to the shade. Share this with your family members and let the kids who are coming down with friends know to make good choices when they are using the facilities.



With warmer temps we have more families enjoying the pool facilities. Help us keep the water clean, deck nice, and equipment working. No food stuff in or near pool edges. Please use the tables / chairs for eating snacks & clean up after your use. No water balloons or hard type toys in the pools AND most importantly **NO GLASS**. Thank you!



Now's the time to come down to the Club and get added to the gate system before the busy summer season arrives. **Call ahead to make certain someone is available to add you to the system.** Remember kids must be 10 years to be added and only if you allow them to use the club alone. Talk about club behavior and general rules with these kids so they understand the responsibility of using the facility without an adult watching over them.