

High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

Neighborhood News - SEPTEMBER 2014

Club Hours

Open Monday thru Sunday 8 AM to 10:00 PM

Pool/Showers/bath close 30 min (Spa 15 min) before closing
See Calendar for Activity Hrs

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Director's Corner:



Procedures in the making

The Board is pleased that many residents have improved and maintained their homes and landscaping. However, it seems to happen more often that residents start such a project without checking first if the changes meet the Architectural Guidelines or start changing without approval from the Architectural Committee. By beginning the work **WITHOUT** Architectural Committee approval, a great number of unnecessary cost and work is created for follow up by the Architectural Committee. At the same time the resident may be faced with a delay or costly changes to the project as well. The Board is now in the process of developing procedures whereby the offenders will be fined for not following the guidelines and processes; this will offset additional costs to the Association. If the resident does not take corrective action or pay the fine, it may eventually lead to Small Claims court. Remember that we all have agreed to adhere to the CC&R's, Bylaws, Policies and Guidelines when we decided to make High Country West our place to live.

Coyote Sightings

Coyotes are still being observed around our community. They are most of the time seen in the early morning or after dark. Please keep in mind that coyotes are predatory animals who stalk and hunt other live prey. If you have small children, please be sure to only allow them to play outside during daylight hours and close to your property. If you own a small dog or cat, be sure to supervise them while they are outdoors.

Coyotes will stay as far away from people as they can, but are often drawn to backyards by garbage, by outdoor feeding of cats, feeding stations set up to attract birds and small mammals such as rabbits, squirrels, and chipmunks. Eliminating these sources of food can force them to move elsewhere. If you see a coyote on your property make sure to stay a safe distance away from them and avoid any contact.

What's Up?



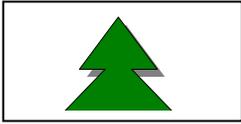
Movie night on September 20, the movie choice to be determined. The start time will be at dusk. Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks.

The George Cooke Team GET THE BIG PICTURE



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Architectural Corner:



Trees are a big plus for a home and for the community. Having a tree can help with aesthetics, home value, temperature, air quality, noise reduction, & many more FANTASTIC reasons TO PLANT A TREE. The builder planted trees throughout HCW. With our development now aging, a large number of these trees no longer exist, many sadly were not replaced. **Consider the addition of a tree** to help beautify your property. Refer to the website for Cyamaca Collage at www.thegarden.org for information on trees for use in Southern Ca. www.treebenefits.com is a web site where you can enter your tree name and sizing and the calculator will tell you the cost benefit of having the tree. Google "Street Trees" for Southern Ca. Numerous sites will be listed with trees that are noted for planting in smaller spaces, along sidewalks, & curbs. Read the details on any tree to make certain none are root invasive, drop to much waste, etc... More web sites and tree information is available through the arch committee. An exterior form is needed to secure approvals prior to planting.

Upcoming Arch meetings are August 26th, Sept 9th, and 23rd. Your exterior application packet must be turned in to the office by the Friday before a meeting (even if you are attending!) to be included in the review schedule.



Spotlight tree for this month is the Strawberry Marina tree -*Arbutus* 'Marina' Rosy pink, urn-shaped flowers, deep red bark, and strawberry like fruits in yellow and red. Easy to plant and care for. Doesn't tolerate very alkaline or poorly drained soil. Medium size tree, will provide shade. Check it out for possible use.

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Next Board Mtg:

Sept 10, 6:30 PM. A regular board meeting that will include committee reports and some expense/reserve approvals.

Recreational Vehicles:

Please be aware that this ordinance is for RVs and boats: Beginning August 1, 2014 officers and Police Investigative Service Officers will be responsible for enforcing SDMC section 86.0138. However, there was a grace period between August 1, 2014 and August 15, 2014, where only warnings were issued and no citations. Citations can be issued effective August 16, 2014, when a prior warning has been verified, for the 86.0138(a)SDMC section. Residents may obtain a TORVP online (a one night permit), which will allow for overnight parking of RV's on the resident's block. We encourage people to visit the City of San Diego website for further details: <http://www.sandiego.gov/parking/permits/...> Temporary_Overnight_Recreational_Vehicle_Permit.docx

Please note that per HCW guidelines no recreational vehicle shall be parked on any lot except temporarily and solely for the purpose of loading or unloading.

Neighborhood Watch Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Living Safe and Secure

NextDoor.com is a social network designed to keep High Country West residents informed about safety and security concerns and resources. If you haven't signed up yet, please log on the www.NextDoor.com and register. You will be in the "know" about important police related activity in the neighborhood and tips on how to keep your family safe and secure.

Why do people park a \$30,000 car outside and keep \$200 worth of junk in the garage? (A residents point to ponder) Numerous car break ins have occurred in the past. Don't leave items in the car. If they are important – take them with you. Also if you leave items that look like they may have something inside them such as bags or boxes, thieves may be tempted to break into the car to grab it. Parking in the garage is best and parking in the driveway is second best.

It's all about neighbors helping neighbors be safe and secure!

Painting the Home?

If you have not painted your home yet, it is most likely ready for that needed maintenance item. Architectural members have been taking a look at painting in these last few months throughout our community. Inspect your home. Wood areas need to be painted every few years to preserve the wood. Stucco that is falling apart or cracking should have repairs done prior to the painting. An exterior application to paint must be completed prior to painting with color chips, sample cards submitted with your color choice Prior to Start. Duplex owners must work with Architectural to ensure that both attached owners work together as both homes must have a matching color. Attend any upcoming Architectural meeting if you have any questions.