

High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

Neighborhood News - September 2015

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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President's Corner:



Architectural Committee

Over the past few months, the Architectural Committee (ARC) has been burdened with a large increase of approval requests. The requests range from landscape changes, solar installation to home improvements. Many requests are for changes necessary to meet the state's water conservation regulations. The increased volume of requests has led to long response times for our Members. To help with this increase, the Board has approved an expansion of the ARC membership from 5 volunteers to 7. The ARC chairperson, Denise Mooradian, has identified two volunteers willing to fill these open seats. The changes have resulted in a faster response times to our Members and help to identify violations.

Update

During the next couple of days all Members will receive an updated final draft of the "Architectural Guidelines and Policy for Low Water Using Plants". This draft is for Members to review and submit any comments or small changes they would like to see. Members will have 30 days to review and will need to respond prior to the October Board of Directors meeting. Implementation is expected to be October 15, 2015. All changes will become part of an Addendum to this draft. These Guidelines will assist Members with the conversion of part or all of their yards to a low water design and are NOT intended to change the existing Architectural Guidelines, but will provide Members with greater detail when designing a yard with low water use plants. Prior to starting the work the Members' plans still require approval from the Architectural Committee.

Club Main Entrance

Per URAC recommendation and approval by the Board, maintenance and improvements will be done at the Club's main entrance and areas around the meeting room. For that reason the main entrance will be closed for 2 to 3 days. During the closure, the tiles and large cement areas will be cleaned, stained and sealed. Members can still use the side gate to enter and leave the Club. Details and dates will be posted at the club by the management.

By Don Bertsch

What's Up?

Campout



We had about 70 campers enjoy the outdoors, food and movies.

This event was coordinated by Chase Kelchlin with several staff members helping.

The George Cooke Team GET THE BIG PICTURE



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Next Board Mtg:

September 9, 6:30 PM. A regular board meeting that will include discussion of regular business and expenditure approvals.

Manager Comments:

Just a reminder that RV or trailer parking on your lot for other than loading and unloading is a violation of your HOA documents. Parking them on the public streets is a City violation unless you get limited time permits. Just call the non-urgent police department and report the possible city violation.

We could use more help on the Landscape committee that we are trying to set up again. Just email or call me if you are interested.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Living Safe And Secure

The mission of Neighborhood Watch is to support safety and security efforts for all Rancho Bernardo residents. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors live safe and secure.

WWW.highcountrywest.nextdoor.com: Join this social network for High Country West to get crime and safety information early from the police department. The more we have in the network the more effective it will be for sharing important information. We are approaching 300 members now. Join us and then invite your neighbors to join. Let's get connected for our own safety and security. Also, San Diego is now posting important information about City business on Nextdoor making it even more useful. Sign up now!

Contact Les Armstrong by email at armstjl@earthlink.net on how you can help or just to get on the contact list to stay informed on neighborhood safety.

POOL HIGHLIGHTS:

WHAT A BUSY SUMMER 2015 HAS BEEN! Beginning with the annual picnic, float days, movie nights, the camp out, and last our root beer float day, it was a full summer. The lifeguards appreciate all your help with keeping the kids safe while in the water. They also pass on a thank you to the food you so graciously shared to keep them well fed :) . With the hot weather still here, our swim season is still going strong. A few reminders are listed below of some important items to note.

•There have been bathroom accidents in the kiddie pool and one in the main pool this year. PLEASE let us know if your child has an accident so we can address the closure/clean up immediately. It is important that anyone with diarrhea does not swim in any pools for 2 full weeks after they are ill as the body is still shedding the sickness.

•**Limited guarding** is available on weekends while the weather is still hot. At this time guard service will be from noon until 7 P.M. Saturday & Sunday. Call ahead to verify guards are on duty if kids are coming without an adult to swim.

-Kids must be 10 years old to swim without an adult, WHEN GUARDS ARE ON DUTY without an adult with them.

-When there are NO LIFEGUARDS- you must be 14 years or older to swim without an adult

•**Diving board**→ remind the kids to follow the posted dive board rules when they are using this pool feature. One person only on the board at any time, jump straight off the board, and always exit by way of the ladder.

We are seeing some minor property damage on the club pool deck. Please remind the kids that we all pay for the broken items and to ask them to take care of the property while visiting.

ROOTBEER FLOAT DAY- Our last pool float day was a big hit. We served 3 gallons of ice cream and 14 liters of root beer.

Ballot drawing winners

We are pleased to announce that the 3 winners in this year's annual election are: Kari Bishop, Todd Sullivan and Jerry Bauer. Thanks to all those that voted.

Residents Corner:

I wanted to inform the residents of an increase in hawk sightings in the neighborhood that could be fatal for small dogs. In the past two weeks I have had a hawk sitting on my back fence, another one on my side fence right next to my kitchen window (pictured below), another one was flying over the club yesterday while I was swimming, and Debra on Windy Summit saw one circling over her house while her dogs were outside. When I googled what hawks eat, it said anything up to the size of a 13 pound opossum. And the article I read about someone losing a Pomeranian to a hawk really drove the point home that all of us dog owners with small dogs should not leave them outside unattended. A few months ago someone was complaining about too many rabbits in her yard. Well, I haven't seen the rabbits in my yard in a long time. Instead, now I just see hawks.

By Heike Rodriguez

