

High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS - APRIL 2011

Club Hours

Open Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM - **9:30 PM**
Open Sunday 8:00 AM - **8:00 PM**
Pool/Showers/bath close 30 min (Spa 15 min) before closing
See Calendar for Activity Hrs

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President's Corner



Dear Neighbors,

The High Country West Board is putting together the annual budget for next year. The development of a budget is essential to the operation of a healthy association and we take our responsibility as stewards of the HOA funds very seriously. At this time, there is no plan in place to raise dues in 2011, but the budget is not finished or voted on yet, so there could be changes. Our greatest concerns are the rising cost of water and outstanding dues owed to the HOA. Mike Lutz, our HCW Manager, has done a great job of upgrading the sprinklers and controllers for optimal water efficiency. Our reserve fund (the money set aside for repair and replacement of equipment or buildings) is solid. But as things age, we will need to take money from our reserve fund to replace what has deteriorated. It is therefore imperative for all neighbors to fulfill their responsibility of paying dues each month, on time. Unfortunately, not everyone is in compliance and to collect dues from some of our neighbors, it has been necessary to use a collection agency and small claims court to recover what has become a significant amount of money owed. Not fun.

As always, we appreciate the input received from homeowners, including the survey responses which we look forward to sharing with you.

Best Regards,

Doug Cohee, President, High Country West

Managers Comments

We have new landscapers starting in April. Emma Landscaping gave us a good price with a commitment to continue improving the various common areas. In addition this maintenance contract now excludes the open brush areas which will be contracted on an as needed basis.

Also we if you are interested in a position on the HCW Board of Directors give me a call at the office for more details. Mike

What's Up?

⇒ Picture Corner



Easter Egg Event/Annual Picnic

Save the date Saturday APRIL 23rd 10AM sharp, kids to 10 years old.



Save the date JUNE 25th HCW Annual Picnic

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Tree planting? Many varieties of trees in the neighborhood have been removed, some due to the roots causing damage to drives or other home areas. Trees are very beneficial to our City environment. Use the Cities web site above and go to "Street Services" option, then click on "Services" and a Guide to Street Tree planting will come up. Listed are numerous tree varieties for San Diego along with great reasons to plant a tree. The City has several varieties recommended to avoid root damage to concrete areas.

As always, an exterior form should be turned in with any planting request.

ARCH meetings in April are the 12th and 26th, 6:30 PM at the clubhouse. Forms should be turned in by the Friday before the meeting.



HCW Community Garage Sale
Save Saturday May 14th from 7-noon for the annual garage sale. A truck from Father Joe's will be on hand to collect any unsold USABLE items. More details to come in the next newsletter. For questions on this event call our sponsor Ron Wilson at 858-229-5133.

Need repairs to your City trash container?
To pick up wheels, lids, & hardware contact the department below. You will need to take the number off the front of the trash container with you. Call ahead for the hours of operation.

Collection's Dept.
8353 Miramar Place
858-526-2300

HCW Board of Directors:

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Next Board Mtg:

April 13 at 6:30 PM. At the HCW Club. Agenda will be posted at the club. Or call us. Some of agenda items are:

- Survey results
- Walking paths in common areas
- Budget
- Camino Del Norte landscape improvements

We had over 115 responses to the survey just sent out and will start tabulating the results.



Neighborhood Watch continued:

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina , Oregon , California , and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book "Burglars on the Job".

Found on the internet and submitted by Galen Peterson, NHW Area Coordinator for HCW

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW)



13 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

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