

# High Country West

Rancho Bernardo, California

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS - MAY 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,

Thanks to everyone who completed the High Country West survey. We had a good response from our community and this information will be examined in detail to set the direction and priorities of the Board, based on surveys received. The following are topics that respondents felt most strongly about.:

**#1. Dues:** Discussed at the last Board Meeting. We currently have a financially stable base for the future of our HCW HOA and its community. The dues in 2011 will not be raised.

**#2. Crime:** Always a concern. For the most part, our neighborhood is a safe, happy place for our residents. Isolated incidents have occurred. If not already, become involved in Neighborhood Watch. If you notice any suspicious activity, contact the police department (non-emergent phone # 484-3154 or dial 911 for emergency).

**#3. Speeding:** A BIG PROBLEM! The neighborhood speed limit is 25 mph. Our cars are more powerful than ever, and cell phones add an element of distraction. Our children play in the neighborhood, and their safety, as well as the safety of joggers/walkers/bikers and animals should not suffer as a result of speeding. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

**#4. Homes:** Many of our neighbors are experiencing hard times due to economic pressures. Some are barely able to maintain their belongings and some have lost their homes. We, as Board members, have the unpleasant task of addressing these issues and to keep the neighborhood looking well kept.

**A separate topic**, mentioned in the March newsletter, was the possibility of creating a walking trail along common areas adjacent to the I15 freeway. This proposal received only limited support and will not be implemented at this time.

**Serve on the Board...** this July, there will be two Board member positions open. If you would like to volunteer and be placed on the ballot, please contact the Club Manager: Mike Lutz.

Best Regards,

Doug Cohee, President, High Country West

### What's Up?

#### ⇒ Picture Corner



### Annual Picnic 2011

Save the date, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> HCW Annual Picnic



Swim lessons are coming. See flyer on the back of the calendar.

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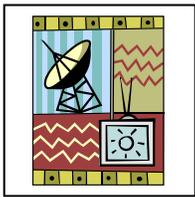
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Numerous Satellite Dishes have been installed without approvals & end up in the wrong places. An exterior form should be filed for the location approval of one dish. Arch can help explain locations to you at this time. An exterior form and the Policy call out can be picked up at the office window. See us before you have the dish installer show up.



A reminder for maintaining shrubs/hedges/bushes in front areas. Trim back vegetation from sidewalk areas that overhang, both at the ground level and any upper vegetation that walkers need to duck under to get by. Front yard shrubbery has a call out of a 3 foot height maximum in the set back areas. This is between 10-15 feet for our homes. Please do your part in taking care of this needed trimming item in our neighborhood. Thank you!

ARCH meetings in May are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the clubhouse. Forms should be turned in by the Friday before the meeting.

### SHARE YOUR HARVEST

Donate backyard fruits and vegetables to help local families in need. The closest collection sites are The Church at Rancho Bernardo (11407 Bernardo Center Plaza), back patio, third Thursday of each month, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Seven Oaks Community Center (16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive in RB), parking lot, 4th Thursday of each month, 8:30 am - 2:00pm. For other sites or help with picking, contact [jradatz@att.net](mailto:jradatz@att.net) or 858-485-5449.

### HCW Board of Directors:

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**Doug Cohee**  
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### Next Board Mtg:

**May 11 at 6:30 PM.** At the HCW Club. Agenda will be posted at the club. Or call us. Some of agenda items are:

- Collection policy update
- Board election
- Camino Del Norte landscape improvements
- Dog bag dispensers
- Survey priority results

**We had over 157 responses to the survey just sent out and we are evaluating the results. The board plans to make some new goals based on these surveys.**



### Managers Comments

Collection policy was amended to include the possibility of using a collection agency in any circumstance that the board determines is in the best interest of the Association. Enclosed is a copy of the updated version with the changes noted in bold print and underlined. You are welcome to attend a board meeting to discuss this change or any other topic of interest.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW)



I came across the following article on the internet and decided to pass it on because I thought it had some good ideas. It is a continuation of last month's article.

### 8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

**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