

HIDDEN TRAILS HOA NEWSLETTER

August 13, 2018

Q: Who to report common area leaks to?

California Community Management (760)745-5861, after hour emergencies /holidays same number and dial 8.

General Information:

<http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com>

Minutes can be found on the website under "Events"

HOA Officers

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

For your entertainment & convenience, we are looking at the evening of Saturday, Oct. 6th for a combined Homeowner Forum & Neighborhood Night Out which will feature food truck(s), representatives from EPD, EFD and your HOA Board. Volunteers are needed to accomplish this endeavor. Email board@hiddentrailshoa.com if you can help. More details to follow!

If you wish to participate in the community garage sale on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 contact Kaye Atkins at:
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NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you saw a crime in progress or your neighbor's house on fire, you would call 911. Of course, that is the responsible thing to do. But what if you saw something that required attention but was not an emergency? This is a list of phone numbers & online forms that will facilitate filing a complaint with city officials about hazardous but not emergency situations.

Escondido Police Department 760 839-4721 or 4722
Escondido Fire Department 760 839-4676

EFD homepage: <https://fire.escondido.org/home.aspx>
Fire Hazard Complaints /Vegetation Abatement Complaint Form / online

City of Escondido website: <https://www.escondido.org/>
Contact Us / How Do I? / Report Problems (or) Complaints & Violations / online form

To clarify a misleading facebook post, the Board has no secret sauce or special standing with City Hall. No resident of Hidden Trails has to contact the Board prior to filing a complaint with EPD, EFD or any other city agency. When Board members are aware of non-emergency problems in the neighborhood, we file complaints as citizens. We all shoulder the responsibility for speaking up. That was how the unlawful encampment on the hill across the street from Ryan Park was dismantled; that was how action was taken quickly when graffiti was left on the walls on Hidden Trails Road; that was why the grove owner recently cleaned up the debris in the area between Oak Valley Ln. & Oak Wood Ln.. Please use the phone numbers & online forms listed above to keep our neighborhood safe & secure.

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LANDSCAPING

Speaking of graffiti, in an effort to discourage graffiti monsters from usurping space in our neighborhood for their artistic offerings, the Board has conferred with our Park West representative about planting vines along the walls on Hidden Trails Road. He suggested several flowering vines & proposed that we try one species on a demonstration wall. Soon we will be watching *Campsis tagliabuana* growing on the wall between Meadow Side & Meadow Crest.

MEETING MINUTES

To correct another erroneous facebook post, the minutes of the monthly Board meetings ARE available on the hiddentrailshoa.com website. Click on "Events".

TASKS TO TACKLE BEFORE FALL ARRIVES

Cooler weather is near — Prep your home for its arrival while it's still nice outside. The days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting cooler. It's official: Fall is nearly here. Now's the time to finish up any last-minute maintenance projects and get your home and yard ready.

EXTERIOR PREP

1. Clean out the gutters - No one loves this job, but we all need to do it annually. A few hours of work can prevent big problems later on. While you're up on that ladder, visually inspect your roof for damaged shingles, flashing or vents. You can also inspect the chimney for any missing mortar and repair it by tuck-pointing, if needed.
2. Turn off outdoor plumbing - Drain outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems, and cover them to protect them from the freezing weather to come.
3. Clean outdoor furniture and gardening tools - It may not yet be time to put them away, but go ahead and clean your outdoor furniture and gardening tools so they're ready for storage over the winter.

INTERIOR PREP

1. Prepare your furnace for winter duty - If you didn't already do it last spring, consider getting your furnace professionally serviced in time for the cold season. At the minimum, though, visually inspect your furnace and replace the furnace filter before turning it on for the first time.
2. Keep the warm air inside and the cold air outside - Inspect your windows and doors. Check weather-stripping by opening a door, placing a piece of paper in the entryway and closing the door. The paper should not slide back and forth easily. If it does, the weather stripping isn't doing its job. Also, now's the time to re-caulk around windows and door casings, if needed.
3. Light the way - Bring as much light into your home as you can for the colder, darker months. To accentuate natural light, clean your windows and blinds, especially in rooms that get a lot of sunlight. Add lighting to darker spaces with new lamps. And consider replacing traditional incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs.
4. Home safety check- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors. A good way to remember to do this is to always replace the batteries when you change the clock for daylight saving time.

Once you finish with your autumn home checklist, you will be ready to enjoy the season in your warm, comfortable home.