

Hidden Valley Homeowner Association News

December 2020

President's Message

Dear neighbors,	Happy holidays to all of you. May you be safe and secure as we all try to cope with this pandemic. Eternal optimist that I am, a vaccine for all who want one is what I'm expecting for early 2021!
	Your board of directors is working virtually with zoom meetings and carrying on the business of our HOA.
Membership Drive	If you haven't sent in your dues for 2021 please do so soon. We will be producing a new roster for 2021 and you will want to be included.
Potholes	I've spent a lot of time walking the neighborhood and every street has potholes. The county does respond when reports are made. We get best results when YOU send an email with the address closest to the problem/s. So fill out the Report a Problem form on the Pima County Transportation website and select the Pothole Patching category.
County Supervisor	Our new Pima County Supervisor for District 1 is Rex Scott. I'll be contacting his office to make him aware of who we are and invite him to a board meeting.
Wes Miller Park	It goes without saying that Pete Cinquemani does a marvelous job as Director of Wes Miller Park. He recently received notice from the Nature Conservancy which holds a conservation easement for the park that all is in good order. No surprise because of Pete's diligence.
Dumpster	We will have a dumpster in Wes Miller park from Dec 28-Jan 8 for Christmas Tree disposal.

<p>HOA Finances</p>	<p>You may have heard of several HOA's in nearby communities which were victims of embezzlement from their management company or others with access to the assets of the HOA. Please be assured that we have no management company, our financial records are always open to member review and all our assets are accounted for. Tod Coy, our Treasurer, keeps scrupulous records. We owe Tod our gratitude for always being accountable. Just so you know, we keep a healthy balance in a checking account at Wells Fargo for recurring expenses, but the majority of our assets are managed by Fidelity. We have ready access to the accounts but this way our HOA assets achieve returns.</p>
<p>HOA Board Meetings</p>	<p>As mentioned above, the HOA Board continues to meet via Zoom. At our recent board meeting Wednesday, December 2 at 7PM. We discussed plans for publication of our next roster which will be in February. Our next meeting is the first Wednesday in January. Linda Maddux is our Zoommaster. If you would like to "attend" the meeting virtually let her know and she will email you the link. Contact her at L13185@yahoo.com. Meetings usually last around an hour. If you have a specific agenda item please let me know in advance so I can be sure to include it.</p>
<p>Social</p>	<p>Be assured that we will resume regular social activities as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, small backyard gatherings are a good solution while the weather is so perfect.</p>
<p>Vendor List</p>	<p>One of the services we provide is vendor referral information which is included in the newsletter and the roster. If you have someone whose work you like let Gary Catren know at garycatren@comcast.net.</p>
<p>Open Board Position</p>	<p>An excellent way to get to know your neighbors and become involved in our community is to serve on our all volunteer board of directors. A position which has become available is Director, By-Laws. Responsibilities are to provide review of existing by-laws and recommend changes where necessary. The director by-laws typically conducts election of officers at our Annual Meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in this position.</p>
<p>Take Care & Stay Safe</p>	<p>See you in the neighborhood ... Norie Nelson</p>

Social Committee

	<p>Happy Holidays to all of our Hidden Valley Friends. We hope all of you are staying safe and healthy.</p>
	<p>As, you're aware, due to COVID, the Social Committee did not plan any activities this year. We miss seeing our members at the usual fun get togethers. And, we look forward to the time when we can all safely see each other again.</p>
	<p>The Social Committee has spearheaded successful philanthropic endeavors in the past. We thank those of you who have participated in them.</p> <p>This season your HVHOA board has approved the donation of \$500 to The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. We hope everyone is pleased with this decision.</p>
	<p>May the blessings of the season surround you and yours. Mary Ann Jacobs and the Social Committee maryannjacobsvideos@comcast.net.</p>

A Message from your Hidden Valley Firewise Coordinator

Did you know that house fires during the holiday season are more frequent, more costly, and more deadly than at any other time of the year?

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires each year. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be. Here are some things you need to know about keeping your home and family safe from fires during the holiday season.

Christmas Tree Fire Safety Tips

- Choose a healthy tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Immediately before placing a tree in its stand, cut 5 cm (2 in.) from the base of the trunk; this can help the tree to draw up water. If the cut surface is allowed to dry, it will reduce the water uptake to the tree.
- Always keep the tree well-watered. Make sure to check the water level in the stand daily.
- Make sure that the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source (e.g. space heaters, candles, fireplaces, heat vents, or lights).
- Make sure that the tree does not block an exit.
- Only use decorative lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Make sure light bulbs, strings, and connections are not broken or damaged in any way.
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry and keep it away from your home/garage. Of the ten days with the largest shares of Christmas tree fires, none were before Christmas^[3].
- Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

In this video [Link Christmas tree fire: Watered tree vs. dry tree](#) suggests that keeping your Christmas tree watered can reduce its fire risk. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) suggests several steps that you can take to reduce the risk of a Christmas tree fire in your home.

For additional information on Christmas fires and safety from the NFPA please visit, [NFPA Christmas Tree Safety Tip Sheet\(link is external\)](#)

You can never have enough smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors should be placed in each bedroom, in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms and on each level of the home.

Replacing your Alarms and Batteries is one of the most important holiday fire safety tips. Ensure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are working properly. Test your alarms monthly and replace the batteries every six months or as needed. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years and Carbon monoxide alarms every 5-7 years, depending on the model.

Finally, keep a fire extinguisher close during this holiday season!

The Hidden Valley Homeowners Association Board, wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday.

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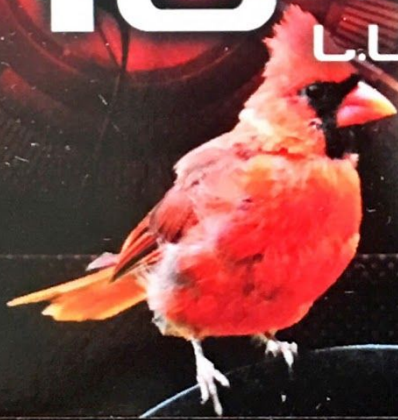
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Wes Miller Park Address	When reporting issues at Wes Miller Park to the Sheriff you will need to provide the park address. It is 4980 Hidden Valley Road.						
HVHOA Mailing Address	<p>Hidden Valley Homeowner Association 6890 East Sunrise, Ste 120, #290 Tucson, Az 85750</p> <p>This location is the UPS store next to Basha's.</p>						
Newsletter Advertising	Another benefit of HOA membership: Free Advertising for your business! We will include your ad in our regular newsletters - Free of charge! Just send your copy to Rich Holladay - rich.holladay@gmail.com .						
New Neighbors Welcome	New arrivals in HV receive a welcome packet and a personal visit from New Member Development Director, Carole Fee. If you notice a new arrival let Carole know at carolejfee@yahoo.com or 760-6080 and she'll take it from there.						
HVHOA Website	We have a website. Visit it at http://www.hvhoasite.com . You will see the latest information about what's going on, who's who and more.						
Pima County Newsletter	<div data-bbox="505 1136 1110 1297" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Pima County publishes a weekly newsletter containing a lot of interesting information. View the current and past newsletters at this link. You can subscribe to the newsletter via email at the same link.</p>						
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