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IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/1** Red Cross Blood Drive | **10:00am to 4:00pm**
- 7/2** Food Truck (TBD)
- 7/3** Office Closed in Observance of the 4th of July
- 7/6** Theater Committee Meeting | **10:00am**
- 7/6** Food Truck - Pinch of Flavor (Asian Fusion, Japanese, Mexican) | **11:00am to 2:00pm**
- 7/6** Gate Committee Meeting | **6:30pm**
- 7/6** Architectural Committee Meeting | **7:30pm**
- 7/7** Farmers Market | **3:00pm to 7:00pm**
- 7/8** Landscape Committee Meeting | **8:30am**
- 7/8** ESC Committee Meeting | **6:30pm**
- 7/9** Food Truck - Vivace (Pizza) | **11:00am to 2:00pm**
- 7/10** Food Truck- Cousins Maine Lobster (Seafood) | **4:00pm to 7:00pm**
- 7/13** Food Truck (TBD)
- 7/14** Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting | **11:30am**
- 7/14** Farmer's Market | **3:00pm to 7:00pm**
- 7/16** Food Truck (TBD)
- 7/20** Food Truck (TBD)
- 7/21** Farmers Market | **3:00pm to 7:00pm**
- 7/21** Board Of Director's Executive Meeting | **5:00pm**
- 7/21** Board of Director's Meeting | **6:30pm**
- 7/23** Food Truck - The Tropic Truck (Caribbean) | **4:00 to 7:00pm**
- 7/27** Food Truck (TBD)

Thank you to Hidden Hills residents Andrea Ashley and Lilian Darling Holt for their photography and photos throughout this edition of 'The Round Up'.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

California law requires Associations to send out certain information via US Mail unless members have consented to receive them via email.

Having the ability to disseminate documents via email would save the Association a great deal of staff time, copying expense and postage, which translates to reduced HHCA budgets! And we have the annual budget reports and reserve study to send out next month, so we urge you to provide your consent to receive these documents via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon@hiddenhills.org. If not, please either print the Consent form, fill it out and send it in, or just email us indicating your consent. We appreciate your help!

HIDDEN HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEMBER CONSENT FOR RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

I declare that I am an owner and/or trustee of the trust that owns the property listed below ("the Property"). I consent to receive all Hidden Hills Community Association ("HHCA") documents, notices and disclosures permitted or required by law or the HHCA governing documents by electronic delivery to the designated e-mail address below, and waive my right to other means of individual notice or delivery pursuant to Civil Code §4040. I understand and agree that to the extent HHCA is only required to provide general delivery or notice pursuant to Civil Code §4045, HHCA may, but is not required to, provide electronic delivery. I agree to promptly HHCA in writing of any changes in my e-mail address. I understand that my consent to receive notice by electronic transmission can be revoked by me at any time by notifying HHCA management in writing.

In the event more than one person on title, I declare that I have the full authority to bind all owners of the Property by signing this Consent Form, and that I am authorized to receive HHCA documents on behalf of the other owner(s) listed on the title. I will advise and forward to the other owners all correspondence I receive from HHCA pursuant to this Consent.

I understand that HHCA will send its documents, notices and disclosures to the email(s) listed below and not any other e-mail address that it may have on record associated with the Property.

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that I have read and understand the terms in this Consent form.

.....
Property Owner/Trustee Listed on Title: _____

Property Address(es): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Secondary E-Mail Address (optional): _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

HIDDEN HILLS COVID-19 UPDATE



We hope you are all staying safe and enjoying spending time with the family during this trying time. We wanted to give you an update on what's happening at the Association.

Recreational Facilities

In accordance with County directives, the playgrounds have been closed. The pool and tennis courts remain open with restrictions on their uses, and the furniture has been removed to prevent congregating. And while the cleaning crew is sanitizing handles and surfaces daily, residents using any of the facilities are encouraged to carry disinfectant wipes and use them before and after touching any handles, knobs, faucets, etc.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will continue on Tuesdays from 3-7 p.m. as long as permitted by the State and County and as long as demand is sufficient to draw the vendors. The Market vendors are also preparing orders for pick-up and, for those of you who are 65 and over and/or infirm/disabled, orders will be delivered to your homes. Watch your email at the beginning of each week for a new order form.

Events

All events are Covid-safe, with safe distancing queues and pre-ordering. Mondays & Thursday are Food Truck days. Tuesdays are Farmer's Market days.

Construction Projects

Many people have asked if the Association is going to continue to allow construction vehicles to enter the community. As of now, State and County directives allow construction to continue. We are currently allowing construction to continue and will continue to monitor this situation and make changes as the situation necessitates.

Meetings

For the time being, all meetings will be held via Zoom. You can check the meeting schedules on the website (www.hiddenhills.org) under Events. If you're interested in receiving an agenda and attending any of the committee meetings via Zoom, please contact the committee chair. The agendas for Board meetings will be sent out the Friday before the meeting as always, and will include a Zoom invite for any resident to join.

Staff

Staff is back in the office, but the office is still closed to visitors except for notary services, by appointment. All staff contact information is on the website under "Contact Us." Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance at all.

Please stay safe, everyone! We will get through this!

LET'S GET THESE PARTIES STARTED!

Just place the order online and the truck will send you a text with how long it will be. Let the truck know when you get there and your order will be ready and paid for :)

The trucks will accept orders for time slots 24 hours in advance. Each truck will limit how many orders they can take in advance per hour.

Upcoming Food Trucks at Hidden Hills

Pinch Of Flavor - Asian Fusion, Japanese, Mexican

Jul 06, 2020 (Mon) 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Vivace - Pizza

Jul 09, 2020 (Thu) 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Cousins Maine Lobster - Seafood

Jul 10, 2020 (Fri) 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Check their website for menu and download app.

The Tropic Truck - Caribbean

Jul 23, 2020 (Thu) 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Social Distancing at Lunch Trucks

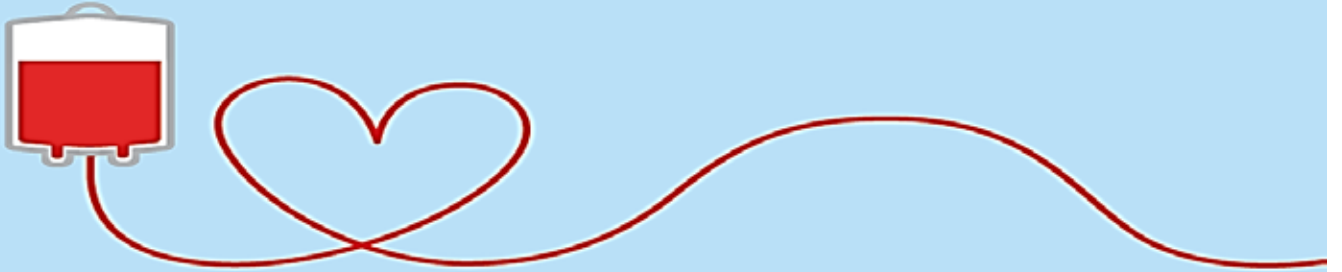
- No dining
- No condiment table
- Stay 6 feet away from others

The poster features a central illustration of a food truck with a striped awning. To the left, two people are sitting at a table with a red 'no' symbol over it. To the right, a group of people is standing near the truck with a red 'no' symbol over them. A red double-headed arrow below the truck indicates a 6-foot distance. The County of Los Angeles Public Health logo is in the bottom right corner.

Come visit us at hiddenhills.org, your new community website where information is updated all the time!
COMMUNITY UPDATE | 05.22.2020 Let's get these parties started! Just place



Help save lives. Give blood.



Wednesday, July 1st 10-4PM
Hidden Hills Community Center

ALL DONATIONS TESTED
FOR COVID-19 ANTIBODIES

-Register at: www.redcrossblood.org
-Sponsor Code: **HiddenHills**

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Walk Ins Welcome

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HIDDEN HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

EQUESTRIAN SERVICES TIP OF THE MONTH

With Summer comes the
dreaded **FLY SEASON!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Here are some tips to help your equine friends
deal with these annoying pests:**

MANURE CLEAN-UP

The most important step in fighting flies is making sure your barn and paddocks stay clean of manure. Flies breed in manure so it's a must to muck stalls and paddocks daily, and store manure in closed containers before pick-up by a disposal service.

FLY REPELLENTS

Fly spray is essential to help repel flies from your horses. There are many options to choose from; just remember to apply frequently!

FLY MASKS AND FLY SHEETS

Fly masks are critical in protecting your horses' eyes. They should be worn every day. It only takes a few flies to cause an eye infection or lay eggs inside your horses' eyelids, which can lead to costly and time-consuming vet visits and treatments. If your horses are really sensitive, consider fly sheets and fly boots to further protect their skin.

FLY TRAPS

Fly traps can help decrease the pest population around your barn. Just remember to only use traps that contain fly attractants at least 30 feet AWAY from where your animals congregate. You don't want to attract more flies near your horses; the goal is to attract flies away from your animals. Sticky traps with no odor or attractant are fine to use in stalls or near barns.

FLY PREDATORS

Fly predators, or wasps, are beneficial insects that can be released in manure and consume fly larvae, thus decreasing the fly pest population. These are an eco-friendly option to help reduce fly numbers.

FANS

While increased airflow in barns can be beneficial in reducing flying insects, and also help reduce the temperature on hot days, please remember that indoor fans are one of the leading causes of barn fires. If fans are not specially made for the outdoors, dust and dirt can get into the motor, sometimes resulting in a tragic fire.

BOARD IS REVISING THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Board reported in the June meeting that it is in the process of revising the community's Governing Documents, and it welcomes input from residents about provisions they believe are in need of change. Please email your suggestions to Shannon@hiddenhills.org.

NOTARY SERVICES RESUME

The HHCA staff will again be offering notary services to residents, by appointment only. The services will be provided using social distancing and single-use thumbprint stamps, and with all parties wearing masks. If you need a notary, please call the office to schedule an appointment.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

GATE ACCESS FOR GUESTS

It has been brought to the associations attention that some guests are being denied access at the gates.

Just as a reminder that it is important that your guests use the property address and not the last name of the resident to gain access to the community.

As there are many residents with similar last names with different spellings, this creates confusion when the guest is denied access under a misspelled last name.

HH SUMMER CAMP ALTERNATIVES

You may have heard that the County has allowed day camps to open. However, due to protocols required by the County Health Department in order to open, as well as the spike in COVID-19 cases in LA County, the Association is unable to open Summer Camp at this time. However there is a great alternative you can enjoy at home! Attached is a flyer from the Amazing Kid Company, our fantastic camp vendor, with options for small home-based camps.

See the flyer on next page and contact them for more details!

Other local camps that are open include:

1. Camp Calabasas.

You can check out their program here:

www.campcalabasas.org/camp-calabasas-summer-camp/

2. Sierra Canyon (no teen camp)

www.sierracanyondaycamp.com/

3. Camp Keystone

www.campkeystone.com/

4. Viewpoint

www.viewpoint.org/summer-information--policies

NEIGHBORS

All of us want to keep our Hidden Hills SAFE for our families and their horses and other animals. Especially while we're all here 24/7 minding our "stay-at-home" orders, for safety, please take note of this: There have been many reports of danger risks because of forbidden bicycle, scooter and motorized vehicle-riders on our trails. As noted by well-posted signs, our trails are exclusively for the use of pedestrians and equestrians.

PLEASE, as is documented in our HH Rules and Regulations (Section 3.2), share with your families and particularly your children this pertinent part of our Rules:

"Operating any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to motorcycles, automobiles, trucks, go-karts, go-peds, golf carts, gas-powered scooters, on the bridle trails is . . . strictly prohibited unless expressly permitted by the Association . . . Riding a bicycle on any bridle trail is prohibited in all instances."

Thank You for your anticipated cooperation. Be safe.



HIDDEN HILLS COOKBOOK COMING!

Hi neighbors! The Parks & Recreation Committee is collecting recipes for a Hidden Hills cookbook! Katie and Liz are putting together a cookbook with easy family-friendly recipes. The exclusive cookbook will only be sold to members of the community, with the proceeds going toward the cost of publishing.

Please email your recipe including ingredients, step by step instructions, and a picture if you have it, to HHrecipe@yahoo.com Thanks!

REMEMBER!

July 3rd is a non-work day

PLEASE REPORT WORKER HARASSMENT

Several female residents recently reported unwelcome verbal comments and attention from workers on construction sites. The Board takes this issue very seriously, as does the City. If you or anyone you know is experiencing uncomfortable looks, comments, cat-calling, etc., from anyone in the community, please contact both the Association office and the City's manager. Action will be taken with the contractor to stop the bad behavior. This topic has been added to the list of expectations that are discussed with owners and contractors at the required pre-construction meeting that occurs before the start of every new project.



Phone: (818)981-4321
Email: Info@Amazingkidcompany.com
Website: www.AmazingKidCompany.Com



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Pricing (per child)

One hour - \$35 / Two hours - \$55 / Three hours - \$75 / Four hours - \$95
Five hours - \$115 / Six hours - \$135

BEST VALUE (Discount when you book the full 5 days)

One hour - \$30 / Two hours - \$55 / Three hours - \$70 / Four hours - \$80
Five hours - \$90 / Six hours - \$100

Note: *Minimum 5 kids per day*

Siblings are half price but are not included in the 5 min required.

Certified Lifeguard: \$75 an hour or \$60 (an hour) for all day long!

**All parties are geared toward the age and energy of the birthday child and his/her attending guests
***AKC provides all necessary game equipment

GRANDCHILDREN HAVE OUTGROWN... SO...NO LONGER NEED

Oeuf White/Walnut Mini Library PD \$678

59w x 42h x 14d

Slightly "Grandparent Visits" Used.....MAKE OFFERS

Deborah Diamond [818.884.5790](tel:818.884.5790)

NEEDED

We are looking for a responsible, Covid safe, sitter for a very active 7 year old girl. We live in Hidden Hills, and would want a person willing to come to our home to swim, jump on Trampoline, play games, outdoor fun. Having a drivers license is a plus, but not mandatory.

Want someone who can work up to 3 times a week , 4-5 hours per day.

Please Contact Hilary at [818-304-4569](tel:818-304-4569) or Hilaryw3@gmail.com

SUMMER/FALL TUTORING

Professional tutor. Specializing in writing (I am a writing specialist), reading comprehension, language arts, science, social studies, Common Core math (through 5th grade), organizational skills, homework help and much more. Review previous grade or challenge your child to the next grade level. One-on-one personal attention via Zoom or FaceTime. Once restrictions are lifted I can meet in your home, Calabasas Library or Barnes & Noble. I have over 16 years of private tutoring experience and can provide you with many excellent references. Academic success is my goal. MA Education, BA Child Development, also degreed in Early Childhood Education.

Please contact Maureen @ [818 915-4567](tel:818-915-4567) or email meblm@aol.com



WHEELCHAIRS FOR SALE

Tired of pushing a heavy wheel chair - or bulky walker? Great sale on three like new drive mobility pieces.

Wheelchairs are great for tracking shots for young filmmakers.

Red nitro walker, Red wheel chair.
Great price.

Call Bonnie Palef [310-948 8788](tel:310-948-8788)

A photograph of a woman in a gym, wearing a dark hoodie and leggings, lifting a weight. She is looking down at the weight. The background is a bright window. The image is overlaid with an orange graphic that contains text.

**WE ARE
BACK**

KICK OFF CLASS
JULY 4TH 9AM

RepEFX

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 8AM
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY AT 9AM

MORE INFO?
deb@spellbound-body.com

DEAR HIDDEN HILLS FRIENDS:
Maintaining your health and wellness is my top priority. After each class extra disinfecting and sanitizing protocols will be in place. You will be positioned 6 feet from other participants and bringing your own mats and towels. Doors will be left open and fans/AC will be running.

*Masks required to and from class.

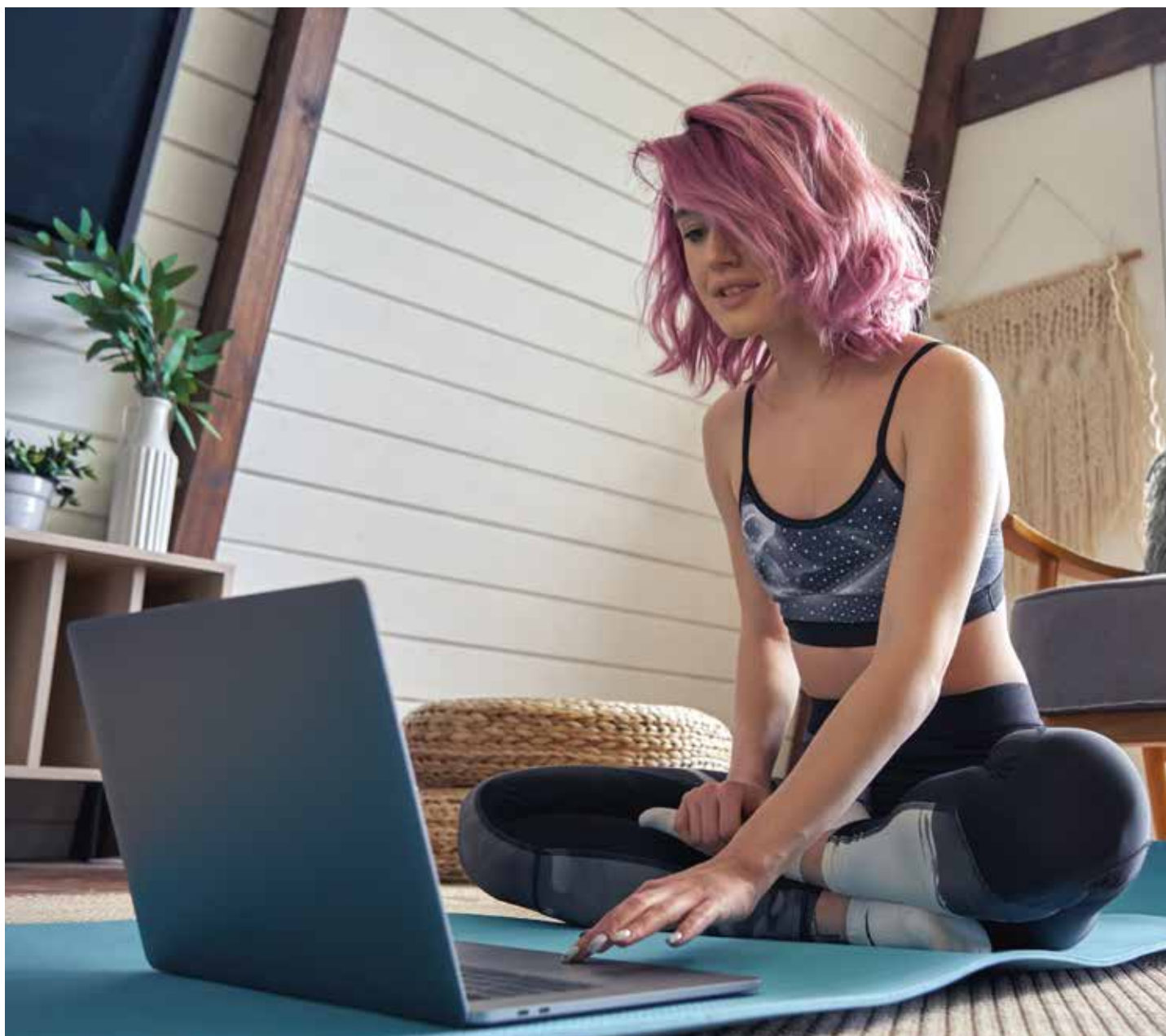
ALL MY BEST
DEB SPELLMAN

NANNY AVAILABLE

Are you looking for an extra set of hands during the day? Would you like to have a great night's sleep while your baby is cared for? Experienced (20 years), trusted night nurse and babysitter, with ages from newborn to teenager.

Currently available for night nursing and some day care. Great references available.

Contact Megan [818-857-9494](tel:818-857-9494)



RELAX, REJUVENATE, AND RE-ALIGN WITH YOGA!

Experiencing the Covid blues? Feeling anxious? Your quarantine family driving you nuts?

Come reset, unwind, and take some time for yourself with a distance yoga class!

Offering individual and group classes via Zoom. Also open to practicing yoga with you outdoors, at least 6 feet away of course.

About me: 200-hour yoga teacher training certified with experience in India, Belize and Los Angeles.

Contact Megan for more information [818-857-9494](tel:818-857-9494)
Meganelizabethsweeney@gmail.com

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Professional tutor. Specializing in writing (I am a writing specialist), reading comprehension, language arts, science, social studies, Common Core math (through 5th grade), organizational skills, homework help and much more. Review previous grade or challenge your child to the next grade level.

One-on-one personal attention via Zoom or FaceTime. Once restrictions are lifted I can meet in your home, Calabasas Library or Barnes & Noble. I have over 16 years of private tutoring experience and can provide you with many excellent references. Academic success is my goal. MA Education, BA Child Development, also degreed in Early Childhood Education.

Please contact Maureen@ [818 915-4567](tel:818-915-4567) or email meblm@aol.com.

NEW Association WEBSITE!

We are very excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website.

Need to know the date of a committee meeting so you can sit-in and learn about your community?

Yearning to get the email address for one of your wonderful board members?

Looking to read the Minutes from the last Board meeting?

YOU CAN FIND IT ALL & MORE

on www.hiddenhills.org



If you were registered on the old site but haven't yet registered on the new site, enter your username and click "forgot password." The office will confirm your residency status and email you a link, which will enable you to log on and create a new password. As always, call us if you have any problems! Please take a look, get familiar with the new sections + be sure not to miss the RESIDENT portal.

We will be updating the site WEEKLY! ~ Information *will* be current.

Spread the word and get into the habit of going to your new site as the first place you look for answers + information.



WANT TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE?

Do you have a desire to get more involved in your community? Or just want to help out where you can? Well, why not join a committee? Let us know if you're interested in serving on, and have relevant experience to offer, any of the Association's committees.

Email Shannon@hiddenhills.org with the committee you'd like to join, along with a brief description of the education/experience you have to share. There are currently openings on the Equestrian Services Committee and if there are residents wanting to serve on the other committees, vacancies will be coming up at the Annual Meeting.

Note: new legislation eliminates most qualifications for running for the Board of Directors, so you no longer need to serve on a committee for a year before running. The Association's governing documents are in the process of being revised, and that requirement will be removed. So join because you want to! It's a fun and rewarding experience, one that truly makes Hidden Hills such a special place to live.



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG POOP!

Given the stay at home order, there are many more people walking their dogs. As a result there is much more dog waste on both the parkways and trails.

Please may we remind residents to always pick up after their dogs. This is especially important now as the rain season comes to an end and it begins to get warmer.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

WILDLIFE UPDATE

BABY BIRDS

Small naked baby birds.

When you find a small baby bird with no feathers and eyes still shut you should first try to locate the nest.

If you find a nest simply but the baby back in the nest. Mom will be back and birds do not have a great sense of smell so the myth that they can smell a human touch and wont return is not really the case. Parents are always close by so its best to put a bird that naked and small back.

If the nest cannot be located gently pick it up and place in dry small cloth or tea towel and call a local wildlife rehabilitation center or call the office and we can put you in touch with someone to help.



USEFUL METHODS FOR PEST CONTROL

Victor Medal Traps, Rat Zapper Wlectronic Rat Rrap, Trapper T-Rex traps, Ultrasonic Rat Repellent, Under Hood Animal Repellent by Whatever Works and Ultra Sonic Solar Powered Pest Repellent. All of these options are available online and work without harming the surrounding wildlife.

OWL DEATHS

Owl found dead off Twin oaks and Long Valley cause of death unknown.

The owl was badly decomposed upon pick up but seemed to be a fledgling that was attacked by other wildlife.

Great Horn adult owl found on Spring Valley and Old Eldorado Meadow.

Cause of death seems to be another Great Horned Owl. Talon marks were evident on dead owls neck upon inspection.

Owls sometime kill each other over food and territory.



BABY COOPERS HAWK

A baby Cooper's hawk fell out of a nest on Long Valley rd on The 28th of June and was hanging upside down in a tree

The baby was safely retrieved and tomorrow I will be attaching a crate to the tree and hopefully the mother will continue to feed the baby in the makeshift nest. If the mother does not feed the baby within 24-48 he will be brought to Wildlife center for rehabilitation and release



NUTTALL'S WOODPECKER

Our ladies in the office came in on March 19th to find a baby woodpecker unable to reach full flight. It sadly banged itself against the window.

He will most likely be able to be released within the week when he's able to fully fly.

Putting up a suet feeder may bring a Nuttall's Woodpecker to your yard If you find an oak tree in California, even in suburban areas, there's a chance that a Nuttall's Woodpecker will be around. These small woodpeckers don't just forage on trunks and branches, they also forage on tiny stems in willows and alders where they might look more like a sparrow messing around in a shrub than a woodpecker. You'll probably hear the dry rattle before you see a Nuttall's Woodpecker, which will help you pinpoint its location.

When they rattle they usually stay put, giving you time to find them.

BE ALERT: SNAKES

Many residents have seen an increase in snakes hanging out in their gardens. Most snakes will just pass through and altho they may hang out in the shady area in the heat of the day it will move along when it cools off.

If there is a rattle at the end of of the snake call **ANIMAL CONTROL** and have the Rattlesnake removed and relocated.

Most of the garden variety snakes will not harm you or your pets so its best to just leave them alone and they will go their merry way soon enough. Most snakes you want in your yard as they are another hunter of rodents so they will naturally keep your area rodent free.

Here are some of the good snakes you may start to see in your garden that one **NO THREAT** to you or your pets.

Gopher Snake - Non Venomous

California King Snake - Non Venomous

Striped Racer - Non Venomous

Red Coachwhip - Non Venomous

Two Striped Garter Snake - Non Venomous

Black Head Snake - Mildly Venomous

Southern Pacific Rattlesnake - Highly Venomous



Gopher Snake



California King Snake



Striped Racer



Red Coachwhip



Two Striped Garter Snake



Black Head Snake

If in doubt please call **ANIMAL CONTROL**



Southern Pacific Rattlesnake



BE ALERT: SPIDERS

Folks are uncovering some of their garden furniture and finding large spiders. These are The California tarantula is a very docile native spider. Tarantulas are not poisonous to humans, though like all spiders they have venom that is effective on small arthropods for subduing their prey. While female tarantulas can live for up to 25 years, the average lifespan of the male is only seven or eight years. breeding season is in August so you may start seeing these guys out and about looking for mates. If one is in your home **HIGHLY UNLIKELY** just scoop him up and place him outside. If they are around your furniture please leave them be and they will leave soon enough. They dont stick around and will not harm you or your pets.

Garden Orb Spiders - These Spiders weave **LARGE** round webs in your trees to and are not harmful, they will **NOT** go inside your home. They eat Mosquitos and other flying insects. Residents could see more orb weavers this year than they have in years.

That's because spiders - including orb weavers - have more little bugs to eat this year because the region had a lot of rain, which created more vegetation and insects overall. They are fascinating to watch and the webs are really large and most web in trees higher up but I for one have walked face first in to a few last year so please don't kill these guys just leave them be and they will do their thing and leave when the season ends.

Avoiding Unintentional Poisoning

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The use of anticoagulant rodenticide poison to control rodents in your yard, neighborhood and community can result in exposing your pets and local wildlife to this deadly poison. Regardless of who distributes the poison -- homeowners, professionals, or your HOA -- your pets and local wildlife are at risk of exposure.

Death from anticoagulant rodenticide poisoning takes longer than you might think. Rodents that consume anticoagulant poisons do not die immediately. The poison is designed to block the vitamin K cycle which is important in clotting the body's blood, often resulting in a slow death. It can take up to 10 days for the rodent to die by internal bleeding, if it is not eaten by another animal first. Rodents filled with toxic anticoagulant rodenticide poisons continue to move around in the environment and as they start to feel the effects of the poison they begin to move slower and become easy targets for your cat, dog and our native predators such as bobcats, hawks, owls, coyotes etc. Research has shown that anticoagulant poison moves up the food chain and eating a poisoned animal can lead to secondary poisoning of dogs, cats and many wild animals.

HOW ARE PETS AND WILDLIFE GETTING POISONED?

Unintentional Poisoning

Non-target species are poisoned through primary, secondary and tertiary poisoning.

Primary Poisoning of non-target animals may occur when a bird eats the pellets broadcasted on the landscape or pellets that fall out of the bait box. Domestic dogs have been poisoned when they eat bait from boxes or get into unsecured packaging in their homes.

Secondary Poisoning of non-target species occurs when

predatory animals eat poisoned animals, therefore ingesting the poisons secondarily. For example, a bobcat eats a poisoned gopher, exposing the bobcat to the poison, creating a secondary exposure to the poison. Your cat could be at risk too. If your cat ventures outside it will likely catch or try to catch a small mammal, if that mouse, rat, squirrel or rabbit has eating poison your cat is at risk of secondary poisoning.

Tertiary Poisoning of non-target species occurs when a predatory animal eats another predatory animal that has been secondarily poisoned. For example, a mountain lion eats a coyote with secondary poisoning that ate a poisoned squirrel.

Anticoagulants move through the food chain.

RESEARCH DISCOVERS RODENT POISONS MOVE UP THE FOOD CHAIN

Wildlife affected in our local Southern California neighborhoods:

Scientific research on local wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area and surrounding fragmented habitats has detected startling evidence on how many of our native carnivores are exposed to anticoagulant rodenticide poisons. This research has shown that secondary poisoning from anticoagulant rodenticides is a wide spread problem throughout our local landscape. Testing results from the 3 carnivore species (bobcats, coyotes and mountain lions) monitored in this study found that most of the animals in the study were exposed to anticoagulant rodenticides.

Results from tested bobcats, coyotes and mountain lions, and exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides during NPS study:

Bobcats - 92% of bobcats exposed to anticoagulant poisons.

Coyotes - 83% of coyotes were exposed to anticoagulants and it was the 2nd leading cause of death during study.

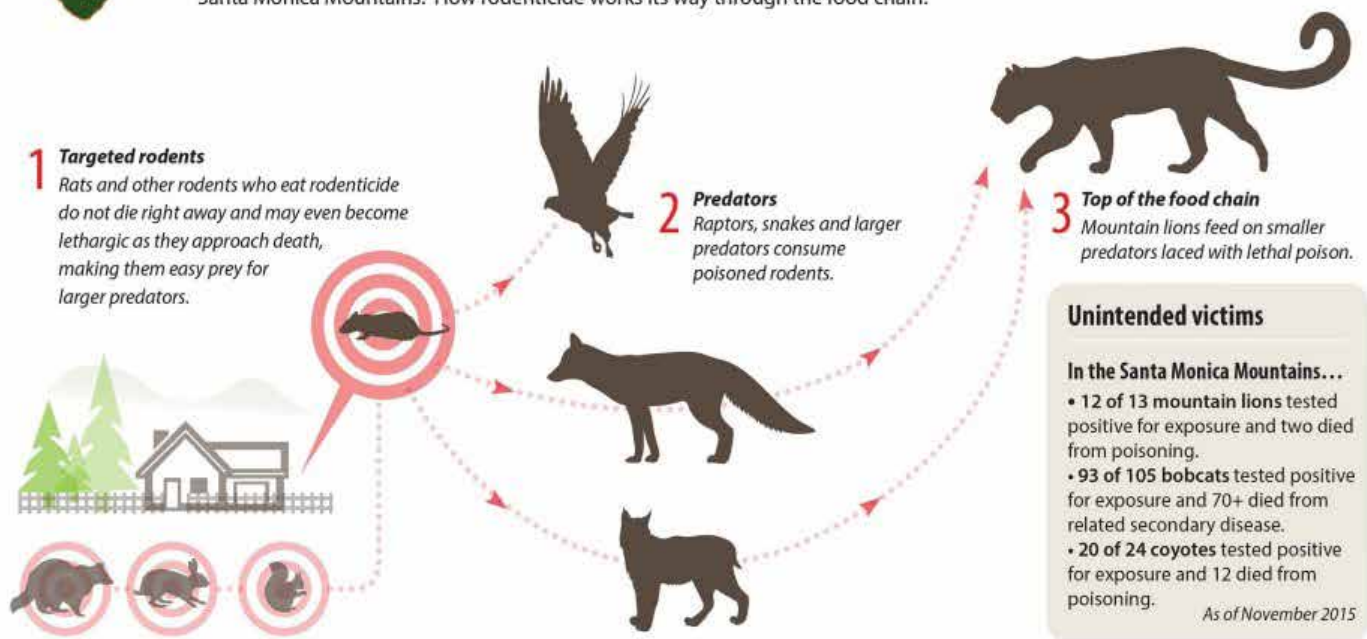
Mountain Lions - 94% of mountain lions were exposed to anticoagulant poisons, including a 3 month old kitten.





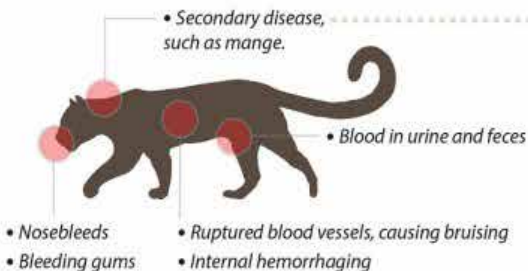
Lethal Dose: Rat Poison & Local Wildlife

Local residents may inadvertently be poisoning wildlife. National Park Service researchers have found a direct link between exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly known as rat poison, and the deaths of wildlife in and around the Santa Monica Mountains. How rodenticide works its way through the food chain:



How anticoagulant rodenticide kills

These compounds interrupt blood-clotting, which leads to uncontrolled bleeding and death. They may also suppress the animal's immune system, making it susceptible to other diseases. **Symptoms include:**



What is mange?

A microscopic mite that burrows into the skin and causes...

1. Extreme itchiness and skin lesions.
2. Fluid and nutrient loss through the skin.
3. Infection, starvation, hypothermia or other complications, eventually leading to death.



Check the label

Here are the most common anticoagulant compounds:

- Bromadiolone
- Brodifacoum

- Diphacinone
- Difethialone



SOURCES: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area research, L.E.K. Serleys, UrbanCarnivores.com

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ROOSTER OF SPRING VALLEY

A Rooster escaped or was purposely set free.

He has been running wild for about 2 weeks and was finally caught on June 16th. He remains unclaimed.

THE BAN HAS JUST BEEN LIFTED FOR NEWCASTLES

Newcastle Disease is a highly contagious viral infection that affects many species of domestic and wild birds to varying degrees.

Domestic fowl, turkeys, pigeons and parrots are most susceptible while a mild form of the disease affects ducks, geese, pheasants, quail and guinea fowl. The disease can result in digestive, respiratory and/or nervous clinical signs, which range from a mild, almost inapparent respiratory disease to very severe depression, drop in egg production, increased respiration, profuse diarrhoea followed by collapse, or long-term nervous signs (such as twisted necks), if the birds survive. Severe forms of the disease are highly fatal.

Please don't set free or discard any unwanted roosters as that is how the Newcastle outbreak happened in So California that caused the almost 1 Year ban and prevented us from buying and selling chickens and over a 1.6 million chickens had to be euthanized due to the 1 rooster that was thrown over a fence in downtown LA.

If you need to re-home a rooster there is plenty of places here are some useful links

kindredspiritscarefarm.org

happyhen.org

henharbor.org

BRUSH CLEARANCE TIME

Its time to clear that dead brush before fire season.

Goats and Sheep are great for the job. Here are some of the differences to consider before renting a herd.

Goats will eat grass and ground-level weeds, but they prefer taller, woodier vegetation and will stand on their hind legs to strip foliage and bark from them, weakening and eventually killing the plants. Sheep will eat woody vegetation but prefer grass and weeds on the ground. Sheep are like lawnmowers, while goats are more like Bush Hogs (for the uninitiated, that's the brand name for a machine designed to clear heavy brush).

Why do goats work so well? Goats are natural browsers and not grazers, and they actually prefer to eat at those species eye level and then move down. Preferred species include – multiflora rose, honeysuckle, sumac, willow, mulberry, wild grape, autumn olive, gooseberry, chicory, red clover, ragweed, lambs quarter, sericea lespedeza, crown vetch, poison ivy/oak, spotted knapweed, pigweed, oak, walnut, agrimony and leafy spurge. Goats will also eat cedar, buck brush, hickory, ironweed, curly dock, pokeweed, buttercup, white clover, thistles, bur dock, queen anne's lace and garlic mustard.

A general rule of thumb is that ten goats will clear an acre in about one month. However stocking rates as high as 34 goats per acre have been reported. Complete brush eradication will take several years to accomplish, and you should make this clear to the owner.

Here are some local places to rent goats:

<https://rentagoat.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/hireaherd/>

<https://www.californiagrazing.com/>

<http://goatsrock.com/index.html>

<https://www.805goats.com/>



CHICKENS AND HEAT

Things are heating up We all know the signs for your dogs or cats but here is some sign for your backyard flock.

While their feathers are beautiful, all that fluff is tough on our feathered fam. Unlike people, chickens don't have sweat glands nor do their feathers allow for a cool breeze to take that summer heat off. Because of that, it's important to stay vigilant about keeping your flock cool in the summer to prevent heat stress.

What is heat stress?

Heat stress is additional stress to the body due to increased temperatures. A chicken's normal body temperature is around 104°F, so a chicken does a lot better in colder weather than it does in hot weather! Heat stress can damage organs, cause egg deformation, and even death.

What affects heat tolerance?

Genetics, feather coverage, age, weight, and drinking water temperature all affect a chicken's heat tolerance. If you have cool drinking water, your bird can cool from the inside out. Similarly, if a chicken has fewer feathers, air can get in between them and cool the skin.

Signs of Heat Stress:

1. Panting & Rapid Breathing

Much like dogs, chickens release heat by panting to dissipate the heat. Look out for panting (beaks open) and rapid breathing.

2. Pale Combs/Wattles

The combs and wattles are a chicken's only direct access of skin to air, so a lot of the heat leaves through there. Keeping the wattles cool will help your chicken regulate its body temperature.

3. Loss of Electrolytes

Similarly to how your high school coach encouraged you to drink Gatorade after a hot practice, sometimes your chickens need a helping hand. When you notice your chickens showing signs of heat stress, they've likely lost some electrolytes which need to be replenished.

4. Wings Outstretched and Feathers Erect

Air is our planet's best insulator. We could get into the thermodynamics, but what you do need to know is that your chickens are doing everything they can to get some air in between their feathers. When they overheat, they'll stretch out their wings and lift their feathers in hopes of catching a cool breeze.

5. Bird Stop Eating & Drink Large Amounts of Water

Just like your desire to guzzle water after hot day, your hen will start drinking A LOT more water. Unfortunately, her nutritional needs don't change, so it's important she's still eating enough feed. To make sure she's getting all the protein and calcium to make healthy eggs, try these nutritious snacks.

6. Diarrhea

What goes in must come out. All of that extra water can lead to watery diarrhea, which means more electrolytes lost.

7. Chicken Becomes Droopy

A malnourished chicken suffering from heat stress is about as energetic as an old pug. In order to conserve what precious energy she has, your chicken becomes lethargic. She doesn't have any energy to do much of anything else.

8. Decrease in Egg Production Decreases, Thin Shells

With her body under lots of stress to keep cool, egg production decreases. Calcium isn't absorbed which leads to soft shells. Eggs are mostly water, and with dehydration, there isn't enough for both of them.

9. Staggering, Disorientation and Seizures

This is when heat stress can turn into heat stroke. Immediate action is necessary to save your bird!

10. Collapse of System and Death

If nothing is done to save your chicken, he or she will die from organ failure due to dehydration and heat.

Offer frozen treats:

Fill a large Tupperware container with berries and water and freeze overnight. Leave the container out the next day for your chickens and they can pick at the frozen berries and stay cool. You can also slice a watermelon in quarters and freeze for a similar result.

Avoid foods such as corn and scratch:

Corn and scratch require longer digestion processes, which creates more body heat. Instead, feed your chickens fresh fruit and vegetables like watermelon to keep them cool.

Keep cold water available 24/7:

This tip is pretty self-explanatory, but maybe the most important. The cold water will regulate the chicken's body temperature and keep them cool. Make sure it is always available so your chickens can regulate water intake themselves. I always add some ice to the water and place it in a shady spot.



WILDLIFE ALERT!

RED TAILED HAWK BREEDING SEASON

Pairs either build a new nest or refurbish an old nest. Nests are constructed of two to three foot long branches that are usually less than half an inch thick. Both the male and female take part in nest building. When building their nests, redtails are secretive, and if disturbed, may abandon the site. Nest sites vary depending on available habitat, but in general they are open from above, and have a good view of the surrounding landscape.

Redtails lay a total of one to five eggs with roughly 48-hour intervals between eggs. The incubation period is 28 to 35 day begins shortly after the first egg is laid. The female does most of the incubation, and during this period the male feeds her. After the eggs hatch, the female broods the nestlings for 30 to 35 days, and the male continues to provide most of the food. Although both parents will bring prey back to the nest, only the female feeds the chicks. The young fledge at 44 to 46 days of age, and the parents continue to feed their fledglings for another four to seven weeks. During this time, the young gradually move farther from the nest, improve their flight abilities, and begin to hunt on their own. Some individuals remain with their parents for as long as six months after fledging.

We are heading into the fledgling season in May and June. When a fledgling comes out of the nest it can take up to 2 weeks before they can fly and are very vulnerable and most fledgling are injured or killed during this time.

If you see a fledgling or hawk on the ground please keep all pets and livestock away from the bird, do not attempt to handle or catch the bird yourself and if in need of immediate assistance call the office or Jennifer Zuiker 818-912-6902



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