



The News in Hidden Springs #177

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COMMUNITY SURVEY NOW THROUGH 9/22

Don't forget...the Town Council released a Community Survey in order to get resident feed-back on a variety of topics from existing operations, amenities, events, open space, what members value and want to see improved, as well as areas where cost savings or efficiencies can be recognized. Visit hiddensprings.com, now through 9/22 for more information and a link to the survey.

MUSIC AT THE BARN 9/23

Smooth Avenue Band (Funk, Blues & Soul) plays this Saturday at the Barn 4-7pm. There will be complementary wine, beer and cider tastings and delicious food provided by the Basquenese, Idaho Crepe Company, Dry Creek Merc Wine Bar & Spirits and Meriwether Cider Company. Visit the website for more information, date and time when residents can set up their pop-ups (No set up on Friday. Set up Saturday before 1pm or after 3pm), parking and links to the vendors joining us for the event.

POOL SEASON COMES TO AN END 9/24

The pools will close for the season end of day Sunday, 9/24. Please note that the pools are open for residents to enjoy from 5:00am (for lap swim) until dark.

FALL HOME DECORATING CONTEST!

The annual Home Decorating Contest kicks off 10/15. Remember to vote for your favorite, with ballots due by noon on 11/1! One ballot per household. Official ballots will be available at the Town Office and at the Scarecrow Ballot Box located on the fence at the corner of W. Miners Farm and N. Humphreys Way. Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be announced 11/4.

SCARECROW BUILDING AND CONTEST

Scarecrow building supplies (frames and burlap while supplies last) will be available for pick up at the Town Office from 9/18-9/22! Drop off completed scarecrow(s) at the Town Office (during posted office hours) by noon 10/9. Scarecrows will be on display along the agricultural field fence 10/14-11/5 (W Hidden Springs Dr. and N Humphreys Way). Ballots will be available at the Town Office and at the Scarecrow Ballot Box which will be located on the fence at the corner of W. Farm Court and N. Humphreys Way. Remember to vote for your favorite, with ballots due by noon on 11/1! One ballot per household. Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be announced 11/3. Those who wish to keep their creations, PLEASE remove them by end of day Sunday, 11/5. The Association will remove and dispose of any unclaimed scarecrows on 11/6.

PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS Informational Meeting 9/26

The HSTA Bylaw Revision Committee was appointed earlier this year by the Town Council to research updating the Bylaws to address concerns raised by legal counsel as well as identify ways to conserve resources. The Committee operates under the direction of the Town Council with administrative support from Association Staff. The Committee collaborated with legal counsel to prepare amended Bylaws for your consideration. The amended document is now being shared with the community for a 30-Day Comment Period to allow members to review and comment on the revisions. **The 30-day Comment Period ends, Thursday 10/12/23. The Committee is hosting its second informational meeting Tuesday, 9/26/2023 from 6-7pm in the Community Clubhouse.** A representative from Smith Knowles and legal counsel for the Association on this project will be in attendance to answer questions at this meeting. For more information, and to review the Bylaws, please visit the Governing Documents page of the community website.

POLITICAL SIGN REMINDER 10/8 through 11/9

Political signs ("political sign" means any fixed, ground-mounted display in support of or in opposition to a candidate for office or a ballot measure." Per Idaho Code (55-3209), signs are permitted on a lot for no more than 30-days prior to an official national, state or county election. No more than three signs can be placed on an owner's property and not

on parking strips, sidewalks, streets, or Association common land. The maximum size of any political sign is not to exceed 20" x 24" or 480 square inches. Signs must remain presentable and in good condition through the 30-day placement period. Damaged or vandalized signs must be removed immediately. Signs must be removed following the election. All signs not defined as a political advocacy sign will remain in violation of CC&R section 6.19. Per ACHD, signs must be placed 40 feet back from an intersection in order to not obstruct a driver's view of the road. Signs cannot be affixed to signal poles, traffic signs, or any other public road infrastructure. Signs cannot be in roadway landscaping, including medians, roundabouts or between the curb and a sidewalk. Signs cannot be placed on someone else's private property without permission from the property owner. (Policy 1200, Idaho Code 55-3209, ACHD 5104.3).

TREE WORK AHEAD & SPECIAL OFFER 11/1 through 11/22

Trees that the Association has the responsibility to maintain (refer to Policy 600 Parking Strip Trees) are in need of maintenance (structural pruning and shaping, removal of dead wood, limbing up for clearance). Done Rite Tree Company will be working on the trees 11/1- 11/22 from dusk to dawn. **Please avoid street parking on Hidden Springs Drive as well as parking strips throughout the community adjacent to common areas.** This maintenance will improve tree health, provide for vehicle and truck clearance, and reduce weight before winter storms.

Please take a moment to look at your parking strip trees. Do they have low branches that are obstructing street signs? Vehicles? Branches at pedestrian eye level? With the record rainfall this spring and summer, trees experienced a lot of growth this season. On many streets homeowner limbs are very low, utility and service vehicles are breaking off branches hanging too low in the street and pedestrians are forced off the sidewalk and into the street to avoid injury. **Property owners are responsible for all aspects of maintaining trees in the parking strip(s) adjacent to their home or lot;** to include watering, fertilization, insect control, and pruning. **Tree limbs over hanging the street should have 14 feet of vertical clearance. Sidewalks should have 8 feet of vertical clearance.** Shrubs should be pruned to behind the sidewalk to not impede line of sight or impede pedestrians. The Association has the responsibility to maintain the trees along Hidden Springs Drive from the Seaman's Gulch entrance to Park Lane Drive (the "public trees") under agreements applicable to the development as well as the parking strip trees adjacent to other Association owned property (refer to Policy 600). As noted above, the Association has hired Done Rite and crews will begin working 11/1.

Done Rite has extended a special offer to Hidden Springs residents. Hidden Springs residents that schedule tree work with Done Rite, Nov 2023 – Feb 2024 will get a 10% discount. Please check your trees especially those in your parking strip that may need attention this winter. Done Rite Tree Co. 208-362-0246

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE 2024 TOWN COUNCIL?

It is that time of year again! We are in search of homeowners interested in taking an active role in guiding the community. Interested candidates who can devote 15+ hours a month are encouraged to contact the HSTA office for more information or to speak directly with a current Town Council member. The Notice of Intent to Stand for Election form for the 2024 Town Council is available on the community website. Refer to Article 4 and 5 of the Bylaws for Town Council Powers, Duties and Officer Responsibilities. The Notice of Intent to Stand for Election and a Candidate Statement must be submitted to the Association no later than Thursday, 11/2 by 6:30pm.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING | 9/19

SUMMER CONCERT #3 AT THE BARN | 9/23

BARK & SPLASH | 9/25

OPEN SPACE MEETING | 10/3

DESIGN REVIEW MEETING | 10/10

TRUNK OR TREAT (Hosted by CRTA) | 10/28