

# HIDDEN MEADOWS

## NEWS

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### Water use restrictions won't impact Hidden Meadows

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors Tuesday, April 16, voted to implement a series of actions to address serious water shortages in parts of its service area that solely depend on the State Water Project.

Those restrictions do not directly affect residents and businesses who receive water from the San Diego County Water Authority through their retail water provider because our region is not currently receiving water from the State Water Project.

Valley Center Municipal Water District is a member agency of the SDCWA, and so, like all agencies in it, won't be required to cut back on water use, although ratepayers and other customers will still be encouraged to conserve water.

According to a press release from the Met: "The San Diego region continues to have reliable water supplies for 2022 and beyond due to a long-term commitment to conservation and investments in a diversified water supply portfolio, including drought-resilient sources like the Claude 'Bud' Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant. However, extreme drought conditions are felt widely across the

West, and we strongly support agencies taking appropriate conservation actions where they are needed."

The press release continues, "The Water Authority's Board of Directors has not enacted water-use mandates as we wait for the State Water Board's direction and final emergency regulations in late May. In addition, Water Authority's diversified supplies remain intact.

"We continue to support the Governor's call for increased voluntary conservation at homes and businesses. We encourage actions such as taking shorter showers and fixing leaks immediately, along taking advantage of rebates for replacing turf with landscapes that are WaterSmart and climate-appropriate."— Sandra L. Kerl, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority

### FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR

The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council will present "Home and Life Survivability in the Wildland Urban Interface" Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Hidden Meadows Pavilion, 28208 Meadow Glen Way West from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Captain Thomas Shoots (CAL FIRE Public Information Officer) will discuss

- Change in Climate/Fire Conditions
- Fire Behavior
- Emergency Notifications
- Evacuations
- Last Chance Survival

as well as other topics important for your and your home's survival in a wildfire. This program will be of interest to all area residents especially those who are new to living in "fire country."

The seminar is free but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. If you cannot attend this session, additional seminars are being planned. Please visit the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council website at dsfsc.org for additional information and on-line registration.

### VCMWD secures \$8.5 million loan for pipe replacement

By DAVID ROSS

The Valley Center Municipal Water District just recently received confirmation from the State Water

Resources Control Board that it has secured an \$8.5 million Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund loan for its Capital Replacement Program.

Federally sourced, these funds will be borrowed by the District at 1.2% interest. The money will be expended over the next six months

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Steve Kerrin, the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council President, presents Katy Freese an award for her service.

### Kathy Freese Honored

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Katy Freese was recognized for her service to the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council at the Council's 2022 Annual Meeting on April 23, 2022. Katy and her husband Don joined the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council in 2010. Katy was elected to the board of directors in 2018.

Always willing to lend a hand and very knowledgeable about fire safety, Katy has played a major role in the Council's success. In addition to her duties as corporate secretary, she also serves as coordinator of the ever-popular community chipping program. In that capacity she spends many hours in the field scheduling and inspecting potential chipping jobs as well as providing oversight of the field crews. Thank you Katy!

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### Permanent Road Division (PRD) UPDATE

By: PRD 102 Committee

As previewed in our article in the April issue of the Hidden Meadows News, the San Diego County Department of Public Works (DPW) is moving forward with implementing changes to the Permanent Road Division (PRD\*) structure. While they still haven't revealed what their final recommendation will be, the result will impact over 400 property owners in Hidden Meadows.

The good news is that we are told there will be choices and a vote where all impacted property owners can participate. The alternatives being discussed range from increased assessments for improved road quality, to no change from the status quo, to dissolving the PRD entirely. The DPW should be announcing their recommendations by the middle of next month and will be presenting them to the County Board of Supervisors on May 25.

If you want to learn more about all that is happening from the DPW perspective, for an overview you can go to...

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### Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Fundraising Update

It's May in Hidden Meadows and as the days are beginning to warm up the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation 2022 Fundraising Campaign is cooling down, but there still is time for you to help!

Our annual campaign which runs from March through May has raised over \$7,000 to date. We at the Foundation, and the community at large, want to express our sincere appreciation to the generous donors who helped to make that happen.

For those who may have missed the request distributed in the March Hidden Meadow News (and those who received the request but now can't figure out where they put it) a donation packet is included in this month's paper. Please take a moment to look through the material and consider contributing today. We need additional funds to support continued work in our four focus areas: Beautification, Scholarship Program, Community Events and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Your contribution can be made by check using the envelope enclosed or via credit card, debit card or PayPal by going to <https://www.hiddenmeadows.news> and clicking on the donate button. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Hidden Meadows the unique, wonderful place it is to live in.

### UPCOMING Events

**Sellers' Faire  
HMCF Bake Sale Fundraiser**  
Sunday, May 1, 9am – 1pm  
Boulder Oaks Golf  
Course Parking Lot  
10333 Meadow Glen Way East,  
Escondido

**Fire Safety Seminar**  
Deer Springs Fire Safe Council  
"Home and Life Survivability in  
the Wildland Urban Interface"  
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**MARKET TRENDS**  
Average Days on Market:  
24

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## What is happening in HIDDEN MEADOWS

### Market Report

MAY 2022

► Address    ► BD/BA/SF    ► Listing/  
Selling Price

#### ACTIVE

Meadow Oak Lane	3/2.5/2,442	\$449,000
Dogwood Lane	3/2.5/2,023	\$775,000
Spruce Woodlands Way	3/2/1,978	\$859,000
Burned Oak Lane	4/3.5/3,224	\$1,245,000

#### SOLD

10037 Sage Hill Way	3/2/1,533	\$755,000 COE: 3/10/2022
9752 Indian Creek Way	3/2.5/2,350	\$760,000 COE: 1/31/2022
28346 Glenmeade Way	3/2/2,051	\$830,000 COE: 4/25/2022
10255 Spruce Woodlands Way	4/3/2,357	\$831,000 COE: 12/30/2021
9833 Dogwood Lane	3/3/2,633	\$1,000,000 COE: 3/10/2022



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# Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Opens 2022 Scholarship Application Window

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation has established an Annual Scholarship Award Program and, thanks to generous contributions each year from our neighbors, has each year been able to award scholarships to eligible students preparing to enter college.

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 HMCF Scholarship Application window will open on Sunday, May 1 and close on Thursday, June 30. The window is longer than usual as we are allowing extra time for applicants to coordinate required application elements remotely.

As of this writing, we expect to hold a Scholarship Awards Gathering but will continue to monitor the pandemic situation. Awards will be announced no later than August 31, pending confirmation that the institution is still offering classes in the fall semester.



Eligibility requirements include:

- Be a Hidden Meadows resident
- Be a recent or pending high school graduate
- Plan to attend college in the Fall semester
- Not have previously received a Bachelor's Degree
- Not have previously received an HMCF Scholarship
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- Be a US Citizen or Resident Alien
- Have a high school GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale that has been certified by an official school transcript or GED

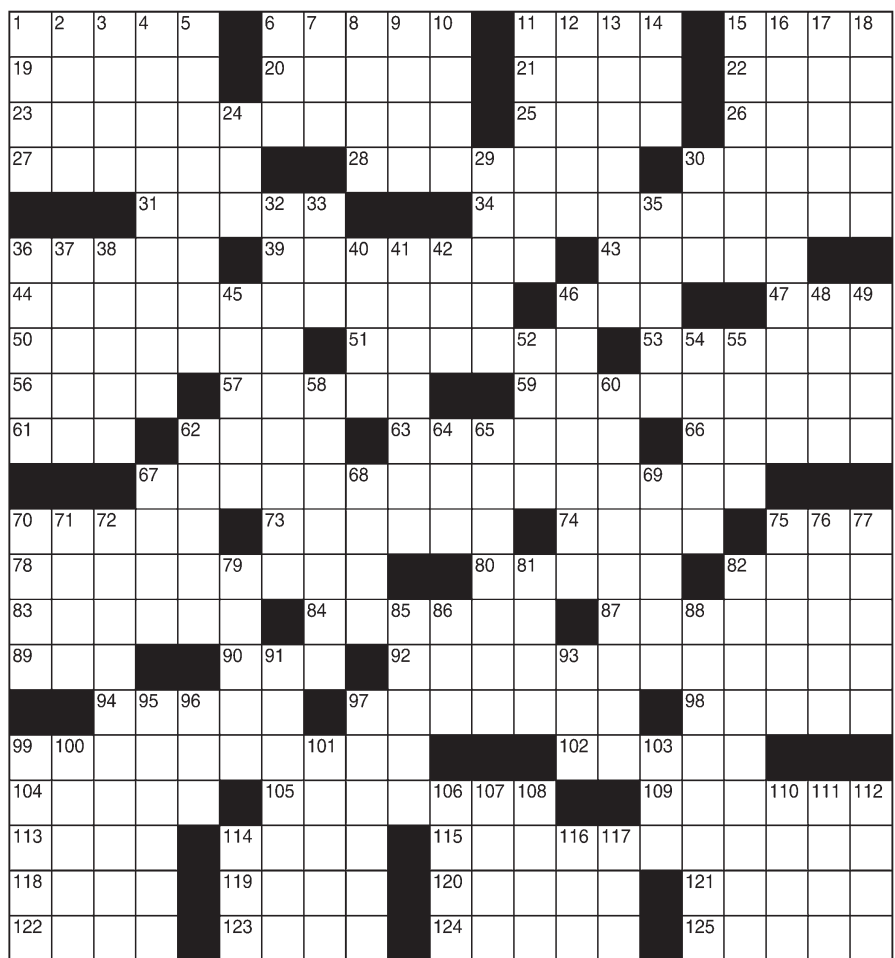
Email Sarah Sealey at [sarah@bretandsarah.com](mailto:sarah@bretandsarah.com) with subject: Scholarship to request and submit an application package.

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Board of Directors will determine the amount and number of honors to be granted.

## Super Crossword

COLOSSAL COINAGE

- |                                   |                                 |                                    |                                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>                     | <b>ACROSS</b>                      | <b>DOWN</b>                    |
| 1 Mafia VIPs                      | 1 Docket entry                  | 38 S-curves                        | 81 Dye in blue jeans           |
| 6 Chocolate substitute            | 2 Grad                          | 40 Kett of comic strips            | 82 1942 horror classic         |
| 11 Maintain                       | 3 Popeye prop                   | 41 Week-old baby, e.g.             | 85 John or John Quincy         |
| 15 Molecule bit                   | 4 Charge too much for           | 42 Singer's syllable               | 86 "U R funny!"                |
| 19 Animated                       | 5 Bilko's rank                  | 45 Collection                      | 88 Cut-covering cloth          |
| 20 North Pole explorer            | 6 Pro with IRS returns          | 46 More quirky                     | 91 Pancake alternatives        |
| 21 "My Friend —" (old radio show) | 7 — Lingus                      | 48 Bore false witness              | 93 Take it on the — (flee)     |
| 22 Erie or Eyre                   | 8 Fall tool                     | 49 Tiny, to a tot                  | 95 Ren's cartoon pal           |
| 23 It has many food aisles        | 9 Ex-Dodger Hershiser           | 52 Tesla Motors CEO Musk           | 96 "For — a jolly good fellow" |
| 25 Used a sketchpad               | 10 Gig billionth                | 54 New staffer                     | 97 At a distance               |
| 26 Diploma holder                 | 11 Hold hostage                 | 55 Tennis stat                     | 99 Fertile areas in deserts    |
| 27 Arise                          | 12 Dashing Flynn of film        | 58 Carmen with fruit hats          | 100 Open, as a pill bottle     |
| 28 — of Aquitaine                 | 13 Retired female prof          | 60 Puget Sound city, in an address | 101 Amtrak sights              |
| 30 Flip one's lid                 | 14 Clawed foot                  | 62 Pink-slipping                   | 103 NYSE event                 |
| 31 Result of an armistice         | 15 1990s vice president         | 64 Gal in the family               | 106 Apple on a desk, maybe     |
| 34 Rialto locale                  | 16 Fast whirling dance of Italy | 65 Home for the sick               | 107 Towering                   |
| 36 Actress Birch                  | 17 Striped-legged beast         | 67 Threshold                       | 108 Accordingly                |
| 39 Like some double-decker buses  | 18 Jason's wife                 | 68 Joking Johnson                  | 110 Small stream               |
| 43 Yak's land                     | 24 "— culpa!"                   | 69 Amtrak sight                    | 111 Middle of many a sig.      |
| 44 Strong rapids, say             | 29 Come at — (not be free)      | 70 Baby's cry                      | 112 Offshore                   |
| 46 Opposite of 31-Across          | 30 Dollop                       | 71 Comic King                      | 114 Kwik-E-Mart storekeeper    |
| 47 Wallach of "Lord Jim"          | 32 Lack of bravery              | 72 Beat-keeping Beatle             | 116 Swerve                     |
|                                   | 33 Fuel economy org.            | 75 One in utero                    | 117 Put in writing             |
|                                   | 35 Top spot                     | 76 John of tractor fame            |                                |
|                                   | 36 Walk on                      | 77 Beneficial thing                |                                |
|                                   | 37 Oscar winner Berry           | 79 Portioned                       |                                |



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on three pipeline replacement projects, Lilac Road, Gordon Hill and Oat Hill.

VCMWD Gen. Mgr. Gary Arant told *The Roadrunner*; “Dating back into the 60’s and 70’s, these lines have reached or exceeded their useful life and need to be replaced and upsized for better service characteristics.”

These three projects are just the first of over \$56 million in 29 pipeline replacement projects to be completed over the next twenty years. In total, the district’s 2020 Water Master Plan has identified just over \$90 million in pipeline, pump station, and reservoir upgrade and improvement projects to be completed over a 20-year timeframe, said Arant.

Formed by the voters in 1954, the Valley Center Municipal Water District began installing water lines as well as building reservoirs and pump station in the late 1950’s and through to today.

“Pipe installed in the 1950’s and 1960’s is approaching 60 to 65 years of age; pipe that has a useful life expectancy expected of 50 years,” said Arant. “Pumps stations and reservoirs must cycle through upgrades and refurbishment on a periodic basis to keep them operating and functioning efficiently and safely.”

Water retailers such as the VCMWD are also facing increasing regulatory

pressure from the state of California to speed up pipeline replacement to reduce water loss through leakage and pipe rupture. “Water loss standards will soon be adopted for each water agency and compliance enforced by the State Water Resources Control Board through fines and sanctions,” said Arant.

He concluded, “At 1.2% interest, the SRF money benefits the community by providing very low borrowing costs for the projects, resulting more reliable water service at less cost to our rate payers. Currently, the district’s engineering staff is preparing a new application for \$6.0 million for another 3 pipeline projects and one reservoir replacement project which will be completed in 2023.



**VCMWD workers replacing a water pipe. Some of the pipes in the system are 50 or 60 years old.**

## Chamber golf tourney May 6 at the Vineyard

The Greater Escondido Chamber Challenge Cup Golf Tournament will be held May 6 at the Vineyard in association with The California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

A year ago, the Greater Escondido Chamber of Commerce put a spin on their annual golf tournament by awarding a special prize to the winning team – the Challenge Cup. Much like the famous Stanley Cup, the winning team gets their names engraved on the base and get to keep possession of the Challenge Cup for one year until the next tournament. But this event is more than just golf; it’s a combination of golf and art.

Benefitting the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, along with the Escondido Police Athletic League, the “art” aspect is a key feature of this event. Since the Chamber is partnering with CCAE, the Center is donating a special “Cabaret in The Courtyard” auction prize that will give the winners a night with food, drinks, and live concert they won’t soon forget. The Chamber is also working again with Suzanne Nicolaisen from the Escondido Arts Association to have her and other local artists custom paint golf flags. Each

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<https://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/prd/> ...and for more specifics...

<https://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/prd/prdoptions.html>

You should also plan to view the May 25 Board of Supervisors Meeting on-line, on cable TV or listen via phone. To find out how to participate you can go to...

<https://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/bosa.html>

And lastly, if you have any PRD 102 specific questions you can, email the PRD committee at [HiddenMeadowsPRD@yahoo.com](mailto:HiddenMeadowsPRD@yahoo.com), or talk to one of the committee members.

\* The Permanent Road Division is a structure administered by the county which collects funds via a property assessment fee and uses those funds to provide maintenance for private roads that would not otherwise be maintained by the county. Most of the roads in Hidden Meadows north of Boulder Knolls/ Cerveza Baja (including the north portion of Meadow Glen Way West) fall into this category and are part of PRD 102.

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# Hidden Meadows Spring Carnival

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The Spring Carnival was a bundle of fun for the neighborhood kids on Saturday, April 9. This event was a huge success with about 300 people attending. This was the brain child of Vickey Ciarlanti, the Event Coordinator for the Hidden Meadow Foundation. Vickey spent months planning the carnival to replace the Easter Egg Hunt. There were Carnival table games of all types; ring toss, bowling, darts, basketball, mini golf and many, many more. All the games won tickets. The tickets won prizes. There were many prize choices at the prize booth: toys and treats. Everything

was free for the kids. In addition to all the table games, there was a cakewalk, pony races and musical chairs among many other options. Berkshire Hathaway sponsored a free Slime Station. There were so many options for the kids to play and everything was sponsored and provided for free to the attendees.

The Hidden Meadows market is always a huge supporter of our neighborhood. They had their own games; spin the wheel for prizes and others. The Market had \$1 pizza and drinks and gave out free popcorn to all the kids and attendees. A big thank you to Shari and Alex Petric at the Market for sponsoring free ice cream for all the



kids when our ice cream truck cancelled the morning of the Carnival due to engine issues.

The Hidden Meadows Deli provided \$1 hot dogs and drinks and parking lot space for the event. The Poppin Duo Kettle corn stand had a booth and provided popcorn varieties and lemonade. The Sweet Cheeks Homestead owner and a Hidden Meadows neighbor, Christine Stendell's business donated cupcakes for some of the prizes as well as selling beautifully designed cookies and treats.

Dawn Salazar of Home Smart was a huge volunteer for this event and helped with the set-up and tear down. Home Smart sponsored Alexander the Great, a magician and balloon twister who made some creative animals and other options for entertaining the kids.

The clubhouse and Tavern got in on the fun with a bouncy house and games on the back patio overlooking the golf course.

It took a small army to pull off an event of this size. All of our local businesses were involved. So many of our residents donated their time to make this event one of the largest and most organized we have had for our younger residents. Thank you to our wonderful Hidden Meadow Community for all you did to make this a success. The support we received from our local businesses and donors was unbelievable. It was great to see so many new faces and the smiles on the faces of the kids were priceless. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

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## Garden Tours

By Idalia Rewar

Ladies and gentlemen, it looked like the Weather Gods were in a Margaritaville mood, and gave us a hot tropical (“I want to be in Aruba”) day for our garden tours event. I think it was the hottest day of the year! But its ok, we were all excited to see the different gardens, and garden club members are a bunch of hardy women and men and nothing stops them when it comes to plants and gardens. I know, it’s a little crazy, but it’s in their DNA. As for me, I was in the process of picking up my car which had suffered a mishap from a hit and run – the side bumper got a nasty scratch, and I had to pick up the car, so I was a bit late.

Our tour consisted of visiting the gardens of: #1 - Michelle Zipse, #2 Kim Marin, #3 Myrian Johnson, and #4 Frances Munk. The #1 Zipse garden was very nice, well kept, and had a lovely pool surrounded by large rocks landscaped with lovely palm trees forming a picture perfect paradise. I did not get a chance to see the rest of the property, bad Idalia was late.

On to #2. The Marin garden. What a treat, what a garden! I have never seen anything like it. The owners divided their extensive grounds as follows: at the front of the property - the succulent garden, the patio, the Cecil Garden, the native wild flowers, and the whimsical area. As you enter the expansive driveway, both on the right and left are huge succulent plants many blooming in beautiful colors. I was told their garden is considered one of the best succulent gardens in San Diego. As we followed the owner who is giving us a tour, we viewed a Madagascar bottle tree (15 years old), the largest in the area. Then on to view the hillsides where at the distance you spot a buffalo or a bison (I can’t tell them apart),

the owner designed it, looks real to me. Looked it up on Google – they are not related, and each is a distinct animal. I also spotted a huge colorful rooster – again not real, on the hillside. It was a work of art – and nearby was a huge goat munching by a rock, again, fake. Unbelievable. There was also a hobbit house he built and inside instead of a fireplace he carved a face made of rock on it, and is said that if you put your hand in its mouth it will bite you. I did not test it. I need my hand to type this article. On the roof of the hobbit they planted little flowers. The owner said that her husband actually got up to the roof and he planted it all. What balance. I asked the owner how many gardeners they had (I expected at least ½ dozen, nope, he has one gardener, and the owner does it all. Wow!! All around the different areas are huge boulders which the owners painted flowers, cacti, whimsical figures, and animals, on their surface. There is so much to see its mind blowing.

But we have to move on to #3, the Johnson’s garden. There was a beautiful pool in the back of the property. With boulders around, you wonder how they built it. She said they had used dynamite to build the pool. Very simple. I walked to a lower level of her yard where there was a beautiful tree with red blossoms. Someone informed me that it was a New Zealand tea tree. Nearby were also oak trees planted by the owners 20 years ago. There was a nice comfy outdoor area where we sat to catch our breath and away from the sun, and at last, cool water and snacks. I really loved the yummy almonds.

Finally, onto #4 Frances Munk’s garden. She has beautiful plants all over, and there’s a gazebo and a great shaded patio area where we all sat for a while

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# Friends, T-Shirts, and Cactus Cupcakes

By Linda Collins / Resident

You just can't get bored living in Hidden Meadows. There are so many groups and activities. I participate in a few of them including the Garden Club. If you think the garden club is just about exchanging plants, nope, you are wrong. We are creative making garden art. We tour homes, parks, gardens and nurseries. And, yes, we exchange plants. And we seem to eat a lot as many of our gardeners also like to bake!

In April, Faraj and Yasuko (pronounced Yasko) Tavangari hosted a T-shirt day. Their daughter created the design. We brought our preferred T-shirt. And, together we customized those shirts with the Garden Club design.

Afterwards, Yasuko put out a light lunch followed by some amazing cactus decorated cupcakes, in buttercream, of course.



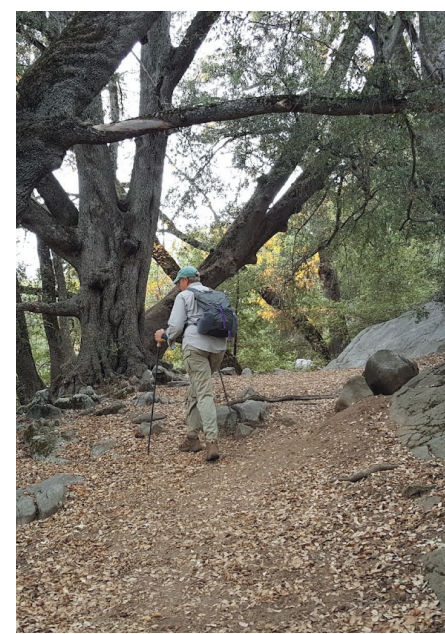
Cactus Cupcakes



Linda Collins, Melissa Mitchell, Joanne Anglin, Meredith Kifer, Yasuko Tavangari.



Meredith Kifer and Joanne Anglin pressing the design on a shirt



## Palomar Mountain Hike - French Valley Trail

By Anita Noone / Valley Center Trails Association

Friday, May 6, 2022 – 8:00 - 10:30 am: Enjoy peaceful forest and rolling meadow scenery plus an old weir site on this easy to moderate 3.7 mile hike. Most of the hike is on gentle level or sloping trails, but there are a few rock-hopping small creek crossings with some modest scrambles up and down to reach the creek beds. Plan to extend your stay after hiking and stop by the Boucher Hill Fire Lookout as you leave to take in the expansive western and southern views – the vistas alone are worth the drive! Wear sun protection and sturdy shoes. Bring sufficient water and if the weather turns warm your favorite

bug repellent. Sorry, dogs are not allowed on the Palomar trail system.

Set your navigator to 34794 Doane Valley Road, Palomar Mountain, CA 92060 and meet at the Doane Pond parking lot at 7:45am – hike departs 8:00am sharp. Day pass costs \$10 per vehicle.

Steady rain within 24 hours of start time cancels hike and notice will be given on our Facebook page. If you want an email notice of cancellation, email [lori.le@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori.le@sbcglobal.net) at least two days before the event. Otherwise, pre-registration is not required and all are welcome.

Questions: Lori Jacobs [Lori.Le@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lori.Le@sbcglobal.net) or (760) 212-0464 Valley Center Trails Assn., Inc., PO Box 605, Valley Center, CA 92082; [www.vctrails.org](http://www.vctrails.org)

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Lynn Wheeler, Rochelle Weber, Devila Shah, Terese Vasil, Pia Courser, Linda Collins, Judith Jennings, Susan Crandall, Vicky DeJong, Melissa Mitchell

## Life is Full of Fun and Games!

By Linda Collins / Resident

Whatever game you fancy, there is probably a group playing it here in Hidden Meadows whether it be golf, Mah Jong, bridge, or . . . Mexican Train.

Ten spirited women came together in April to play Mexican Train at The Meadows Restaurant and Tavern. Dinners were ordered, drinks were served, and the dominos readied.

Everyone plays Mexican Train differently. Since I coordinate the activity, I chose the rules we play by. (Now that is a powerful feeling!)

1. You have to start your own train, or have someone start it for you, before you can play anything else.
2. There can only be ONE Mexican Train.
3. If you cannot play anything in a turn, you must put your train up making it available for others to play on. Your train can only come down when you play on your own train again.
4. If you play a double, you have to 'satisfy it', which means you have to play a following tile. If you can't, you draw a tile from the pool. If you still can't satisfy it, your train goes up. Each player after must attempt to satisfy the double in the same way, putting their train up if they cannot. Once someone does satisfy the double, the game goes back to normal play. The one exception is if you play a double as your final tile, ending the game.

With ten people playing, we divided into two groups. Fortunately, I have two Mexican Train sets. Each group played 5-6 games before calling it a night. It was a lively night with lots of laughter and warm friendships . . . and some were new friends! Susan Crandall joined us for the second time this month. Vicky DeJong and Rochelle Weber came for the first time. Judith Jennings is new to the group, too. Welcome to all of you! Most of the others have played at some point in the past. Lynn Wheeler, Devila Shah, Melissa Mitchell, Pia Courser, Terese Vasil, and I are regular players.

Mexican Train is an activity of the Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group. Mostly because I organize both of them! For more information on the Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group, email [hmwsg92026@gmail.com](mailto:hmwsg92026@gmail.com).

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## BOOK REVIEW - By Lynn Clark

As this year progressed and prices on everything rose, I realized how lucky I was that there was a lending library close to me. Remember this is just my opinion, but if you are thinking of purchasing the next two books I would save my money. Look for the 3rd book.

### "The Judge's List" - by John Grisham

Imagine a judge that kills people that he feels have "slighted" him during his career. I always thought that to be a judge you needed a thick exterior to remain neutral...not this one.

### "Wish You Were Here" - by Jodi Picoult

This book takes place at the beginning of the Pandemic when a museum worker travels to an island (leaving her significant other home because he is a resident physician at a hospital), and becomes trapped during the shut down. Half way through the novel Picoult inserts a twist in the plot that immediately made me say "Really?". I wasn't thrilled with the ending to her last book and this one was worse.

### "Let the Wild Grasses Grow" - by Kase Johnstun

In the beginning there was a warmth to this book that made me think about family life, love, and siblings. This gem of a book is about 300 pages long and flows well. It covers the lives of two intertwined Hispanic families in the early 1920s.

The beginning of the novel was set in the state of Colorado, and there was a little of its history as background, such as: the effect of the Dust Bowl on farming, the gold mining industry, and even the Ku Klux Klan that played a part in the telling. But the core of the story is the love that develops between John Cordova and Della Chavez that starts when they are teenagers.

The car accident that causes the death of John's parents forces the remaining family to live with their abusive grandfather in Arizona. This separates the two families. He finds that his grandfather has value for only those grandchildren whose skin is light enough to be acceptable to him. He constantly applies creams to their bodies in hopes of achieving this. Unfortunately, John's younger sister never becomes acceptable, and is beaten regularly along with John when he tries to protect her. His sister runs away and John finally escapes his grandfather by enlisting in the Navy. Even though he excels at all the tests necessary for working in the torpedo room on a submarine, he ends up being a cook on the ship.

Della's path in life has been much easier. She is smart and confident and attends college on a scholarship. When the US enters WWII she is recruited to become a code breaker for the Navy. She has not had a lot of contact with John over the years, but .....

## Hidden Meadows Community Resources

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Contact Marc Weissman at 760-525-5170 or marcweissman11@gmail.com.

### Community Sponsor Group

Contact Chairman Jim Chagala, at 760 751-2691 for more information.

### Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

Please join our facebook group: Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch. We'll share neighborhood information, safety tips, and news of future events.

Contact Info: Erik Tyler 442-235-9060 erikdtyler@gmail.com

### Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Contact Steve Kerrin at 760-807-1141.

### Emergency Communication System

To register, visit [www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com](http://www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com).

An information hotline is updated during emergencies or noteworthy events and may be called 24/7 at 949-472-1407. Red flags are placed on the "Fire Danger Signs" during red flag warnings.

### Homeowners Associations

The Meadows Homes Association (MHA)	760-749-7278
Rimrock Homeowners Association	760-749-4008
Hidden Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association	760-407-7575
Silverado Management Services	
Oak Meadows Glen Homeowners Association	760-749-4796

### Organizations

#### Garden Club

Contact Frances Munk at francesmunk17@gmail.com

#### Hidden Meadows Bridge Group

We play bridge at the MHA Pavilion every Wednesday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Please call Curt Bruce at 442-222-0821 if you'd like to join us.

#### Hidden Meadows Community Foundation (HMCF)

Contact Sarah Sealey at sarah@bretandsarah.com

#### Ladies Bible Study

Contact Debbie Hamer at 760-297-1278 or Stephanie Swadell, 619-993-4631.

#### Tennis Club

Contact Katy Freeze at 760-749-9722 or clarkfreese@gmail.com.

#### Women's Golf Club

Contact Ellen at 760-749-1190

#### Women's Social Group

email to hmwsg92026@gmail.com.

#### Yoga

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## Robbery at the Meadows Deli Market Stuns Community

By Tom Fragala / Resident

The last thing I expected was to see a crime scene when I walked into the Meadows Deli Market in sleepy Hidden Meadows.

A few weeks ago, I stopped by the market to buy a few things. As I entered, I immediately noticed that one of the front doors had the glass smashed through and boards on it.

I sat down recently to speak with Branko Radjenovic, one of the family owners of the Market, to discuss what happened.

The robbery occurred on Monday, April 4th around 3:30 AM. It appeared to be a team of three criminals. Branko believes they had planned the crime because they seemed to have some knowledge about how the security system was set up on the door. They broke the glass at the bottom of the door and crawled in to avoid triggering the door sensors.

Two of the robbers entered the store to do the "grab" part of this smash and grab operation.

Their main target was not the cash register, but cigarettes. They got away with cigarettes totaling approximately eight thousand dollars. (Apparently a single pack these days costs eleven to twelve dollars). By my math that's

around 700 packs or 70 cartons.

They also broke into the register, but there was not much cash, just some smaller change.

There were movement sensors in the store, which eventually were triggered by the thieves. The alarm sounded and they absconded with the stolen goods.

The Sheriff arrived on scene as did Branko shortly afterward. They were alerted by the alarm company.

Branko told me they have insurance to help cover the losses. He assured me they are extensively upgrading the security on the perimeter and inside the store. For security reasons, I won't describe some of these features.

The thieves have not been apprehended as far as the Radjenovic's are aware. We have not been able to get an interview with the Sheriff's detective on the case to confirm details prior to publication deadline.

You may have heard that the Arco gas station at the Deer Springs interstate exit was robbed at gunpoint the same night. However, despite the coincidence, Branko said there is no evidence he is aware of that it was the same crew.

The Radjenovic family that runs and owns the market includes Branko, his mother Mira, Mira's sister-in-law Mica and Branko's sister Deyana.



## Escondido Public Library presents Star Wars Week

Celebrate Star Wars Week with the Escondido Public Library and enjoy fun, Star Wars-themed programs May 2 through May 7.

**Build Your Own Droid Monday, May 2, 4-5:30 p.m.** Build a custom Star Wars Droid from upcycled materials (ages 8-12).

**PJ Storytime Tuesday, May 3, 6-6:30 p.m.** Wear your PJS and bring your favorite stuffed animal to this Star Wars evening storytime (ages 5-12).

**May the Fourth Be with You Star Wars Day Celebration Wednesday, May 4, 5-7 p.m.** Celebrate everything Star Wars with crafts, costumes, a trivia competition, and some very special guests from the 501st, Rebel Legion, Mando Mercs, and Saber Guild (all ages).

**Rogue One: A Star Wars Story Thursday, May 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Special showing of *Rogue One*, starring Felicity Jones and Diego Luna. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (ages 13 and up).

**Inclusive Art Club Friday, May 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Special Star Wars

story time for all ages and abilities featuring story, songs and art (all ages).

**Star Wars Week Finale: Free Comic Book Day & Jedi Padawan Lightsaber Training Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Free Comic Book Day, Board Games, Jedi Padawan Lightsaber Training, and even more special guests! Come by to pick up a free comic book courtesy of Knowwhere Comics (while supplies last), play games and take photos with fan favorite Star Wars characters from the 501st, Rebel Legion, and Mando Mercs. At 11:30 a.m. take part in an all ages family lightsaber training with representatives from the Saber Guild (all ages).

For more information on other Library programs for children, visit <http://www.escondidolibrary.org> or contact Dan Wood, at 760-839-4827 or [dan.wood@escondidolibrary.org](mailto:dan.wood@escondidolibrary.org). Library programs are free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Friends of the Escondido Public Library. Escondido Public Library is located at 239 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, CA 92025.

## EAA May open show - call for artists

The Escondido Art Association has announced its show May at the Artists Gallery, 121 W. Grand Ave., Escondido. The theme for the show is "The Beauty of Color" and will be open to EAA members and non-members.

Entry fees will apply for "The Beauty of Color" show: Members \$20 1st entry, \$5 ea. 2nd & 3rd; Non-members \$30 1st entry, \$5 ea. 2nd & 3rd.

Take-in of art will be on Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"The Beauty of Color" will run through Friday, June 3. All artwork must be picked up by Saturday, June 4, between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, the Artists Gallery will host a free reception at the Artists Gallery, open to the public from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.



An art demo by Chuck McPherson will be held at Fusion Restaurant, 201 E. Grand Ave., Escondido on Thursday, May 12 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free to members, nominal fee to guests.

The EAA is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to promote the arts in North County San Diego. New members are welcome and may visit our website [www.escondidoartassociation.com](http://www.escondidoartassociation.com), email the Association at [eaal21grand@gmail.com](mailto:eaal21grand@gmail.com), or call the Artists Gallery (442) 317-0980, for more information.

### GOLF / From Page 10

hole will feature one of these hand-painted flags that will also be up for auction or awarded as prizes.

The inaugural winners of the Challenge Cup were Escondido Police Capt., Eric Skaja's team, and they're returning this year to try and claim the Cup again. The Challenge Cup tournament will take place on Friday, May 6 at the Vineyard of Escondido with a bright and early shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. ...one of the first shotgun starts at the Vineyard since the shutdown. And players have every reason to come out and play --- prizes. Really great prizes!

Hit a hole-in-one and you can win either \$10,000 cash or a Pebble Beach golf vacation, get closest to the pin and win either a 5-day cruise or a trip to Las Vegas, and hit the longest drive and you'll win either a VIP Sports Package or a VIP Theme Park Package. However, you can't win if you don't play so if you have not registered be sure to sign up now....there is still time!

The tournament is made possible with the support from local businesses such as the San Pasqual Economic Development Corp., Escondido Disposal Inc., Owens Training & Consulting, Quality Inn & Suites Escondido, Erickson-Hall Construction, Kay Bates Realty, Banner Bank and more.

So, make plans now to join the Chamber of Commerce and their guests, and take part in a fantastic event where you can make a difference in the community! Registration and more information can be found at the Chamber's website:

<http://escondidochamber.org/golf/>.

It's not too late to join the fun!

### GARDEN / From Page 6

catching our breath on such a hot day. Went to the back where I found she had a chicken coop with real live animals. Frances has turned a portion of her backyard into a green house where she grows all kinds of plants and sells many at the Seller's Faire. She does have that "green thumb" I must say. All around her grounds are beautiful flowers, plants in containers, just lots and lots of plants and flowers everywhere.

I was just leaving when I heard the word FOOD! No way am I leaving, I did a Uee and came back. Frances had tea, water, and food to share. Some members bought baklava, a great quiche, cookies, and Frances always makes great biscotti and a delicious cake. Though we might have lost an ounce or two during the walks, we were determined to gain it back at the food stop.

A great big thanks to: Michelle Zipse, Kim Marin, Myriam Johnson, and Frances Munk for allowing us to tour their lovely gardens, and to the members who contributed food, and an extra thanks to Frances Munk who hosted and fed us when we were ready to pass out from hunger and thirst. Ay Chihuahua! And last but not least, the photographer Daiva (my daughter) who took the photos. Muchas gracias!

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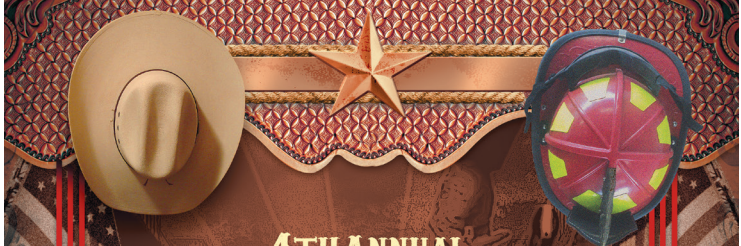


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**Palomar Health donates unused medical items to Ukraine hospitals**

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The Palomar Health Foundation is committed to seeking philanthropic support for hospital technology and equipment, programs, services, community initiatives, outreach programs,

health education and other needs identified by Palomar Health. Palomar Health's Dr. Anatoly Bulkin is working with the U.S. Embassy to identify which hospitals are operational and in urgent need of medical supplies and equipment.

Dr. Bulkin is working on assembling a team of Palomar Health workers to provide life-saving medical humanitarian care once the US allows civilians to enter Ukraine. "I pray for the end of war and senseless destruction of human life," said

Dr. Bulkin. "Please help support the health of the people of Ukraine by contributing to our mission."

"No one person can make a difference, it takes a village," added Kristin Gaspar, president and CEO of Palomar Health Foundation. "Providing much-needed medical care and supplies is how we can stand together and save lives. The people of Ukraine are in urgent need of our help and we're grateful to be able to help in any way we can."

Currently, Palomar Health donates expired and unused inventory to local nonprofit, SSUBI. SSUBI helps direct

medical supplies and equipment to clinicians and hospitals in Uganda and various international medical missions; ensuring that supplies are not wasted and instead go to places and people where they are urgently needed.

"As a global organization, our care for the community extends around the world. Health crises know no borders and neither does our responsibility to provide support to those who

are suffering. We are grateful to our Hospital Champions like Palomar Health," said Laura Luxemburg Founder of SSUBI.

Those looking to contribute to Palomar Health and SSUBI's mission in Ukraine can donate on Palomar's website under "Medical Missions" from the drop down menu on the donation page. To learn more about Palomar Health, visit [PalomarHealth.org](http://PalomarHealth.org).





# SELLER'S FAIRE UPDATE

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The April Seller's Faire was for the Dogs. Literally! The theme of April was doggies. Our best friends. We had several activities at the Faire that focused on our furry companions. In fact, Doreen Thawley volunteered to take pictures of any attendees with their pets. She also did a great job composing the majority of those pics into a Collage of the best pics of the day.

It's the Pits dog rescue had a booth at the Faire. This worthwhile organization rescues these bully breeds that get a bum reputation for a small few of their breed that have not been properly socialized and trained as pups. April Pistole and Suzanne Stanforth volunteered their time to bring awareness to their group. The breeds they focus on are Pit Bulls, Bulldogs, Frenchies and American Staffordshire Terrier mixes. The group features a network of fosters until the dogs can be adopted by caring new owners. This is a 501C3 non profit organization, so donations of time or money (tax deductible) are welcome.

Our neighborhood Groomer on Wheels brought their portable grooming truck so we could see how it works to have a portable vehicle that can shown up at your house to pamper your

pet with a shampoo and nail clipping. Carrie their main groomer was on site to answer questions.

We have a local dog celebrity in Hidden Meadows. Riley is a Guinness book of world records Puggle. What's a Puggle you ask? It's a cross between a Pug and a Beagle. She is a sweet tempered baby who is the oldest living Puggle at 16 years old. She was escorted by her owner, Nellie and her daughter at the Faire.

Several of our craft vendors featured pet gifts and accessories to match with the Dog theme of the day.

A Big Thank you to Dawn Fuller who is the new Seller's Faire Chairperson. We'd also like to extend a special Thank you to Kim Marin for coordinating the vendors and Diane Heath for recruiting and organizing the volunteers. Vickey

Ciarlanti is back at the coordinator of the Bake Sale. She will have many new ideas and surprises for us in the months to come.

The next Seller's Faire will be on Sunday, May 1 between 9 am and 1 pm. The knife sharpener will be at the next event so bring your knives and tools to be sharpened. He missed the April Seller's Faire due to an accident that damaged his truck so we will be happy to see him at this next event. We hope to see you there.



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