



The News in Hidden Springs #153

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ADA COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SPRAYING ALONG DRY CREEK 4/15/22

Ada County Noxious Weed Control will be in Hidden Springs Friday, April 15 spraying for Poison Hemlock along Dry Creek. I do not have a confirmed time frame however, residents are encouraged to watch for the Ada County vehicles and to avoid the trails along the creek during the application process.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & TRAIL PROJECTS 4/23/22

Join HSTA and the Open Space Committee for a few hours Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm! In honor of Earth Day 2022, we will be picking up trash along Dry Creek and our trails, planting wild flowers and doing some trail maintenance. No special skills necessary. Just wear appropriate clothing and shoes and remember to bring a pair of gloves. For safety, please no young children (under the age of 5) for trail maintenance and please leave pets at home. Visit hiddensprings.com to sign up!

IDAHO POWER'S FOOTHILLS TO EMMETT TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE Info Meeting 4/27/22

Idaho Power plans to upgrade the 35-mile-long Foothills to Emmett Transmission Line, which runs near the Hidden Springs and Dry Creek neighborhoods. This project will replace 75-year-old wood poles with steel H-frame and three-pole structures that are more resistant to fire. They will also install new wires, upgraded equipment and modern technology to improve reliability and meet customer's growing demand for electricity from the Boise foothills to Emmett. Idaho Power hopes to complete the design and engineering of the transmission line upgrade in spring 2023. Construction could start as early as fall 2023. Idaho Power is hosting an informal meeting Wednesday, April 27 from 6-7pm in the Hidden Springs Elementary School Gym.

PLAN PREPARE PROTECT 4/30/22

In just a couple of hours learn how your actions to plan, prepare and protect your home and family will positively contribute to reducing wildfire risk in our community. Sr. Captain, Jerry McAdams, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist and Chief Scott Buck, Eagle Fire will review the Firewise program, what it means to live in the WUI, defensible space and home as well as community evacuations. Kimberly Shurtleff, State Farm, will cover conducting a home inventory and preparing for evacuation. The Association is hosting Plan Prepare Protect Saturday, April 30 from 11:00am to 1:30pm in the Clubhouse.

HIDDEN SPRINGS SEWER COMPANY PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting for residents in Hidden Springs and Cartwright Ranch was held April 6. At that meeting the Town Council, OMCS Operators, Mountain Waterworks Engineers, North Star Reserves and Legal Counsel shared information regarding the history of the facility, how it currently operates, expansion and maintenance requirements for Reuse Permit (Reuse Permit No. M-174-05) compliance as well as funding options for the expansion and future projects. A recording of the meeting is available https://www.hiddensprings.com/sewer_co/. Notification regarding future increases and special assessments are pending notification of IDEQ loan funding in the next 4-6 weeks.

GIVE A PINT OF BLOOD Thursday 5/5/22

Valley Pies of Hidden Springs is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 5 from 12:00 to 6:30 pm at the Community Club House, 5525 W. Hidden Springs Dr. Please sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> (code: HiddenSprings) and help us support this great cause.

SPRING REMINDERS

- **Trash bins** must be stored out of sight or properly screened with approved screening methods, and there are no exceptions for bins placed in alleys (RDG 2.15 and CC&R 6.5 Nuisances).
- **Boats, RVs, campers, and trailers** may be parked for short-term loading, unloading, and cleaning (72hrs) (RDG 2.11, CC&R 6.9 Vehicles and Equipment)

- **Pet(s) (dogs, cats, chickens)** are not to roam freely off of your lot, remember to contain them, leash them, clean up their poop and properly dispose of the bagged feces! This includes the agricultural and farm fields, access roads and around the community farm. Dog poop was found in the compost and row crops last week. Pet waste contains parasites that neighbors prefer not to have with their organically grown veggies! (CC&R 6.10 Animals/Pets).
- **Motorized Off-Road Vehicles including E-bikes are NOT allowed on trails or in Open Spaces.** The use of motorized off-road vehicles (snowmobiles, dune buggies, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles including E-bikes or any other type of motorize vehicle) are not permitted in Hidden Springs (or Cartwright Ranch) Open Space Areas and trails per the CC&R's, 3.1.9.3 Conservation Easement and 6.9 Vehicles and Equipment and the Conversation Easement Agreement Section 3.2.6. For more information about local trails, visit <https://trails.idaho.gov/> for public trail information, designation, vehicle-type, season, etc.
- **Trim trees and bushes for safety.** Take a look at the trees/shrubs in your front yard and street strip...Do they have low branches that are obstructing street signs? Vehicles? At pedestrian eye level? In some locations, limbs are very low and utility and service vehicles are breaking off branches 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. Property owners are responsible for removing any diseased or unhealthy tree(s) with limited prospect for recovery, dying or dead tree (collectively "failing trees") and replacing them with a species of their choice from the parking strip approved trees list. This DOES NOT apply to trees the HSTA has the responsibility to maintain under agreements applicable to the development. These include the trees along Hidden Springs Drive from the Seaman's Gulch entrance to Park Lane Drive (the "public trees"). HSTA has full responsibility to maintain the public trees as well as parking strip trees adjacent to other HSTA owned property (refer to Policy 600).

The Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) and Residential Design Guidelines (RDG) detail the obligations and responsibilities of all Hidden Springs' property owners, residents as well as the duties and responsibilities of the Town Council and HSTA.

CONSIDERING AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?

Per the governing documents, improvements require design review as set forth in the Residential Design Guidelines, Section 5.0 and the CC&Rs Section 6.1. The Town Design Review Board meets monthly. Review dates and forms can be found on the website and/or emailed upon request. Submissions are due the Friday before the Wednesday meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, 5/11/22. Not sure if your project requires review, just call the Town Office. **Repainting your home?** If you are selecting new exterior colors for your home, complete and submit a Design Review and Exterior Color Selection form (available on the website or in the Town Office). Completed forms with paint chips can be dropped off at the Town Office any time. Please allow 10 working days for this process. If you are painting your home using the existing colors (not changing anything), you do not need approval.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & TRAIL MAINTENANCE | 4/23/22

PLAN PREPARE PROTECT | 4/30/22

GREAT OUTDOORS | 5/14/22

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE | 6/10 – 6/11/22

SUMMER CONCERT #1 | 6/11/22

CRUISIN' HIDDEN SPRINGS | 6/18/22

Working diligently on your behalf, The Hidden Springs Town Association Town Council and Staff