



# The News in Hidden Springs #166

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## USPS / HIDDEN SPRINGS MAIL ROOM – 1/27/23

Join the Association in wishing Andy a fond farewell. Andy's last day is the end of this week with a new full-time USPS employee starting next week. Andy has been a part of our community for the last 10 years and we wish him the best as he accepts a new post with USPS.

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL MEETING – 1/31/23

The 2023 Legislative Town Hall meeting for District 19 is on Tuesday, 1/31/23, from 6-7 PM in the HS Elementary School Cafeteria. Representatives Chris Mathias, Lauren Necochea and Senator Melissa Wintrow will have a few comments and then have a Q & A with HS residents.

## 2023 TOWN COUNCIL & MEETING SCHEDULE – 2/21/23

The 2023 Town Council was appointed and officers elected by unanimous vote, Garry Stanislaw, President, Bradley Shafer, Vice-President, Stephanie Wright, Treasurer, Dixie Milliken, Recording Secretary and Ryan Luke, Director.

**Hidden Springs Town Association, Town Council Meetings are held once a month and open for residents to attend.** Meetings start at 7:00pm with Hidden Springs Sewer Company business addressed first and open to both Hidden Springs and Cartwright Ranch followed by Hidden Springs Town Association business second followed by an executive session (if needed). Meetings for the year are currently scheduled for 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/23, 6/20, 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/9 and 12/5. The Annual Meeting is 12/12. Please check [www.hiddensprings.com](http://www.hiddensprings.com) to confirm meeting date, time and location as they are subject to change due to volunteer personal and professional commitments.

**The Hidden Springs Town Association and Hidden Springs Sewer Company Annual Reports are available on the community website.** The reports include financials, project updates and what's ahead in 2023. The information provided by the Association to its members is not to be considered public information, and may not be copied or further disseminated in any manner, including online via any website or social media platform. Questions regarding content may be directed to the Town Council ([towncouncil@hiddensprings.com](mailto:towncouncil@hiddensprings.com)) or to the Town Manager ([hsta@hiddensprings.com](mailto:hsta@hiddensprings.com)).

## TOWN DESIGN REVIEW IMPROVEMENTS & REVIEW DATES – 2/21/23

Reminder, ALL proposed exterior improvements (new or changes to existing) to home and landscaping must be reviewed and approved by the Town Design Review Board per the governing documents, Residential Design Guidelines, Section 5.0 and Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions 6.1 and 10.47. This is not a new process or procedure and has been a requirement since the governing documents were drafted in 1997.

The Town Design Review Board meets monthly with the next meetings scheduled for 2/21, 3/14 and 4/11. Review dates, checklist and submittal forms can be found on the website and/or emailed upon request.

## TOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OPENING

**There is currently an opening on the Town Design Review Board for a Landscape Architect.** If interested, please contact the Town Manager ([hsta@hiddensprings.com](mailto:hsta@hiddensprings.com)).

## TOWN OFFICE RESTORATION UPDATE

Restoration of the Town Office should get underway in the next couple of weeks. The Town Office space is rented from the commercial property owner, who maintains a property insurance policy. All costs associated with repairing the damage in the office is being covered by the property owner's insurance policy. No HOA funds are being spent on these repairs. All costs associated with the move from the office to the Clubhouse and back, are covered by the owner's insurance policy. Any loss of Clubhouse rental income during the time the Office is in the Clubhouse will be reported to the property owner and submitted as part of the insurance claim. There has been a ZERO net loss to the HOA as a

result of the water damage. If you have any questions concerning this or any HOA related matters, please feel free to contact Town Management staff or your Town Council for accurate information.

#### EMAIL COMMUNICATION FROM THE TOWN ASSOCIATION

E-mail Newsletters and community information are sent regularly to all Hidden Springs Town Association residents who have registered for an account at [www.hiddensprings.com](http://www.hiddensprings.com). To verify your account or update your email address, login using your username and password. In the upper right corner of your screen, you will see your name, click on your name and you can check your account information and make edits. If you move, you can delete your account by logging in and selecting UNREGISTER.

#### STREETLIGHTS

The Association utilizes AME Electric for the community's streetlight service and repair. Staff members conduct monthly inspections and report any streetlights in need of repair to AME. If you notice a bulb out or damaged fixture, please email the information and location to [hsta@hiddensprings.com](mailto:hsta@hiddensprings.com). As a ballast or bulb goes out, AME will retrofit the fixture to LED. LEDs are up to 50 percent more energy efficient than the high-pressure sodium bulb and are rated for 40,000-hour average life, conserving energy and saving the HOA money in the long term. LEDs also provide better street lighting, improve visibility and are Dark Sky compliant.

#### WINTER FITNESS ROOM USE

It's important in the winter to do our best not to track mud and ice melt into the Fitness Center. It is very damaging to the equipment. The cost to the community each time a belt or deck needs to be replaced is very expensive. Please bring an extra pair of work out sneakers in case you forget your "inside shoes" there is a shoe scraper at the front door of the Clubhouse. Thank you for helping us keep the fitness center and equipment in optimal working condition.

#### WINTER TRAIL USE

Wet weather conditions often mean muddy trails! We encourage residents to make responsible decisions when hiking and biking community trails. It is very easy to find yourself on trails that you shouldn't be on during the winter. If you are leaving tracks, walking off-trail to avoid mud or finding a lot of "trail" stuck to your shoes, boots or tires, it is too muddy. Please, turn around to save trails from damage, erosion and countless volunteer hours in repair. Current trail conditions are available daily at [www.ridgetorivers.org](http://www.ridgetorivers.org).

#### SEASONAL WILDLIFE TRAIL CLOSURE

Reminder, Landslide Loop Wildlife Management Seasonal Closure is in effect from 12/1/2022-3/31/2023. Signs are posted and coincide with Avimor for consistency in the region. Thank you for respecting the trail closures. These closures are agreed upon by all the trail and land managers in our area including: HSTA, Avimor, BLM, Ada Co. IDF&G and R2R and will really help wintering wildlife in our area. Honoring the closures will also help our efforts for future trail corridors through important wildlife areas.

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