

Happy Thanksgiving from the Hideaway City Desk! Fall is in the air, and our summer temperatures are almost gone. Holiday celebrations are taking place around our community and will continue throughout the remainder of the year. Many celebrations include alcohol, and we must all be responsible while having a great time. I have recently been asked by several citizens about the legalities of county and state police within Hideaway. There seems to be some misinformation that our citizens cannot be charged with driving while intoxicated within our gates. I recently met with the Sheriff and members of his staff to ask this question and others in relation to our security in Hideaway. A recent court decision has set a precedent that law enforcement CAN arrest for DWI within our gates. The judge ruled that communities like ours are “generally open to the public” and therefore subject to being charged if they are driving impaired. I am not a lawyer, nor do I claim to fully understand the court ruling, but I am meeting with the Sheriff again and I plan to ask him to hold a question-and-answer session with our citizens at a date to be determined. We will advertise when and where this will take place and I encourage you to attend. We have an outstanding relationship with Sheriff Larry Smith and his entire staff, and we will continue to nurture that relationship for the betterment of all of our citizens. Have a great holiday season and celebrate responsibly!!

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