



# Neighborhood News

A Newsletter for Residents in Indian Hills Estates

April 2022

## Your IHE POA Officers and Directors

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## Easter Bunny thanks all!

Peter Cottontail says "thank you" to everyone who attended the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

He enjoyed taking pictures with all the children and watching them find over 300 eggs that were hidden.

He would like to give a special shout out and thank you to Andre & Grace Dorsey and the Indian Hills Estates POA for making this event possible!

He had a lot of fun and looks forward to coming back next year!



## We heard your concerns for child safety

Protecting our children as they wait for the school bus is a priority. Attempts to get Comal ISD to move the school bus stop from the top of Apache Moon to a safer location have so far been ignored.

With that in mind, the POA has put in a request with PEC to have an additional street light placed on the backside of Apache Moon to help light the area and make the children more visible to traffic.

PEC was unable to provide a completion date, but they will install it as soon as possible.



## It's That Time of Year!

The birds are singing and the weather is warm! This encourages many of us to work in the yard and for our children and pets to play outside.

While this is a wonderful time of year, it also brings many dangers.

Snakes, wasps, scorpions and other critters that were not seen during the winter months will be venturing back out to enjoy the nice weather too and can pose a threat to you, your family and your pets.

Here are some useful tips for minimizing the dangers:

- Watch where you step and place your hands when outdoors, especially in areas where rocks are used in landscaping features.
- Don't allow debris and junk piles to accumulate as those are favorite hiding places for snakes and scorpions.
- Keep your grass short. Mow your lawn frequently because snakes tend to travel through tall grass. Wear denim jeans when mowing. Denim material may act as a barrier and help stop a snake bite from reaching your skin.
- Avoid excessive moisture: Avoid overwatering your lawn since moisture can attract what snakes like to eat (like rodents, birds, insects, and amphibians).
- Use less mulch: Using mulch attracts snakes — as well as their prey — so use it sparingly or not at all.
- Move firewood storage: Keep your firewood storage away from your home because snakes can hide in the small crevices.
- Use caution when opening storage buildings that have not been accessed in several months.



## Do you know how the Indian Hills Estates POA Officers and Board of Directors are selected?

### Your vote counts!

The Indian Hills Estates Home Owners' Association is governed by a *Board of Directors*. Directors are property owners in Indian Hills Estates that are elected by members (property owners). These positions are voluntary and unpaid.

All meetings are held at the Pavilion at 5057 Apache Moon.

Annual meetings are held the second Sunday in September at 2:00 PM.

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**Property Owners - Please be sure your annual dues are current. These funds support our street lights and will help us continue these special events.**



# Notices and Reminders

## **Burn Ban Information**

With all the high winds and dry conditions, please be aware of burn status before lighting fires. There are several ways to check if we are under a burn ban. You can look for the red flag at the fire department, check the Fire Marshal website at [https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Fire\\_Marshal.htm](https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Fire_Marshal.htm), or call the Fire Marshal at 830-643-3748.

**What is ok and not ok when burn ban is in effect, per the Fire Marshal:**

### **NOT ALLOWED**

Camp Fires (Any Size)

Chimineas, Fire Pits, Fire Rings

Bonfires (Any size, day or night)

Burn Piles (Day or night)

Burn Piles (glowing embers)

Household Waste (Day or night in container that contains all sparks and/or flames)

Household Waste (Not in container that contains all sparks and/or flames)

Non-wood Construction Materials

Rubber, Plastics, Treated Lumber, etc. (Exception: Rubber and plastics in household waste)

### **ALLOWED**

B-B-Q Pit for cooking, with lid that contains all sparks and flames

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## **Board Member Elections are in September**

We are working hard to restore our neighborhood but we need your help. The election of board members occurs at the annual meeting each year. If you own property and are interested in serving our wonderful community, or you know another property owner who would be interested, please submit the name as a candidate this year. You can email the information to us at [IndianHillsPOASpringBranch@gmail.com](mailto:IndianHillsPOASpringBranch@gmail.com)

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## **Neighborhood Spring Cleanup**

Now that temperatures have warmed, please take pride in our community. Clean up any junk or debris piles on your property. If the issue is having a place to dispose of it, let us know. The POA will gladly look into renting a dumpster for a day or two if the community feels it would be of benefit. Remember, not only are junk piles an eyesore, but they are against our community by-laws.