



# Neighborhood News

A Newsletter for Residents in Indian Hills Estates

December 2022

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## Santa thanks Indian Hills Estates for a wonderful visit!



Santa would like to thank all the boys and girls in the community for such a warm welcome! He and his crew from the North Pole had a great time visiting with everyone and they look forward to returning next year. Santa even got to visit with some of the adults and he wanted us to pass along that it warmed his heart to see everyone in neighborhood work so hard to keep the spirit of Christmas alive and well. He was pleased that no child made his naughty list!

## Ready or Not - Here Comes 2023

We wish you good health, prosperity, and abundant blessings in the year to come!

If you use fireworks to ring in the New Year, please be sure you are following county rules and bans.

We all love to see the beautiful firework displays, but we ask that you remember many military vets and animals experience distress with the noise created by them so please be considerate when celebrating.

Pet owners, make sure your pets are safe indoors to prevent injury or loss.



## Firework Safety Tips

- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water/hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Designate a safety perimeter. If you have ground-based fireworks like a fountain, spectating from at least 35 feet away is best. For aerial fireworks, you'll want everyone to move back to a distance of around 150 feet.
- Ditch faulty fireworks. Sometimes fireworks don't go off, but duds always pose a risk. The important thing to know is that you should never try to relight or approach a failed firework. Let duds sit for 5 -10 minutes before you put them in a bucket of water. This can prevent injury from a delayed explosion and disarm the firework permanently so you can safely dispose of it.
- Supervise children when they are handling sparklers. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit—hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet or touching body parts.
- Don't forget about your pets! Fireworks can be extremely stressful for pets, but there are ways to help reduce their fear and anxiety. Keep your pets indoors. Close the curtains or blinds and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction. Treat toys filled with their favorite food (frozen pumpkin puree, peanut butter, and apple sauce are good options) may also help keep their minds busy and distract them from the fireworks.
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Never place a part of your body directly over a firework or hold a firework in your hand when lighting. To safely light fireworks, make sure they are secured on the ground away from people and animals and use a stem lighter such as a grill lighter.
- Only light one firework at a time. Lighting multiple fireworks at the same time increases the risk of accidents occurring from the fuse burning faster than designed.
- Avoid alcohol consumption when handling or using fireworks.
- Consider safe alternatives to fireworks such as party poppers, bubbles, silly string, or glow sticks.

## *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 1:00 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.**

