



Neighborhood News

A Newsletter for Residents in Indian Hills Estates

February 2022

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Protecting Your Data Online

This time of year, fraudulent activity is extremely high. Why? Because it is income tax season and crooks know many households will be receiving their tax refunds soon. Scammers use a process called phishing.

Phishing is a type of scam where criminals impersonate legitimate organizations via email, text message, phone, or advertisement in order to steal sensitive information. Email and text usually include a link that will appear to take you to the company's website to fill in your information – but the website is a clever fake and the information you provide goes straight to the crooks behind the scam.



LEARN TO SPOT FRAUD AND PROTECT YOURSELF

How To Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks every day — and they're often successful.

Scammers often update their tactics, but there are some signs that will help you recognize a phishing email or text message.

Phishing emails and text messages may look like they're from a company you know or trust.

They may look like they're from a bank, a credit card company, a social networking site, an online payment website or app, or an online store. They may even appear to come from your Internet service or email provider.

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. They may

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information
- say you must confirm some personal information
- include a fake invoice
- want you to click on a link to make a payment
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund
- offer a coupon for free stuff

If you get an email or a text message that asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, answer this question:

Do I have an account with the company or know the person that contacted me?

If the answer is "Yes," contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Do not click on links in the email. Attachments and links can install harmful malware allowing the sender to gain access to all of your personal information.

Examples of phishing emails:



Starting on February 19th, 2022, customers that are yet to update their account will no longer be able to access their email addresses due to recent updates.

Please follow the port below to secure your GVTC mailbox now.

[Update Now](#)

Thank You.

We need your help

Your account has been suspended, as an error was detected in your informations. The reason for the error is not certain, but for security reasons, we have suspended your account temporarily

We need you to update your informations for further use of your PayPal account.

[Update your information](#)

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

If you receive a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you give can help fight the scammers.

Step 1.

If you got a phishing **email**, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org.

If you got a phishing **text message**, forward it to SPAM (7726).

Step 2.

Report the phishing attack to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/secure/ConsumerActionCenter).

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Reminder For All Property Owners

Notices for annual property assessment dues are being mailed out and payment is due by March 31, 2022.

If you have questions regarding your dues, a temporary phone with voicemail has been setup from March 1st to July 31st. Please leave a voicemail with your name, phone number, address and lot number. You will receive a call back within 24-48 hours. Phone #: 830-885-7759



Community Classifieds

Have something you want to sell or give away?

Looking for something to buy?

Do you have a local business you would like to list here?

Email the information or ad to us at IndianHillsPOASpringBranch@gmail.com
and we will include it for **FREE!**