

INDIAN HILLS PENINSULA CIVIC CLUB

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Mission Statement - Indian Hills Peninsula Civic Club

Our mission is to promote the civic and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the Indian Hills Peninsula community.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello neighbors,

It is again time to renew or begin your Indian Hill Peninsula Civic Club membership. I would like to encourage all the property owners in the Indian Hill subdivisions to become members of the Civic Club. Membership is voluntary and the dues are just \$75 per year. Most of the monies collected are used to maintain the parks and the Community Center building, provide insurance and utilities for those community spaces, plus pay property taxes and utilities. The remainder is used to sponsor community activities and support our local volunteer fire department.

For the last couple of years, we have managed to end each fiscal year in the black, having taken in slightly more money than we spent. This coming after a couple years of fiscal deficits, I would like to say is due to good management on the part of our leadership, but I think we have just been lucky not to have had any major maintenance issues occur. We maintain a reserve of \$8,000 to \$9,000 for contingencies but that might not cover having to replace just one of our AC units at the Community Center. We really need to build up a little more of a reserve.

We also should think about making some improvements. The storage building at the Indian Hill Park is looking very shabby and really does not provide the clean dry storage that is needed.

There is also a need for additional storage at the Community Center. These two issues could be combined and addressed by and addition to back of the Community Center.

Your financial support is needed and appreciated, but we also need your input in planning the future of our community. Please come and participate in the fun and fellowship of our sponsored activities so that together we can enjoy life in our wonderful community.

Happy New Year,
Jeff

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Upcoming Civic Club Meetings

The meetings are held quarterly, the second Saturday of the month, starting at 4:00 p.m., in the Civic Club building. We encourage everyone to attend meetings, to keep up with happenings in your neighborhood, or to make known suggestions you may have to improve it, or events the Civic Club doesn't hold that you would like to see included in our calendar.

January 13, 2024

April 13, 2024

July 13, 2024

September 14, 2024 - Special nominating meeting for Officers for term of Oct 2024 – Sep 2025

October 12, 2024 (Election of new board is held)

The Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary is a big part of what keeps this neighborhood a fun and friendly place to call home. We are a small group of ladies who volunteer our time and energy promoting and organizing the events that your families have come to rely on. I say small group, but I hope to entice new members into our organization with fresh ideas and perspectives, not to mention help with events.

Please consider joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Club building. The next meeting is January 3, 2024, after which we all go out to lunch. Listed below is the proposed event calendar for the Civic Club and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Please note that the first big Ladies Auxiliary promoted event is the Scavenger Hunt on January 20, at 2:00 p.m., (weather permitting). This event is organized to support the *F.A.I.T.H (Families and Individuals Thanking Heroes)* mission to support our troops overseas. This is just one of the events that we organize and need help from the community to make a success. The following page is a list of items needed for our scavenger hunt. If you have any of these items, please consider leaving them on your porch on the morning of January 20. We will have groups coming around starting at 2:00 p.m.

Let us all work together to make 2024 our best year ever!

Rosemary Rubio-Barnes and Cheryl Baxter, Co-Chair Ladies

CIVIC CLUB AND LADIES AUXILIARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Year's Meal and Civic Club Meeting -----	January 13
Scavenger Hunt -----	January 20
Walk-a-Thon -----	March 9
Easter Egg Hunt -----	March 30
Garage Sale Fundraiser -----	May 10 & 11
Ice Cream Social -----	June 8
Independence Day Parade -----	July 4
Thanksgiving Meal -----	November 9
Christmas Dinner and Party -----	December 13

*FAMILIES AN'D INDIVIDUALS THANKING HEROES
(FAITH)*

MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP

CARE PACKAGE SUPPLY LIST

SPECIAL ITEMS

BLACK/WHITE SOCKS
T-SHIRTS (MILITARY GREEN OR BROWN-NO POCKETS)
INSOLES FOR BOOTS
WHITE UNDERWEAR
BANDANAs
FLIP FLOPS
WRAP AROUND SUNGLASSES

SMALL OR TRAVEL SIZE

SHAMPOO, RAZORS, DEODORANT
EYEDROPS, BABYWIPES, TOILET TISSUE, PAINRELIEVER
FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT
SOAP, SHAVING CREAM (NO CANS)

RESTAURANT CONDIMENTS

KETCHUP/MUSTARD/SALSA/SALT/PEPPER/SUGAR
SINGLE SERVING COFFEE/TEA COCOA CREAMER/SUGAR/SWEETENERS
CEREALBARS
GRANOLA BARS POWERBARS
INDIVIDUAL SNACK CAKES/COOKIES
CANNED FRUIT PEANUTS/SUNFLOWERSEEDS TOASTER PASTRIES
CANNED MEATS-NO PORK
BEEFJERKY
IND SLEEVE LEMONADE, GATORADE, KOOLAID
INDIVIDUAL WRAP CANDY/GUM/MINTS SINGLE SERV CHIPS/CRACKERS
DRY CEREAL
FREEZER BAGS (LG & SM)

HYGIENE

TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE
LIQUID HAND SANITIZER FOOT POWDER/CREAM LIP BALM
BABY POWDER W/CORN STARCH
NASAL SPRAY
LAUNDRY SOAP (OR TABLETS), FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS
SUNSCREEN
BANDAIDS
COLD MEDICINE, ROLAIDS/ALKA SELTZER, A&D OINTMENT, ANTIBIOTIC CREAM

CHEESE IN A CAN DIP

PEANUT BUTTER - plastic jars, JELLY - plastic jars, RAMEN NOODLES
SOUP IN A CUP TIJNA POUCHES COFFEE

FUN ITEMS

PUZZLE BOOKS, CURRENT MAGAZINES
FRISBEES
MINI FAN W/ BATTERIES, MINI SPONGE FOOTBALLS
PENS, STATIONERY AND ENVELOPES
YOYOS, PLAYING CARDS/POKER CHIPS, DOMINOES
HANDHELD GAMES, WATER GUNS – BALLOONS

TO HELP STUFF BOXES:

WE USE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES, GRANOLA BARS, BEEF JERKY, GUM
SUNFLOWER SEEDS, PROTEIN BARS, BREAKFAST BARS AND RAMEN NOODLES.
TUNA AND PEANUT BUTTER ARE GOOD PROTEIN ITEMS!

We are looking for a few good women!

The Ladies Auxiliary (LA) exists to support each other and the community. Many community events take place with the LA leading the efforts. We would like to invite all ladies to participate in the fun and friendship.

The LA meetings are the first Wednesday of the month and we go to lunch following the meeting.

New Year's Meal – Members of the CC and LA bring a dish to the January Civic Club Meeting, and we celebrate the upcoming year together.

Scavenger Hunt – At this event we go door to door to collect needed items to benefit FAITH. They are a military support organization.

Walk-a-thon – The walk a thon is a fun event. Many community members participate. It is fun and gets us out in the fresh air together.

Easter Egg Hunt – Last year over 1,000 eggs were hidden. Prizes are awarded for the most eggs found. Every child picks out a prize. Candy, cookies, and prizes are enjoyed by all.

Garage Sale – The Annual LA Garage Sale is held in May. As you can imagine, the effort to put on this event is tremendous. A donation drive is held requesting items for the sale. The donated items are priced. Shoppers start filing in early on the 1 and ½ day event. Once the sale is complete, the remaining items are donated.

Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade – This event has grown over the years. And is enjoyed by the entrants as well as onlookers. Judges assess each entry and trophies are awarded.

Ice Cream Social – The community enjoys ice cream and companionship.

Thanksgiving Dinner – The community can enjoy a wonderful dinner with their neighbors.

Christmas Party – A White Elephant gift exchange is a fun way to enjoy the Christmas Season.

Yard of the Month – Each month a member of the neighborhood is awarded the honor for being picked for the Yard of the Month. We have so many beautiful yards in our neighborhood.

Welcoming Committee – The Welcoming Committee goes out to meet new residents and provide them with community information and even a little gift.

YARD OF THE MONTH

This year, the following homes were recognized for adding to the beauty of the neighborhood.



Gil & Jane Groendyke	April
JD Smith	May
Larry & Donna Parks	June
Lou Chumley	July
Adam Hermosillo	August
Brenda and James McKay	Christmas