

Hidden Manor News

Spring 2025

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Upcoming Events and Happenings

Hidden Manor 'Cars & Coffee': Saturday May 17th 7am-9:30am

Andrew Bishop will be hosting another 'Cars & Coffee' gathering!
Fun social gathering to meet more automotive enthusiasts in Hidden Manor!

7644 W. Bluefield Avenue

cars, trucks, UTV/ATV, motorcycles, golf carts or anything with a motor!



UPCOMING HOA Board Meetings: 7pm

June 4th, August 6th, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd

Mark your Calendars!

*** All Homeowners welcome and encouraged to join!

Hidden Manor Book Club! Contact Sue Guzman for details.
Details can be found on the 'Hidden Manor HOA Facebook Group' page. Great way to meet your neighbors and read a great book!

Yard of the Month Congratulations!



It's exciting to see the pride of ownership we have here in Hidden Manor. All the efforts to maintain yards does not go unnoticed!

March



February

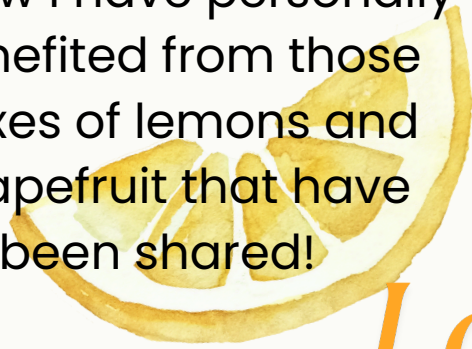


January



Miscellaneous

Thank you to all who have shared their citrus! I know I have personally benefited from those boxes of lemons and grapefruit that have been shared!



Please hold off trimming your palm trees until the end of June – July to keep seed stalks from dropping seeds later on.



Lost Pets

Our furry little friends seem to have a mind of their own these days and are taking off for parts unknown! If you have a pet that likes to be on the run, ***we would love for you to post a picture of your dog in our Facebook group so we can return your little guy to you.*** We have a great group of homeowners looking out for each others pets!



We want you to know, 'we heard you'. The resurfacing of our roads did not turn out how some of us expected. Please know, the Board has issued several complaints with the city. There is no update at this time, but please know we have heard you and are trying.



Did you know...

The Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center provides educational, recreational, fitness & social activities through classes, special events & activities. Select areas and programs are *free to anyone*. Recreation Memberships may be purchased for additional opportunities.

Location and Hours:

*5600 W. Union Hills Dr.
Glendale AZ 85308*

Monday – Friday: 5:30am-7:30pm
Saturday:
7am – 5pm

‘Tis the Season for the Dreaded Roof Rats!

1. Remove Food Sources

- Pick fruit as soon as it's ripe. Don't let citrus (or other fruit) fall and rot on the ground.
- Remove fallen fruit daily—roof rats love to scavenge the ground at night.
- Trim citrus trees so fruit doesn't hang low or touch walls/fences (they use these as pathways).

2. Eliminate Nesting Areas

- Trim tree branches at least 3 feet away from your roofline.
- Remove clutter like woodpiles, brush, or stacked items near the home.
- Check attics, sheds, and garages—roof rats love quiet, dark spaces to nest.

✓ Ongoing Prevention

- Prune citrus trees regularly to reduce shelter.
- Harvest fruit promptly and thin out overly dense tree canopies.
- Consider rat guards on trees (metal bands that prevent climbing).
- Install motion-activated lights or ultrasonic repellents in problem areas.



Spring has Sprung!



Spring Planting in Hidden Manor:

As spring unfolds in Arizona, it's fun to see all the desert blooms! (even though along with that comes the dreadful Spring Allergies!)

Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just now figuring out your planting journey, spring in the Valley definitely requires some work.

Climate-Smart Planting:

Our desert climate brings plenty of sun and minimal frost, making it important to choose plants that thrive in our warm spring and hot summer.

Look for ***drought-tolerant perennials***, such as lantana, salvia, and penstemon. These not only bring vibrant color to your landscape but also attract hummingbirds and butterflies.



5 of the best perennials that come back every year:

1) Bearded Iris 2) Black-Eyed Susans 3) Clematis 4) Columbine 5) Daylily

If you prefer something ***more aromatic***, herbs like basil, oregano, and rosemary do exceptionally well in the spring and can transition indoors during peak summer heat.

Edible Gardens: A Fresh Idea

Many Hidden Manor residents are discovering the joy of small-scale edible gardens. ***Raised garden beds*** or ***large containers*** (easily found at Home Depot) can yield delicious results with vegetables like cherry tomatoes, peppers, and zucchini. With a bit of morning sun and afternoon shade, you can enjoy homegrown ingredients all season long.



Lawn & Landscaping Tips:

Now is also the time to fertilize your lawn and check irrigation systems. Consider incorporating xeriscaping elements—like decorative gravel and succulents—to conserve water while maintaining beauty and curb appeal.



What about Trees?:

If you're thinking of adding trees, local favorites like the desert willow or palo verde offer shade and charm without overwhelming maintenance.



CLEAR THE CLUTTER: Closet Organization Tips

Let's face it—closets in Hidden Manor homes are great... but in most of these homes, there's a lot of them! Here are some practical, stress-free tips to help you tackle the task one closet at a time:

1. Start Small (Seriously)

Don't try to declutter every closet in the house in one weekend. Choose one to start—maybe the guest room closet or the front hall—and set a time limit.

2. The Power of a Purge

Take everything out. **Yes, everything.** Seeing the full contents laid out helps you get honest about what you actually use and need. Create three piles: **Keep, Donate, and Toss.** Be ruthless with anything you haven't touched in over a year, especially old linens, kids' gear, or clothing that no longer fits your lifestyle.

3. Use the Right Tools

Make use of those spacious shelves with baskets, bins, and clear containers. Label everything—especially in shared closets. Invest in matching hangers for a uniform, clean look, and consider shelf dividers for tall stacks of sweaters, towels, or handbags.

4. Go Vertical

Maximize the height of your closets with stackable bins, hanging organizers, and over-the-door storage. In linen closets, vertical shelf risers can double your space for towels and bedding.

5. Seasonal Swaps

Use high shelves or under-bed containers for off-season clothing, decorations, and gear. This makes your everyday closet feel lighter and more functional.

6. Make It Pretty

A tidy closet doesn't have to be boring. Add a fun wallpaper backing, a small rug, or even a motion-sensor light to give it boutique vibes. A little touch of style can make staying organized more rewarding.

7. Maintain the Magic

Set a reminder every few months to do a quick 15-minute refresh. Toss out what's crept back in, refold any messy shelves, and resist the urge to stash-and-dash.