

Coronado Hills Neighborhood Monthly Newsletter

NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH: KATIE MAGNER



The first time I met Katie was at a BBQ she hosted for her block. It was one of those moments that actually changes a neighborhood. It was the first time I met several neighbors who I now love and am so grateful to know. That kind of connection doesn't just happen on its own—someone has to create the space for it, and Katie did exactly that.

She consistently steps up in ways that truly matter:

- When we needed help delivering newsletters, Katie volunteered to cover her block—one of the most essential ways we make sure neighbors stay informed and connected.
- When materials started going missing from the Community Stand (including every single magnet 🧲), Katie went out of her way to replace them so we could bring the Question of the Week back.

Katie and her partner have lived in Coronado Hills since 2023 and have already become such an integral part of the Sevilla block. And recently, they welcomed their first little one, MJ, to the neighborhood 🍷💛 There's a quote that says, "everyone wants a village, but no one wants to be a villager." Katie absolutely is a villager.

Please join us in giving a sincere thank you to Katie for showing up, taking initiative, and helping build the kind of community so many of us are looking for. We're lucky to have you, Katie 🍷

If you have a neighborhood that you think should be recognized for helping make Coronado Hills a better place, we'd love to hear about them—nominate a Neighbor of the Month here:

👉 chcrna.com/neighbor-of-the-month.html

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN TOUR

Our neighborhood garden tour is officially coming back this month, and we're so excited to walk the neighborhood together again! Last year's tour was such a meaningful event! We got the chance to slow down, explore the spaces people have created, and connect face-to-face with neighbors over plants, projects, ideas, and the land we share.

📅 **When:** Saturday, May 30th
 🕒 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 📍 **Starting Location:** 7400 Sevilla Dr

🌱 **Interested in Being a Stop on the Tour?**

We're still looking for neighbors who would like to share their yard, garden, or outdoor space as part of the tour! You absolutely do not need a "perfect" yard. Native plants, vegetables, wildlife habitat spaces, DIY projects, shady patios, compost setups, food forests, pollinator gardens, creative landscaping—all are welcome. The goal is simply to share ideas and inspire one another.

👉 **Sign up here** if you'd like to participate as a stop on the tour:
<https://bit.ly/CHGardenTour>

We'll create a walkable route and visit participating homes together as a group. Each stop will give hosts a chance to share their space, talk about what they're growing or working on, and answer questions if they'd like.

We'll also have drinks available, plus a speaker and microphone so hosts can easily share with the group. The event is intentionally flexible and casual—you do not have to attend the entire time. Feel free to join for just one or two stops, come late, or leave early depending on what works for you.

📍 Final route/maps and any updates will be shared through CHCRNA.com, the Community Stand, the Facebook Group, and our email newsletter.

Have an idea for an event? We'd love to hear it! Let us know via our survey: bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday
 May 19, 2026
 6:30 - 7:30
 last one before
 summer break



GoogleMeet Online:
bit.ly/CHCRNAMeeting

SUMMER BREAK

As we head into summer, there will be **no neighborhood meetings in June, July, or August.** Physical newsletter delivery will also pause during the summer months. That said—the newsletter isn't going anywhere! We'll still be creating monthly newsletters and posting them online through:

- CHCRNA.com
- Our Facebook Group
- Email distribution

If you'd like to **continue receiving neighborhood updates** over the summer, please sign up for our email list here:
<https://bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey>

We'll be back with regular meetings and physical delivery in the fall. Until then, we hope everyone has a safe and restful summer! 🌿

SUMMER EVENTS

One of the board's goals during our term has been to **host at least one community event each month** to give neighbors opportunities to meet face-to-face and build stronger connections. Real community helps create safer, more resilient neighborhoods—and often starts with simply getting to know the people around you.

We plan to continue these gatherings throughout the summer! Please note that the dates below are tentative and final details will be announced in the coordinating monthly newsletters.

June – Outdoor Movie Night
 A weekend evening in June
 (Date & location TBD—details will be announced in the June newsletter)

July – Neighborhood Happy Hour
 at La Palapa
 Friday, July 24th 6:00–8:00 PM

August – Digitizing Event
 at Windsor Park Library
 Tuesday, August 19th 5:00–7:30 PM

HOST JUNE MOVIE NIGHT?
 The board already has the projector, screen, and snacks covered—we mainly just need a relatively flat space where neighbors can gather comfortably for a fun summer evening. If you'd like to volunteer your driveway please email us

ADOPT A NEW TRAFFIC ISLAND - WE NEED YOUR HELP

When the city first proposed the traffic circles and islands, I personally reached out early on to ask about influencing what plants would go in. The city explained that typically a nearby neighbor volunteers to care for each space. Once the project was complete, the city assured us that these new areas would receive regular city maintenance. However, we've not seen much city upkeep, and with the recent rains, we're seeing rapid growth—including invasive plants and weeds.

As we've shared in previous newsletters, our neighborhood has one of the lowest tree canopies in the city. That makes it especially important to care for the trees the city planted in these new spaces so they thrive through their first summers.

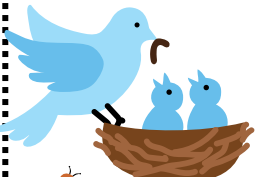
We need neighbor involvement! This project is part of the **Parks and Amenities Task Force**, and we really need more hands to help. Every bit of volunteer help will make a difference.



New trees need the most amount of care while their roots get established. For the first three years after planting, they should get at least 10 gallons of water per week. To help ensure the life of our trees we would love to put together a small team to help keep up with watering, weeding, and seasonal mulching.

👉 If you'd like to volunteer with maintaining these spaces, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/AdoptCH>

FROM YOUR NATURE LOVING NEIGHBORS



Firefly season is here! For a short time in late spring and early summer, you'll spot them only between dusk and full dark. Make time to enjoy these magical visitors! We have them thanks to neighbors who foster nature-friendly spaces.

It's also peak nesting season for **baby birds**. If/when mowing, remember ground cover provides shelter. The **No Mow May** campaign highlights that mowing too soon makes fireflies and fledglings vulnerable. By delaying mowing, we're reminded that nature isn't a place we have to leave the neighborhood to find—it's something we create in our own backyards when we give it room to thrive.



FREE RESOURCE - SOLAR SHADES

As temperatures start climbing, **Austin Energy** offers rebates for **solar screens** that can help reduce heat inside your home while lowering cooling costs. Solar screens block a large amount of heat and UV rays before they enter through your windows, helping homes stay cooler during the summer months.

Austin Energy currently offers a rebate of **\$1 per square foot** for eligible solar screen fabric installed by participating contractors. According to Austin Energy, solar screens can reduce indoor temperatures by 10–15 degrees during warmer months while also helping protect furniture and flooring from sun damage.

Learn more about eligibility, participating contractors, and how to apply here: <https://bit.ly/ATXSolarShade>

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!

Our neighborhood garage sale in April was a wonderful success! We had a great turnout, and many neighbors were happy with both the participation and their earnings. Seeing everyone out meeting, chatting, and exchanging items was truly a highlight. We'd love to make it an **annual spring tradition**—so start setting aside treasures for next year!

We'd also love your help spreading the word! The more neighbors who participate, the bigger the event. We put up signs at local businesses and libraries, and some neighbors helped by posting in Facebook groups. **We're grateful to everyone who participated or helped promote**—and we hope to grow even more next year!

