

HILLCREST IX HIGHLIGHTS

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2025 Annual Meeting Review

Our community enters 2025 with a new HOA Board, a new budget, a new landscape contractor, a neighborhood block watch in full force, an updated color palette, and a schedule for 2025 events. More details inside!

Springing Into Action

Especially in Arizona, spring is the time to take action on your outdoor projects. Don't forget to submit an architectural review request *before* you buy supplies. Either bring those to an HOA Board meeting, (see schedule on back page) or e-mail those plans to the board at HOAboard@Hillcrest9.org.

Your Forum, Too!

If you have tips and tricks for your neighbors, a heads-up on something that may impact us, or just a beautiful photo of the Hillcrest IX, every contribution is valued. E-mail your ideas for content, photos or written articles to the board at HOAboard@Hillcrest9.org. Thanks in advance!

Security is Key

Block Watch Update

We appreciate those who attended the first Block Watch meeting – at our Annual HOA Meeting. Some key take-aways based on activity in the area as well as community feedback:

- **EXCHANGE CONTACT INFORMATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS** Further, inform your neighbors if they leave their garage door open or have them pick-up your mail if you'll be out of town.
- **WATCH THOSE GARAGE REMOTES** If you park your vehicle in your driveway, make sure there's no garage remote in the vehicle and that the vehicle is always locked.
- **PREVENT DARK SPOTS ON YOUR PROPERTY** Low intensity exterior lights that are consistently on is helpful when preventing dark spots on your property for someone to hide. During December's mail theft in the community, the thieves passed in front of motion lights multiple times and were not concerned. Steady, low-intensity, environmentally friendly landscape lighting adds curb appeal and adds visibility throughout our community.
- **SPEAK UP!** If you see something suspicious, reach out to Phoenix Police and notify the Block Watch committee (Eric Knott at 602-821-2212 and BlockWatch@Hillcrest9.org).

Remember that we have **Phoenix Police joining us for our next Block Watch Committee Meeting on Monday, February 24th, at 5:30pm at the Fountain of Life Church.** All neighbors are encouraged to attend.



AZ House Bill 2298 Vote Outcome

The majority of Hillcrest residents voted to retain our rights to 'regulate roadways owned by a governmental entity' at the Annual Meeting. That means that the rule preventing parking on the street from 2AM to 5AM remains in place.

Above and Beyond

Thank you to all homeowners who have, and are willing to volunteer on various projects and committees, as well as serving on the Board. This keeps our community self-managed and costs down to avoid paying a management company.

Palette-able

Hillcrest IX has a new official color palette for exterior paint. It's a simplification of the over 40 shades that have accumulated over the 44 years since our community was built. The palette averages the colors repeatedly used over the years into one concise custom chip set that can be easily color-matched by any paint manufacturer. If you didn't get one at the meeting and would like those color samples, contact the board at HOAboard@Hillcrest9.org. Also, if you are doing an exterior repaint, make sure you submit a request for architectural review, even if you are repainting virtually the same color.

New Year Greetings from Your HOA Board

As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025, it's a wonderful time to reflect on our achievements and set goals for the future. The New Year brings with it a sense of renewal and optimism, and we are excited about what lies ahead for our neighborhood.

Hillcrest Highlights of the Past Year

- **COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Last year, we enjoyed a successful annual Autumn picnic. With over 65 residents in attendance and a new BBQ vendor, camaraderie and good food were both abundant. These gatherings foster a sense of community and allow us to get to know our neighbors better.
- **ENHANCEMENTS TO COMMON AREAS:** Our beautiful arroyo continues to be enjoyed by all! Special thanks to Jim McDonough, our landscape committee chair and our newly hired landscape company for their focus and attention on maintaining this beautiful, natural habitat central to our community and our fabulous perimeter beds as well. In addition, we want to thank those that volunteered this fall in our annual Tract D cleanup. Thanks to your participation and hard work, the area was trimmed, cleaned and raked for our safety and walking enjoyment. By the way, Hillcrest IX recently installed master valves to shut off watering zones not in use, avoiding waste due to leaks in our aging system. They work great, saving water and money!

Looking Ahead: Goals for the New Year

As we step into the New Year, let's focus on building an even stronger community with increased engagement. Your voice matters, and together we can make our community better.

- **FEEL LIKE ATTENDING AN HOA MEETING?** We meet the first Monday of every month at 5:30pm – Fountain of Life Church – 1055 E. Hearn Rd.
- **FEEL LIKE SCHEDULING A NEW ACTIVITY?** (i.e., Ice Cream Social? Book Club? Photo Booth?) Speak up and let's get it planned.
- **FEEL LIKE WRITING?** Contribute an article, recipe, or poem for our newsletter. Just send to any board member.

New Year's Wishes for Our Community

As the old year fades and a new one begins,
We gather in Hillcrest IX, where friendship never thins.
Neighbors and families, united we stand,
In our vibrant community, hand in hand.

With each passing season, we've shared joy and cheer,
Through laughter and challenges, we hold each other dear.
Let's celebrate moments, both big and small,
In this beautiful neighborhood, we cherish them all.

May the New Year bring peace, prosperity, and light,
With warmth in our hearts, let's make every day bright.
Together we'll flourish, with kindness and grace,
In our lovely HOA, a truly special place.

So here's to new beginnings, to dreams that come true,
To friendships that strengthen, and bonds that renew.
Happy New Year to all, let's raise a toast high,
To our wonderful community, with beauty in our sky!

New Year Recipe for Success!

Ingredients:

S.M.A.R.T. GOALS: Define what success means to you.
Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, & Time-bound goals.

POSITIVITY: Cultivate a mindset that embraces growth and resilience. Practice gratitude and affirmations.

SUPPORT: Surround yourself with supportive friends, family, or mentors who encourage you and hold you accountable.

ADAPTABILITY Stay flexible and open to change. Be willing to adjust your plan as needed.

Instructions:

Mix Goals with a Positive Mindset: List goals and visualize success.

Stir in an Action Plan: Outline steps needed to reach each goal.

Bake with Consistency: Work towards your goals daily.

Add a Support System: Share progress with others for input.

Season with Adaptability: Tweak your approach as you go.

Serve with Celebration: Celebrate achievements along the way.

Remember, successful recipes require patience and practice.

Embrace 2025 with Optimism

The arrival of a new year is a fresh chapter filled with opportunities waiting to be explored.

A positive mindset can shape the way forward, regardless of how the past year unfolded. Whether you're seeking closure for 2024 or anticipating change in 2025, uplifting quotes can inspire a brighter outlook:

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln

"You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call failure is not the falling down, but the staying down." - Mary Pickford

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Every sunset is an opportunity to reset. every sunrise begins with new eyes." - Richie Norton

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."
- Vern McLellan

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
- C.S. Lewis

"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing."
- Sarah Ban Breathnach

"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all."
- Josiyah Martin

2025 Hillcrest IX HOA Board

A new HOA board was elected at the January 18th Annual Meeting.

Rob Hunter - President

602 228-2311 (call or text)

Krista Rabe - Vice President

480 323-9054

Ryan Hildreth - Treasurer

603 781-5506

Anne Dudley - Secretary

928 707-1680

Darla Williford - Director

602 790-7157

Important Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency Police

602 262-6151

Bulk Trash

Pick-Up Scheduling

602 262-6251

APS Power Outages

602 371-7171

Water and Sewer

Emergencies

602 261-8000

2025 Hillcrest IX HOA Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings:

All meetings are held at Fountain of Life Church, located at 1055 E.Hearn Rd.

February | Monday the 3rd at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

March | Monday the 3rd at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

April | Monday the 7th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

May | Monday the 5th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Join us after the meeting for Cinco De Mayo at Manuels on Bell!

June | Monday the 2nd at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

July | Monday the 14th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

August | Monday the 4th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

September | Monday the 8th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

October | Monday the 6th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

November | Monday the 10th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

December | Monday the 1st at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

January | Monday the 6th at 5:30 - 6:30 PM

2025 Community Events Calendar:

Tract D Cleanup – October | Saturday the 25th, time TBA

Annual Picnic – November | Saturday the 8th 12:00 PM

Annual Meeting – January | Saturday the 17th, 10:00 AM