

Happy New Year from Neighbors InDeed!

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Happy New Year to all of our friends and neighbors here in Lincoln Hills. What a year we've just been through, and probably with more to come for a while.

The Neighbors InDeed Board of Directors have had to make a hard decision about our services. With COVID 19 cases increasing here in Placer County, we want to keep our volunteers and residents safe. Therefore, we are going back to "urgent services only" which include helping with chirping smoke alarms, replacing furnace filters for residents with allergies or other breathing issues, replacing light bulbs in areas without other lighting, reprogramming thermostats, sprinklers and garage door openers, lubing garage doors, and a few others. For all other requests, we will request that you delay if for a few months or will refer you to vendors. We will also continue with medical equipment loans during this time. Our volunteers will be wearing masks while at your home and we ask that you wear one as well.



It's difficult to make those resolutions for the new year. For those of us who want to travel, we're not quite sure that we can do that yet. And the fitness center? Its okay if we want to be outside with the exercise equipment and make that reservation. What about pickleball or tennis? Maybe we should try that this year. So, we're now back to landscaping the yard and remodeling parts of the house that we didn't do this past year.

You can contact the fitness center, pickleball or tennis clubs directly. For those landscaping or remodeling projects, we can refer you to vendors who have been recommended by your neighbors. We have lots of other vendors that we can

refer to you. Check out our website, www.neighborsindeed.org, for some of the referral categories available.

This all starts with a phone call to Neighbors InDeed at 916-223-2763. Services are free to all residents of Lincoln Hills, whether you're a homeowner or a renter.

Volunteering for Neighbors InDeed is rewarding and fun. Do you like helping people? Are you handy with tools and like to fix things? Are you comfortable using the phone and your own computer? If you'd like more information, just call our message center at **916-223-2763**. We'll send you an application and, if you're still interested, provide a general orientation. The Program Coordinators will then provide training and mentoring as you begin your volunteer work. There is always a volunteer to help you out and answer your questions.

Volunteering with Neighbors InDeed gives back to the community that has given us so much. Best wishes for a very happy and healthy new year.