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A Newsletter for the Community of High Desert, Albuquerque, New Mexico

August 2021

Homeowners Respond to Communications Survey

By Susan Camp, Chair, and Jay Hartfield, Member,
High Desert Communications Committee

Survey Results

Thanks for your candid and thoughtful feedback about the best ways to communicate with you about High Desert matters! We received 120 responses during May and June, and that is guiding our efforts to continually improve our High Desert communications.

The Communications Committee was formed almost 10 years ago to provide recommendations to the Board about communications within High Desert. During that time, the Committee Chairs have overseen the website and Apache Plume and have made changes to adapt to the times. The biggest change came a couple years ago when the website was revamped to address concerns from Voting Members. The Communications Committee wanted to know if High Desert wanted other ways of communicating besides these mainstays, and we appreciate your feedback so we can explore options that meet your needs.

How You Get Information Today

We asked how you receive information about High Desert today and homeowners told us that the Apache Plume, website, and emails are their primary sources of communications. Most respondents were positive about all three of these, but there were some suggestions made for improvements that we will explore.

Although used less frequently, homeowners said they need to be able to contact HOAMCO directly for questions, particularly questions about how our processes work. There were frustrations expressed about those HOAMCO interactions, and the Board will explore ways to improve them. Listed least frequently was receiving information via word-of-mouth from neighbors or Voting Members, and unfortunately, several homeowners said they didn't even know who their Voting Member was. Voting Members indicated a need for tools to help them with such communications.

A standout is the Town Hall meetings that were started this year. They have gained a large support base in their relatively short tenure and are already a significant source of information for homeowners.

Do You Want to Use Other Tools?

We also asked how residents would like to communicate going forward. There was strong support expressed for using text messaging to communicate, and moderate support for Facebook and phone blasts. There was little interest in Instagram or Twitter.

An underlying theme is that homeowners would like a timely way of being notified about High Desert matters, but they don't want to be flooded with texts or emails. They like the Apache Plume, but they need more timely information. They like the website but don't want to search for information that has changed or for new articles. Basically, many homeowners

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Tom Murdock, Past Board President, Treasurer, VM Spent 21 Years as Dedicated High Desert Volunteer

Tom Murdock, who spent 16 years in continuous service on the High Desert Board of Directors and who devoted countless hours to the association as a volunteer since 2000, died July 27 following a fall at his home in Solterra.

"Tom was first elected to the Board in 2004 along with Ray Berg and me," said Jay Hartfield. "He was then re-elected seven more times for a total of 16 years of continuous Board service. Nobody else even comes close."

Tom began volunteering in 2000 as a Voting Member shortly after moving to High Desert with his wife Margo (a gardening columnist for the Apache Plume) from Houston, Texas. He went on to be elected to the first entirely homeowner-controlled High Desert Board of Directors in 2004, where he was elected Treasurer.



Tom Murdock

Tom served as Treasurer for six years, as Vice President for two years and as President of the Board for eight years. Throughout that time he continued to operate his software company, Spring Lake Software, from his home.

If there was a High Desert special event in the park, a Welcome Committee Wine and Cheese party, a Run for the Hills race event, a quarterly Voting Member meeting or Board meeting—Tom was there.

"I first met Tom in early 2006 within a year of my arrival at High Desert," said Reg Rider, current President of the Board. "I served with Tom from 2007 to 2012 as a board member and board president. Tom was completely dedicated to ensuring that High Desert was the best in Albuquerque in everything we did. He was the Treasurer, set up the Run for the Hills race event annually, was an advocate for a multitude of resident activities and knew the High Desert covenants and bylaws

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President's Summary

By Reg Rider, HDROA President



Reg Rider

Town Meeting

I want to thank all of you who participated in the July Town Meeting. We had 108 residents register for the meeting, which was an all-time high. I enjoyed the lively discussions on fire and crime. The Board took some good ideas away from the meeting.

Landscape Contract

Yellowstone, our landscape contractor, continues to make progress in catching up on deferred maintenance of the community. If you have an input please contact the High Desert office (HOAMCO). They will make sure that the work identified gets into the plan. Yellowstone tells me that they should be "caught up" by the end of October.

Security in High Desert

Security has become an increasing concern with residents during the course of this year, largely driven by increases in crime in Albuquerque. In High Desert, we have had a relatively low level of crime with about one to two incidents a month involving either a house break-in or car theft and/or damage, however, this is still certainly more than we would prefer.

Security in High Desert depends on three parties. First is the Albuquerque police (APD) and Bernalillo Sheriff (BCSO) both of whom do routine patrols and follow up any incidents. In addition, the Association has paid "Chief's Overtime" to have a presence by officers before and after their shifts. These officers have done some traffic enforcement and a general patrol of the neighborhoods.

Second, we have a contracted security patrol, currently done by G4S, which provides a 24-hour, seven-day-per-week patrol of the entire High Desert community. This security patrol is not authorized to engage individuals but only to observe and report incidents.

The third line of defense has, and always will be, the individual homeowners who are making sure homes are secured properly and using other best practices.

Given the recent concerns, the HDROA Board has been investigating several options:

- Increasing patrols by G4S, which does not appear to be a good option due to costs. Adding a second car 24/7 would essentially double the current budget of \$200,000/year. Even having the second vehicle on patrol for only 12 hours each day is still a significant investment.

- We have been investigating cameras from a company by the name of Flock that would be placed at the entrances and exits to capture all car license plates along with vehicle makes. These videos would only be available to the police and would be directly monitored or retrieved by them. The cost of these is about \$15,000 per year which is not excessive. However, they are, after the fact, only dependent on the willingness of the police to use them. There would be signage which would provide something of a deterrent also. We are still evaluating this option.

- An increased BCSO presence was discussed but this rapidly became not an option. The day after the last Board meeting the Asso-

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ciation was notified that the Sheriff's Department was discontinuing the "Chief's Overtime" program due to a shortage of officers following the same action taken by APD over a year ago.

Homeowners as Defense

That brings us to the third line of defense—homeowners. The Crime Committee and the Board are assessing the interest of individual villages to start or reinvigorate Neighborhood Watch programs. These can be very effective but need to have the active participation of a number of volunteers within each village. Any costs will be covered by the Association. Those villages wanting to start a Neighborhood Watch program need only to look on the website at [www.highdesertliving.net/Community Safety/Neighborhood Watch](http://www.highdesertliving.net/Community%20Safety/Neighborhood%20Watch), or contact HOAMCO at highdesertmanager@HOAMCO.com. In addition to Neighborhood Watch, we are planning to hire a security consultant to help us define best practices and to also be available to provide homeowners with security reviews to insure they are securing their homes in the best way.

This is an important issue and it will take efforts by all parties to be successful.



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Ballots Going Out For Voting Member Elections



By *Lynnette Rodriguez*,
Community Association Manager

Elections

Voting Member elections are coming up for the following villages: Aerie, The Canyons, Chaco Ridge, Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, Highlands, Mountain Highlands, Trailhead, Trillium, West Highlands, and Wilderness Canon. Ballots will be mailed in the first two weeks of August. Make a point of marking your ballot and mailing it in!

High Desert HOAMCO Office is Open

We are happy to announce that the HOAMCO High Desert office on Montgomery is open for business. Pending no change in the current Governor's Order, the office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Appointments are recommended to ensure the proper paperwork or gate key is available at the office. Please email: highdesertmanager@hoamco.com or call 505-314-5862 to set up a convenient time to stop by.

Concrete Repair & Stucco

We are aware of many concrete repairs needed in the gated villages. We are currently working with a concrete vendor to prepare a bid to complete all the work needed currently. We anticipate to have this work scheduled in the next few weeks. We will communicate directly with your Voting Members in those villages where concrete work will be completed. Also, the community-wide stucco

work continues. Visit <https://www.highdesertmaintenance.com> to see schedules and updates and photos.

Committee Changes Name From "Fire Prevention" to "Fire Preparedness"

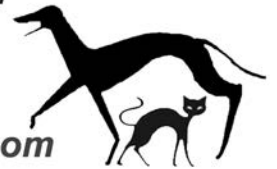
The fire committee in High Desert has a new name. "We are changing our name to Fire Preparedness from Fire Prevention," said Judy Pierson, Chair. "The rationale is that we cannot prevent wildfires, but we can prepare for them in order to protect our homes and property." She noted that the term "Fire Preparedness" has replaced the older term "Fire Prevention" from Smoky the Bear days in all fire safety programs now. "Even Smokey couldn't prevent wildfires," she said.

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BUYING SEASON IS BACK. HERE ARE SOME TRENDS TO LOOK FOR

With peak buying season upon us, here's what analysts are expecting to see this year:

Increasing Mortgage Rates

It appears, depending on how the economic recovery progresses, that mortgage rates could continue to increase. Earlier in the year, rates were holding under 3%, but those rates have steadily increased over the past several weeks as more and more Americans are vaccinated, it's expected that economic recovery will continue, and this will likely contribute to an upward movement in mortgage rates. If you're thinking of buying this summer, it may be in your best interest to lock in a rate as soon as possible.

Inventories Could Increase

Many home shoppers found the lack of inventory to be a major source of frustration during the past year. It was difficult, if not impossible, to find available properties. And, when something went on the market, it was often scooped up in days or sometimes just hours.

Some analysts are expecting to see increased inventory this year. As more people become vaccinated and a general sense of stability returns, home sellers who were deterred from making a move in 2020 will be more likely to list their properties.

Millennial Movement

Another trend that could continue influencing the real estate market this spring and beyond is an increase in Millennial Buyers. Nearly five million Millennials are set to turn 30 this year, and they now comprise the biggest segment of home buyers. In 2018, Millennial homeownership was at record lows, but there is evidence that this is changing.

Around 86% of younger Millennials and 52% of older ones are buying their first homes; and some are buying luxury properties that are well beyond what you'd consider a starter home.

Millennials will likely drive the market through 2021. A survey from the National Association of Home Builders in the fourth quarter of 2020 found that 27% of Millennial respondents planned to buy a home in the next 12 months, up from 19% the year before.

The Online Trends are Growing

Online real estate services grew in functionality and popularity this past year.

3D home tours, virtual Realtor teleconferencing, and online closings aided by tools like Authentisign and DocuSign are all ways that technology is facilitating a simpler home selling or buying experience.

Regardless of the state of the pandemic, the convenience afforded by online real estate technology is here to stay.

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CRITICAL EVENTS:	—	—	—	Street Lights/Maintenance	1	0	2
Assault/Fight	0	0	1	OTHER:	—	—	—
Breaking/Entering: Home	1	1	0	Animal Control Calls	0	0	0
Breaking/Entering: Vehicle	0	6	0	Abandoned Vehicle Calls	0	0	0
Construction Site Burglary	0	0	0	Snake Calls	0	0	0
Dwelling Fire	0	0	0	Vacation Home Checks	17	22	18
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0	Security Inspection	123	203	196
Grass/Wild Fires	0	0	0				
Medical Emergency	0	0	0				
Alarms	2	1	4				
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	0	3	1				
Vandalism	5	3	7				
TRAFFIC EVENTS:	—	—	—				
Vehicle Crash	0	0	0				
Parking Violations	3	7	3				
PREVENTION & NUISANCE:	—	—	—				
Loud Music/Party Noise	0	0	0				
Salesperson/Solicitor	0	0	0				
Open Door/Window/Garage	3	7	2				
Notices Posted on Residences	0	0	0				
Pool Issues	0	0	0				
QUALITY OF LIFE:	—	—	—				
(Lost) Children	0	0	0				
(Lost) Pets	0	0	0				
(Lost) Property	0	0	0				

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Tom Murdock Remembered — From page 1

in detail. I learned a lot from Tom and have always respected his opinion. He will be missed by High Desert.”

Jay met Tom in 2000 when both were members of what at that time was a very small group of Voting Members that met monthly. “I didn’t know until Tom, Ray Berg and I were elected to the Board in 2004 that we had all been at Purdue University at the same time some 40 years earlier,” recalled Jay, “although none of us knew the others. A small world indeed.”

Ray Berg, current Board Treasurer, added, “All of us had a history with Purdue University, so we were referred to as the Purdue Mafia.” As members of the first homeowner-controlled board, the responsibility weighed heavily on members to get it right.



Margo and Tom Murdock

“Although the developer left the Association in excellent financial condition,” Ray said, “we had to devise our own procedures since the developer didn’t want to bias the board. So Tom had to come up with processes to manage all of the finances. We have continued to be in excellent financial health due in large part to Tom’s influence.”

“I guess that the one thing that impressed me most over the years,” said Jay, “was Tom’s unwavering commitment to the well-being of the High Desert community and to the preservation of the ideals upon which it was founded. In that regard, he had no equals.”

Voting Member Chair Harrison Jones agreed. He observed Tom in action when he first attended a Voting Member meeting in 2015. “Tom’s intelligence, thoughtfulness and dedication to all things High Desert were abundantly clear,” he recalled. “His concern and personal advice regarding the relationship between Voting Members and the Board was a major factor in my decision to seek the Voting Member chairmanship. Tom was always ready to listen and share his experience and perspective. All of us will miss him.”



Tom Murdock (right) with Jay Hartfield (left) and Ray Berg (center) in 2014 on the 10th anniversary of the first homeowner-controlled Board of Directors. All three men served together on the 2004 Board of Directors. Tom continued on the board until 2020.

Clay Wright, past president of the Board, worked for several years with Tom. “His dedication to our community is unquestioned,” he said. “I cannot begin to calculate the hours of time he donated in the service of High Desert. He did so with no interest in accolade or recompense. Our community’s thoughtful stewardship was his single focus. I will deeply miss my friend.”

Lynn Claffy, current Contracts Chair, first met Tom in 2000 at a block party in Solterra. “The woman who hosted the party had an electric range that literally would not boil the large pot of water to cook the shrimp being served,” Lynn said. “The woman knew that my husband and I had a gas stove, so Tom carried the ten gallon pot of water filled with tons of raw shrimp down to our house to cook the meal.”

Lynn remembers Tom as a close friend. “He was someone who was always there no matter what,” she said. “When I was laid off after 35 years, he coached me on how to become a consultant in my field. My birthday is New Year’s Eve. Tom and his wife Margo have prepared a delicious dinner for me and whomever I want to invite as guests for the last 15 years. When my husband was scheduled for surgery last summer, he drove us to the hospital. Tom will be missed by so many.”

David Bentley, former Vice President of the Board, recalled his time with Tom. “Working with Tom was a learning experience for me because I had no experience as a member of a board of directors for a homeowners association,” Dave said. “Tom immediately took me under his wing and helped me to learn the ropes. I was amazed with the wealth of information he had about how the Board of Directors functioned and situations ranging from a welcoming party for new residents to handling legal issues in court cases. Tom knew all the rules and regulations and was very adamant that following these was a necessity. He devoted a huge number of hours each day to this end and consulted with me by telephone at all hours including early mornings, late evenings, and mealtimes! I was always uncomfortable when Tom would vacation away from Albuquerque because I knew I could not fill his shoes. I am proud that Tom and I became very close friends.”

Susan Camp, Communications Co-Chair, remembered that Tom never avoided unpopular issues “Tom was usually the first one to step up when Voting Members brought up sensitive issues,” she said. “Even when he knew people would be unhappy, he didn’t shy away from the discussions that needed to happen.”

Russ Rhoades, former Chair of the Voting Member group, remembers first meeting Tom back in 2004 when Russ was on the Nominating Committee considering homeowners running for the Board of Directors. Tom had put his name in and Russ and the Committee interviewed him and put Tom’s name on the slate. “Tom’s heart was always in the right place,” Russ recalled. “He always tried to serve the best interests of the High Desert community and the association.”

Dr. Janet Brierley, former Board Director, worked for several years with Tom. “When I joined the Board, Tom was already something of a legend in High Desert,” she said. “He had been working for the community for years and had a wealth of knowledge. As Board President, he patiently explained the background of ongoing issues and used his historical knowledge of the community to give measured and thoughtful opinions in Board meetings. As Treasurer, he streamlined the reports, making them concise and easily understood, and completely overhauled the method of calculating reserve funds. The residents of High Desert will benefit from Tom’s hard work for years to come.”

In 2014 Tom was asked in an interview with the Apache Plume why he continued to remain so involved with the association. “I will continue to volunteer as long as my contribution is wanted and valued,” he said. “There have been some challenging moments over the years, but I have tried to make a positive difference for High Desert.”

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Goatscaping Takes Off Like Wildfire!

By Judy Pierson, Chair High Desert Fire Preparedness Committee

...Well, the goatscaping project was not literally *on fire*, but the enthusiasm and outcome generated in May by almost 80 goats brought in to eat High Desert weeds was considerable. In just one day, the goats removed a full acre of fire-prone weeds and undergrowth without motorized tools, machinery or chemicals.

The goats are from Horned Locust Goatscaping and were brought for a few days of browsing in the open arroyo spaces owned by several High Desert homeowners on larger Estate lots. The goats arrived early and noisily descended a ramp from the livestock truck into a fenced-off pathway leading them to the site for the day. The fencing was portable and could be electrified so that it could be moved during the day to direct them to new areas for concentrated grazing. At dusk, the goats were loaded up to return the next morning.

Almost 100 people visited to see the goats and talk to representatives from the ABQ Fire Rescue department and fire ecology professors from New Mexico State University as well as the Fire Adapted New Mexico organization. Since that first day, which was at my home, 10 other homeowners have had the goats on their lots or have them scheduled this October. The cost of the goatscaping was \$400 per half acre and was paid by each homeowner.

Pilot Program to Reduce Fuel Load

All participating homeowners are part of a pilot program to



This herd got right down to work reducing cheatgrass and other weeds in early May as part of the pilot Goatscaping project in High Desert. Eleven homeowners have committed to using the goats this year as a more natural and efficient method of reducing weeds around homes and in arroyos and reducing fuel loads in arroyos.

compare the use of goats to reduce the fuel load around homes in High Desert (and thereby reduce the potential of a wildfire spreading) against the more expensive option of mechanical removal by landscapers with power equipment or poisonous sprays. In fact, due to cost and time required for traditional landscaping of ½ -1 acre, most of the privately owned arroyos have not had effective fuel reduction ever! The build-up of dense overgrown flammable bushes and thick, dry, dead undergrowth presents tremendous fire hazards.

The danger of fire spreading rapidly and to homes was exemplified two years ago when a fire started in a vacant lot in The Highlands and, due to high winds, spread to almost seven acres of arroyo within minutes. Several homes had damage. No one wants a repeat of that trauma. And let's not even think about what would have happened if the wind had shifted to carry the fire and embers down into the builder communities west of High Desert Rd. The goatscaping

technique has been used as a fire management tool in other countries, many states, and parts of New Mexico to clear noxious plants such as cheatgrass and other weeds before they have a chance to seed and establish noxious plants in an area. Before the High Desert development was built, wild animals grazed the land naturally. Now we need to create the opportunity for nature to restore balance for a healthy environment.

The benefit of bringing in goats is threefold. First, the hoof action breaks up the topsoil. Second, the urine and defecations add organic material to enrich the soil. Lastly, the goats clear the weeds and layers of dried undergrowth so that the ground is now able to support the growth of healthy grasses and native plants. Fires will neither spread as fast nor have flames as high, so fires would burn off quickly and be less likely to involve bushes, trees or homes. We cannot prevent fires in the arroyos, but we can prepare for them by reducing the fuel and creating firebreak zones around our homes.



Horned Locust Goatscaping provided a herd of 80 goats to browse the arroyos of several Estate homes to reduce the potential fire fuel load of dry weeds and grass.

More Goats This Fall

One session with the goats is a start. A second session will be planned this fall when the rattlesnakes are hibernating. Following the summer, the goats eat chamisa after their bloom, and juniper and pinon as well. Goats like brush, woodier shrubs and even tumbleweed and gourds. Shrubs and bushes need periodic pruning or foliage blocks the sun so the plants become unhealthy or die. With an overbalance of top growth to root structure, plants are unable to push out new growth. The goat pruning results in a reduction in the size of shrubs and plants, and the clean-up of dry, dead underbrush. Next spring will bring new growth and healthier, more fire-resistant plants.

In spring and fall 2022, the same cycle could be repeated for further soil regeneration and support of the new native perennial plants that can now flourish. Often after the soil is enriched and new native plants established, goats are needed only once a year for a fall clean-up.

With the documentation of changes on the pilot sites, we will have more information about the usefulness of this technique in our High Desert environment. We are, after all, in a critical Wildfire Urban Interface, so must stay vigilant. If you are interested in more information or would like to get on the fall schedule, contact Judy Pierson, Chairperson Fire Preparedness Committee at hd.firepreventioncommittee@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Year End, Fiscal Year 2020-2021



By Ray Berg, Treasurer

For the Fiscal Year 2020-21 the Master Association had an income of \$1,244,566.04, which was \$22,596.96 less than budgeted. This was primarily due to the low interest rates and the elimination of late fees during the pandemic. The expenses were \$1,238,529.97, which was \$22,687.97 over budget. So we had a net operating gain of \$6,036.07 or about 0.5% of budget.

The Master Reserve Fund had expenses of \$190,914.22 with Operating Account transfer income of \$76,610.00. The vast majority of the expense was for wall stucco work, which is a reflection both of the age of High Desert and more recent work that was of poor quality. In spite of the expenses, the Master Reserve remains fully funded when compared to the current Reserve Study. This is also a reflection of the Reserve Fund funding process put together by the Board in previous years.

The Gated Village accounts had income of \$315,417.04 with transfer to Reserves of \$99,254.00) and expenses of \$140,291.62, for a net Operating Account income of \$75,871.42. Some of this can go to expenses expected to occur next Fiscal Year. In the past this money would remain in the cash account and be available as a "rainy day fund." This is the combination of the Operating Account cash balance and the Extraordinary Fund. Since there is no legal reason to maintain two accounts, we are looking at combining these to simplify the Association accounting.

The Master Reserve Account has a balance of \$608,684.04, after paying over \$190,000 for stucco maintenance, as well as a few other expenses. The balance still places the Master Reserve Account at full funding level according to the Reserve Study analysis. However, because of the more conservative process adopted

by the Board over a year ago, it still needs additional funds to be considered fully funded. (Note that we don't aspire to full funding, only to about 90% funding, which is normal for properly operating Reserve Funds.)

The Gated Villages Reserve Accounts have a combined balance of \$1,133,178.62, which places most of the village Reserve Funds above the recommended funding level. The villages that aren't adequately funded are having changes made to their contributions to bring them into compliance. Note that these funds are continually being adjusted as expenses are covered and contributions are adjusted to maintain their funding status. However, one of the goals of the Board is maintain "stable" assessments, so you don't have to be continually adjusting your payments to the Association.

As of June 30, 2021, the High Desert Residential Owners Association has total cash assets of \$2,678,377.94, The Association continues to be well positioned to meet all of its obligations well into the future.

Reserve Account Balances HDROA FY21 Year End	
Master	608684.04
Arroyo	107696.54
Canyons	198982.23
Chaco Compound	62798.36
Desert Mountain	271319.13
Enclave	108369.45
Legends	123662.63
Trillium	250096.01
Wilderness Canon	14536.31
Wilderness Compound	104214.50
CASH TOTALS	1850359.20

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High Desert Treasurer's Reports

HDROA FY21 Year End (As of June 30, 2021)

Accounts	Actual	Annual Budget
INCOME		
4100 - HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENTS	\$1,168,560.00	\$1,168,560.00
4200 - COST SHARING - ALTEZZA	\$75,788.21	\$81,103.00
4310 - ASSESSMENT INTEREST	(\$1.77)	\$3,000.00
4330 - ASSESSMENT LATE FEES	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
4350 - LEGAL/COLLECTION FEES	\$456.96	\$10,000.00
4600 - INTEREST INCOME	\$2,990.64	\$2,000.00
4615 - UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	(\$2,628.00)	\$0.00
4800 - PENALTIES/FINES	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
Total INCOME	\$1,244,566.04	\$1,267,163.00
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		
8900 - TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(\$76,610.00)	(\$76,610.00)
Total Income	\$1,167,956.04	\$1,190,553.00
EXPENSE		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
5150 - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PR	\$78,104.71	\$77,400.00
5250 - BANK CHARGES	\$80.00	\$150.00
5400 - INSURANCE	\$18,369.26	\$17,570.00
5530 - LIEN/COLLECTION COSTS	\$290.20	\$1,000.00
5625 - OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	\$3,404.24	\$2,500.00
5650 - BOARD/VOTING MEMBER MEETINGS	\$5,849.18	\$4,000.00
5800 - OFFICE EXPENSE	\$767.76	\$2,500.00
5820 - PRINTING	\$2,103.80	\$10,000.00
5840 - MAILINGS	\$3,461.84	\$11,000.00
5850 - BILLING STATEMENTS	\$8,929.74	\$10,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	\$121,360.73	\$136,120.00
COMMON AREA		
6550 - STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	\$1,432.58	\$0.00
Total COMMON AREA	\$1,432.58	\$0.00
LANDSCAPE		
6300 - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	\$214,574.71	\$275,000.00
6305 - LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT	\$7,276.17	\$0.00
6310 - LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT	\$4,482.22	\$15,000.00
6330 - LANDSCAPE OTHER	\$16,731.42	\$10,000.00
6340 - ARROYO & POND MAINTENANCE	\$23,349.10	\$15,000.00
6350 - EROSION CONTROL	\$9,357.32	\$12,000.00
6360 - IRRIGATION REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$22,841.01	\$25,000.00
6370 - PET CLEANUP	\$28,034.65	\$15,000.00
6380 - TRAIL MAINTENANCE	\$14,448.71	\$4,000.00
6390 - TREE SPRAYING	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
6395 - LANDSCAPE PROJECTS - MASTER PLAN	\$185.06	\$20,000.00
Total LANDSCAPE	\$341,280.37	\$396,000.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES		
5100 - ACCOUNTING/TAX PREP FEES	\$6,364.63	\$7,000.00
5270 - CONSULTING	\$72,013.12	\$50,000.00
5500 - LEGAL FEES-COLLECTION/SMALL CLAIMS	\$11,072.86	\$20,000.00
5501 - LEGAL-GENERAL SERVICES	\$35,014.86	\$30,000.00
5600 - ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT	\$143,922.48	\$144,086.00
8200 - SECURITY SERVICES	\$228,096.14	\$216,000.00
8201 - SECURITY-APD & BCSSO	\$23,265.00	\$9,500.00
Total PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$519,749.09	\$476,586.00

TAXES/OTHER EXPENSES		
5200 - ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	(\$10,012.48)	\$7,000.00
5860 - COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$496.61	\$15,000.00
5870 - WELCOME COMMITTEE	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
5900 - WEBSITE	\$7,509.08	\$10,000.00
6100 - GATE & GUARDHOUSE MAINTENANCE	\$4,926.64	\$4,000.00
6575 - SIGN/ENTRY MAINTENANCE	\$8,677.86	\$2,500.00
6590 - WALL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$157,757.51	\$75,000.00
6600 - SNOW REMOVAL	\$14,310.77	\$10,000.00
6850 - LOCKS & KEYS	\$45.31	\$500.00
8250 - MISCELLANEOUS	\$538.74	\$500.00
8400 - HDROA OFFICE	\$9,332.40	\$9,336.00
8800 - TAXES - CORPORATE	(\$5,768.00)	\$8,000.00
Total TAXES/OTHER EXPENSES	\$187,814.44	\$143,036.00
UTILITIES		
7100 - ELECTRICITY	\$3,173.07	\$3,000.00
7500 - TELEPHONE	\$1,020.00	\$1,100.00
7900 - WATER/SEWER	\$62,699.69	\$60,000.00
Total UTILITIES	\$66,892.76	\$64,100.00
Total Expense	\$1,238,529.97	\$1,215,842.00
Operating Net Income	(\$70,573.93)	(\$25,289.00)

HDROA Gated Villages Income/Expense Report YTD as of 30 June 2021

Canyons	
INCOME	\$ 29,652.53
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(7,500.00)
EXPENSES	6,058.09
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	16,094.44
Chaco Compound	
INCOME	\$ 19,021.58
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(7,000.00)
EXPENSES	6,219.96
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	5,801.62
Desert Mountain	
INCOME	\$ 118,904.37
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(41,367.00)
EXPENSES	72,938.92
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	4,598.45
The Enclave	
INCOME	\$ 29,309.40
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(10,200.00)
EXPENSES	15,679.94
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	3,429.46
Trillium	
INCOME	\$ 50,994.94
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(15,288.00)
EXPENSES	19,105.55
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	16,601.39
Wilderness Compound	
INCOME	\$ 16,542.06
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(3,700.00)
EXPENSES	1,316.74
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	11,525.32
The Legends	
INCOME	\$ 35,714.16
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(8,739.00)
EXPENSES	14,746.36
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	12,228.80
Wilderness Canon	
INCOME	\$ 15,278.00
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(5,460.00)
EXPENSES	4,226.06
OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)	5,591.94
Total Gated Villages Income	\$ 315,417.04
Total Transfer to Reserves	(99,254.00)
Total Gated Villages Expenses	140,291.62
Total Operating Net Income	\$ 75,871.42

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Examples of Fire Protection Steps You Can Take

The Fire Preparedness Committee will be sharing before and after pictures in the newsletter of actions High Desert homeowners have taken to prevent damage to homes and property. If you have examples to share with the Committee, please send them to HD.firepreventioncommittee@gmail.com. A committee member is also available to take the photos and write the text.

Fire Risk	Achievable 1 st Steps	
<p>Ladder Fuel Under Trees</p> <p>Before</p> 	<p>Limbing Up Trees & Removing Bushes</p> <p>After</p> 	<p>The before photo shows a fairly classic ladder fuel issue whereby grasses could ignite the smaller bushes and then ignite the larger bushes and then finally ignite the large pine tree which can send embers onto the roof and damage the exterior of the home.</p>
<p>Proximity of Highly Ignitable Plants & Trees</p> <p>Before</p> 	<p>Plant Removal to Separate Bushes & Trees</p> <p>After</p> 	<p>The before photo shows two very large and very flammable rosemary bushes under the desert willow. The after-photo shows removal of the rosemary bushes and the limbing up of the tree to create separation and reduce the risk of the tree igniting.</p>



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New High Desert Compliance Officer Stefan Nicholishen Is Former Hockey Player, Firefighter and G4S Head of Security

Stefan Nicholishen has spent the last six months riding up and down High Desert streets on daily patrol for G4S as Head of Security. He's taken emergency calls, found pets, knocked on doors and reported suspicious vehicles to police.

Now he is working for High Desert in a different capacity. In June he applied and was hired by HOAMCO as High Desert's new compliance officer and administrative assistant in the Northeast Heights HOAMCO office on Montgomery.

Stefan is responsible for identifying compliance problems, notifying homeowners and following up with letters and fines if necessary. He drives High Desert streets weekly and notes houses where violations have occurred. Violations can include empty trash cans left on the curb or stored in front of gates, weeds that need to be pulled, visitor parking that has exceeded time limits, neglected repairs, trash in yards or any other infraction of the High Desert CC&Rs.

Stefan lived in Albuquerque as a child and moved to British Co-



Stefan Nicholishen

lumbia as a teen to play hockey at the Junior A level for four years. He left hockey to become a wildland firefighter for six years, fighting forest fires in the Yukon, British Columbia and Alberta. "It was a tough job," he said, "but I enjoyed it. I loved the team aspect, being outdoors and in such remote areas." He said he is watching the current wildfire situation in the west closely and feels a special connection with the thousands of firefighters on the line.

High Desert Concrete and Paint Issues

Right now, Stefan is paying particular attention to concrete and paint issues in High Desert. "We are seeing aging concrete driveways with crumbling pads and cracks," he said. He is sending out courtesy violation letters to residents to repair those issues. He recommends homeowners submit a plan for repair to the Modification Committee, get approval, contact a concrete company and then call him to say that steps have been taken. "I want to work with people to fix the problem. We aren't here just to fine homeowners. We want to maintain the beauty and property values of the community."

Stefan is also looking at any peeling paint on gates or around windows and garages, he said. Weeds are another concern this time of year. "If I can see weeds from the street, they need to be pulled," he said. "Weeds spoil the neighborhood and once they go to seed, they spread to your neighbor's yards, which is not a good thing."

Stefan can be contacted at HOAMCO at (505) 314-5862 ext. 2212 or by email at: stefan@hoamco.com.

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High Desert Crime Prevention

Auto Burglary and Auto Theft Are Crimes of Opportunity

By Geoff Shuster

High Desert Crime Prevention Committee Member

All of us are glad to see improvements in COVID related challenges that we have all faced over the past year. Now that we can get out more, we are also driving more. Whether you are driving to the grocery store, High Desert Park, or simply parking your car in the driveway at home there are some things everybody should consider in order to prevent what police call “the 30-second crime.” That crime is auto burglary, which is basically a smash and grab crime. Or, even worse, is to experience auto theft. High Desert is located within the Foothills Area Command and while this type of crime is less prevalent in High Desert than elsewhere in the city, it still occurs here.

It’s important to understand that auto theft and auto burglary are crimes of opportunity. Thieves can spot vulnerabilities that we ourselves either don’t see, or see and forget. The good news here is that there are a number of things that you can do to reduce or eliminate these opportunities for any would-be thief.

High Desert Auto Crime Statistics from Crimemapping.com				
Type of Crime	Year 2021	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Total Year To Date
Burglary Auto		1	1	2
Auto Theft		2	3	5
Total		3	4	7

Listed next are some do’s and don’ts to help prevent auto burglary or auto theft:

DO:

- Do store all your valuables as well as your shopping bags in the trunk.
- Do unload your shopping and valuables as soon as you get home.
- Do lock your “in car” trunk-opening access whenever you leave your car if you have that option.
- Do lock all doors and windows even if you are only away for a short time or “just running inside to pick up something.”
- Do use your vehicle alarm and/or anti-theft devices if you have them.
- Do park in the garage whenever possible but if you must park outside, find a well-lit area where you and your neighbors can see your vehicle.
- Do close your garage door all the way down (don’t leave it part-way up to let in air for example). If your garage door has an “off” switch for the garage door opener turn it off.
- Do roll up windows and lock your car doors whether you are at the store or at High Desert Park.
- Do place items in your trunk before reaching your destination; not after you got there.

DON’T:

- Don’t leave valuables in your car, or at least keep them well out of sight – mail, cell phones, laptops, luggage, cash, firearms etc. – everything, since would-be thieves can’t tell if that gym bag has your dirty socks, your wallet or your purse in it.
- Don’t leave your automobile title in your car’s glove compartment. Note, New Mexico requires a paper copy of your automobile insurance and registration to be available so unlike many other states, a copy on your cell phone isn’t acceptable proof. Carry it in your wallet or purse.
- Don’t leave your garage door opener in your car; especially if you park it in your driveway.
- Don’t leave your car running unattended.
- Don’t leave a second set of keys hidden inside or attached to your car.

Auto burglaries do occur in High Desert and this includes auto burglaries in gated communities; they have also occurred at High Desert Park while people were there playing with their dog or watching their kids at the playground. However, following these “Do’s” and “Don’ts” will greatly reduce the chances that your car is the one that was burglarized.

Note: Dr. Janet Brierley has written crime-related articles in past editions of the Apache Plume including one with some of the do’s and don’ts noted above.



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Now, here is the sad part. Most people are unwilling to ask for help with their finances, and I get it. It can be scary, but it shouldn't be! In my 35 years in the business, I have spoken with many great people who do great things for the world. However, when it came to their finances, they were missing the mark! It not only caused them stress but also took unneeded time out of their life!

I don't do my own dentistry work, just like you shouldn't handle your own finances. It's not always big changes that cause people to fail. Minor changes make a huge difference, and you owe it to yourself to make sure you're doing the right things before it's too late! Whether it's taxes, retirement planning, estate planning, etc., making minor adjustments will have a significant impact on yourself and your family.

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Committee Conducts Walkabouts To Hear Fire Safety Concerns

By Judy Pierson, Chair of the Fire Preparedness Committee

The High Desert Fire Preparedness Committee (FPC) is conducting "Walkabouts" in each village to listen to concerns residents have about fire-safe landscaping.

A Walkabout is initiated after a request by a Voting Member. A group comprised of Judy Pierson, FPC Chair, Jim Montoya, High Desert Landscape Consultant and Kayla Bryant, Account Manager for Yellowstone Landscaping meet with residents assembled by the Voting Member (VM) to walk through the village. During the tour, residents ask questions about what they or their village can do to fire-harden their homes and their community.

During the walk, homeowners are able to discuss fire safe practices and principles while identifying barriers they are experiencing in trying to implement those practices. In Wilderness Village, for example, one issue was a lost key to a gate owned by the city's Open Space division that prevented homeowners from accessing their property below the retainer walls.

Many residents also have questions about safe tree and brush management. Their questions include: "Do I need to cut that one down?," "How far would I need to remove limbs so that they don't catch fire from bushes nearby?" "Are my bushes separated enough to stop the spread of fire?" The experts share parameters, and distribute a "Firewise" pamphlet from the National Fire Protection Association to all residents as a reference.

A common question from homeowners is "Do I need permission from the Modification Committee to do these maintenance items?" Removing trees and bushes does require MC approval at this time. General maintenance (cleaning under trees or removing



Conducting a Walkabout at Trailhead Village is (L-R) Jim Montoya, Landscape Consultant; Jeff Mitchell, Trailhead Village homeowner; John Ledwith, Committee member; Judy Pierson, Chair of the Committee, and Paul Bonaparte, High Desert resident.

limbs) does not. If you have doubts, always check with the MC. We try to identify resources and information residents need to take steps to protect their homes. In most cases, identifying an arroyo-specific or community-wide concern puts the issue on the list to be evaluated and prioritized by the Board and Landscape Planning committee. The feedback is invaluable to the planning of landscape maintenance in High Desert. Any measure taken contributes to a safer community. To set up a Walkabout for your village, contact your VM representative or HD.firepreventioncommittee@gmail.com.

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Kitty Smith Appointed to Board of Directors in June

Kitty Smith, Chaco Compound, was appointed to the High Desert Board of Directors in May following the resignation of Scott Fletcher who moved out of state. Kitty will fulfill the remainder of Scott's term which will expire in 2022.

"We felt that Kitty Smith would be a valuable addition to the Board considering her commitment to the association and her extensive knowledge of the documents," said Reg Rider, President of the Board of Directors.

Kitty is a longtime volunteer with High Desert, serving as a Voting Member and Alternate for Chaco Compound since 2014, as a member of the Landscape Committee under Margo Murdock, and most recently as Chair of the Gated Villages Committee.

Over the past year, she has remotely attended all Board of Directors meetings and has worked with homeowners to help them install and use the Zoom platform.

"I've been attending Board meetings for the last 16 months," she said. "I had read all the bylaws and documents and when the Board asked me to consider the appointment, I felt ready."

Kitty and her husband are originally from Connecticut but have lived in Albuquerque two separate times, moving here most recently in 2012 when they bought their Chaco Compound home. "We love the outdoors and hiking and the beauty here," she said.



Kitty Smith

A teacher by profession, Kitty taught math in New York City and most recently here at Albuquerque Academy before retiring. Her husband works at Presbyterian Hospital. Kitty also volunteers regularly at the Library for the Blind in Santa Fe.

"I am very committed to being a full participant on the Board," she said. "I'm prepared to do the work and put in the time required. And I feel strongly about the importance of interacting with the community in a friendly and neighborly fashion."

Want to Start Neighborhood Watch?

Interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program on your street or in your village? A neighborhood watch program is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. For more information on how to go about establishing a Neighborhood Watch, go to the website at [www.highdesertliving.net/CommunitySafety/Neighborhood Watch](http://www.highdesertliving.net/CommunitySafety/NeighborhoodWatch), or contact HOAMCO at highdesertmanager@HOAMCO.com

Gated Villages Committee Chair Position Now Open

A volunteer is needed to assume the position of the Gated Villages Committee. The Chair supervises the committee which meets quarterly to address the specific needs and interests of High Desert gated villages. The group interacts with the Board and presents pertinent issues for Board actions. Interested volunteers should contact HOAMCO and fill out a Statement of Interest, found online at [www.highdesertliving.net/Important Forms](http://www.highdesertliving.net/ImportantForms).



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The High Desert Gardener

Color For The Heat

By Margo Murdock
High Desert Resident



Margo Murdock

From mid-May to early July Albuquerque has its high summer. We are seeing temperatures 100 degrees or more frequently. That's tough on most plants – they wilt or get crispy foliage, but some natives and a few xeric plants can handle the heat. The following list includes some of my favorites that have performed well for me and still have good-looking foliage.

Plants that do well in the desert have one or more of the following characteristics: small leaves or spines like White Sands giant claret cup, light color leaves usually gray like desert sage, fuzzy leaves like lambs ear, coated or waxy leaves like cottonwood. Others have water storage leaves like prickly pear, storage roots like giant four o'clock or bush morning glory, or deep roots like the prairie plants. Some, like yucca, open their stomata (breathing) pores only at night. And finally some plants go dormant when it gets really hot and save their energy for the monsoons.

My choice of plants all bloom during summer. So I like the white blooming blackfoot daisy, which you're more likely to kill with too much water. I saw a wonderful combination in nature: feather dalea blooming with its little pinky-purple feathery pea blooms with an underlayer of blackfoot daisy. I also like Gaillardia, or blanket flower, which has yellow and red-orange petals. I know the trade has many different colors, but my favorites are



I have one of my favorite plants, the lovely purple Amethyst Falls, in a prime spot over my pond where it blooms well into the fall.

the original one (*G. aristata*) and the little Goblin one. Both are tougher than their newer cousins. I have them in my small rock garden on the west side of the driveway. I also have a purple prairie skullcap that is sterile and blooms almost all summer. I liked it so much I now have five of them. High Desert has the cherry-colored version of this plant in the common area on the southwest corner of the Academy and Cortaderia intersection near the wall.

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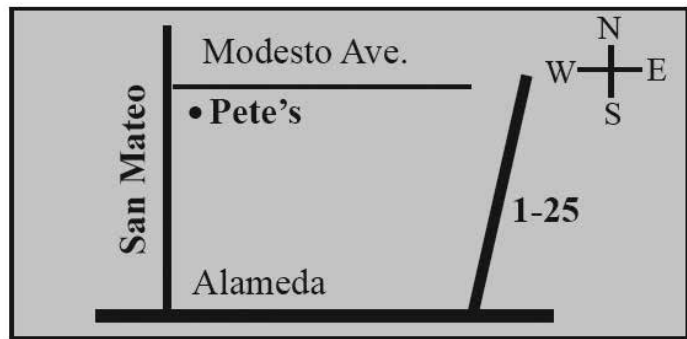
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Color For The Heat: — From Page 20

I've written about the ornamental oreganos before and I just ordered another one called Kent Beauty. My favorite is Amethyst Falls (see photo on page 20) because the plant looks like it's blooming well into the fall. The seed head dries to a slightly darker version of the bloom and stays on the plant. The foliage stays green. Hopley's is another variety I have with a completely different style of bloom, and then I have the original that blooms with little oriental-style yellow lanterns. Even the dried seed-heads are interesting. These plants need very little water.

Many of the plants in the primrose family are adapted to the heat. They bloom new each day then the old bloom turns another color. The best performers include white blooming tufted evening primrose (pink the next day), yellow blooming Missouri evening primrose ("Comanche Campfire" has gray leaves, orange dried blooms), and a related plant yellow blooming sundrops (Calylophus, turning orange the next day). I like to deadhead all my primroses because that keeps them blooming. All are morning bloomers.

Another slightly taller plant would be a bee balm (Monarda fistulosa) that comes from the Wichita Mountains in Oklahoma. It's a pinky purple bloom and very xeric compared to the red mil-dew catching monardas.

And how could I pass up chocolate flower? The gold finches love to hang on the stem and pull off the petals. This flower is my morning dose of chocolate - a sunny yellow smiler.

Other choices include Maximillian sunflower, May Night salvia, Persian stone cress, bush or sand penstemon, giant four o'clock, and bush morning glory. Come visit my garden and I'll show these bloomers off.

Homeowners Respond To Communications Survey — From Page 1

want us to provide a system that pushes notifications to them rather than homeowners having to go to the website to pull out the information.

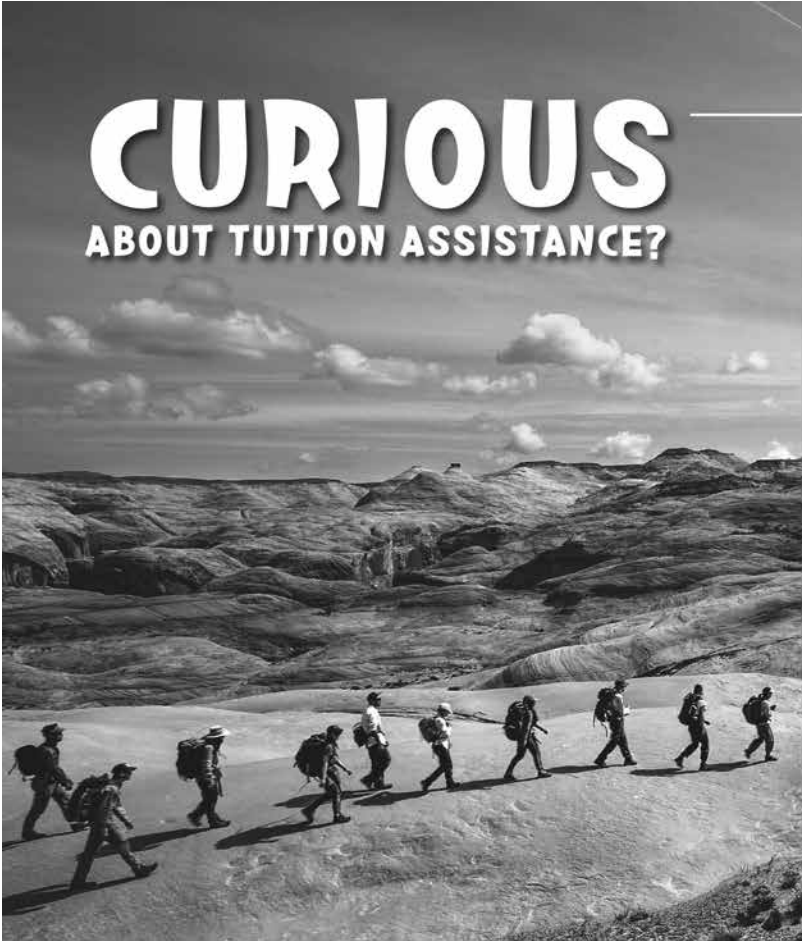
What Are We Going To Do?

Our next step is to explore options for notifying High Desert homeowners when important announcements or changes are posted to the website or urgent emergency situations arise. High Desert residents are diverse and no single mode of communication fits everyone's needs. We are exploring options that would allow homeowners to choose how they are notified (e.g., email or text) and for which topics. We believe that with better communications leading homeowners to the website we will not need to pursue either Facebook or more frequent publishing of the Apache Plume.

We will also explore ways to help Voting Members with their village-specific communications. With better tools available, we hope that Voting Member communications with their villages will become more consistent and reach more homeowners.

The catalyst for this survey was the additional technology options for communications that have become popular in recent years. However, the survey made it clear that word-of-mouth can be the most effective means for some residents. We are also exploring options to facilitate such communications.


Thanks again to everyone who participated. We value your feedback and please keep those ideas coming to us at: communicationscommittee@hoamco.com.




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- Owners should contact HOAMCO at (505) 314-5862 for any inquiry about High Desert development, questions about the CC&Rs, or concerns with the operation of the association.

- See the names and telephone numbers on the opposite page for board members, patrols, website and newsletter information.

- High Desert residents can contact their elected Voting Members for specific answers to questions concerning their villages. Village Voting Member contact information can be found online at: www.highdesertliving.net. At the top, click on "Villages" and choose the village from the dropdown menu. Residents can also call the office at 505-314-5862 to learn their village representative. High Desert Committee chairperson contacts are below.

- **Crime Prevention Liaison:**

Douglas Weigle: 281-682-0255:
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- **Welcome Committee:**

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- **Voting Member Chairperson:**

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- **Gated Village Committee:**

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- **Communications Committee:**

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(Located on the north side of Montgomery, west of
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 becca Murphy (505-377-7227) to place an ad.

• Ad deadline for the November issue: Oct. 18, 2021

• Copy deadline for the November issue: Oct. 25, 2021

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• Modifications Committee Meetings:

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 submissions, see website at www.highdesertliving.net.

• Board of Directors Meetings:

Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Location: HOAMCO office conference room

• Voting Members Quarterly Informational Meeting:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: virtual Zoom meeting

• Town Meetings:

Sept. 17, Nov. 12, 2021: 3 p.m.

Location: virtual Zoom meeting

Note: For a complete list of all upcoming events and meetings,
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