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DESERT MOUNTAIN

VILLAGE

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Your Desert Mountain Newsletter

From time to time, we've reached out to our Desert Mountain neighbors with useful information about our Village. Now, in an effort to be more concise, we'll put several topics into a single newsletter with items you can read and respond to at your leisure.

In this edition, you'll find several topics that affect us all...Traffic, Weeds, a Little Library and a Block Party!

Ways to Keep Our Kids Safe

In the last few years, our Village has been blessed with more young families who have young children. These little ones play in our Park and in front of their homes, often in the street. They are at risk from drivers speeding recklessly and ignoring stop signs in Desert Mountain. And now the time has come to take some action. First and foremost...

Please Drive Safely!

In our hurry to get to work or early appointments, many of us exit Desert Mountain through the West gate. Lots of kids play on Pine Forest and Silver Peak near the Goldfield intersections so PLEASE come to a full stop before turning!

The same thing happens at the cul-de-sac on Goldfield near the pool and drivers up there often race through the SHINY NEW STOP SIGN! Again, lots of kids playing, so we've been asked to do something about this dangerous driving.

One suggestion is post bright green plastic **Kid Alerts** in 9 places throughout the community. One problem is caring for their placement every day.

4-Way Stops

An option to slow traffic on Buffalo Hills is to place 4-way stop signs at Pine Forest and Silver Peak. We are investigating this possibility. If you come through the East Gate, please slow down.



Traffic Calmers

We are looking into low speed humps. Not big concrete bumps but rubber "Calmers" that are wider and lower and designed to slow, not stop traffic. Most of us aren't speeding on purpose (the posted limit is 20 MPH) but simply forget. So these



are more of a reminder.

A Survey - What's Your Opinion?

So many parents have asked for some protection for their kids, and here's your opportunity to toss in your 2 cents. A super-short survey will arrive shortly. Please be sure to respond!

Your Home? Your Weeds!

You know that strip of gravel between the sidewalk and the street? It's called out in the High Desert CC&Rs. And it's our responsibility as homeowners to take care of it, no matter how long or how full of weeds or, unfortunately, how full of gifts of inconsiderate pet owners.

And not just the rocks in front of our homes but also those areas of rock on either side of our homes.

While we're at it, we're also responsible for trimming bushes, trees and vines to our property lines.

So there you have it. Weeds, here we come!

We're Having a Block Party!

And now for something FUN! Your neighbors on Buffalo Hills Drive and the east cul-de-sac of Pine Forest Place are hosting a Block Party on Sunday, October 17th from 2:00-4:00 pm. It'll be in our driveway, (Michelle & Nate) 6200 Buffalo Hills.

Block parties are a great way to meet new neighbors for the first time, and revisit "old friends." [\[continued\]](#)

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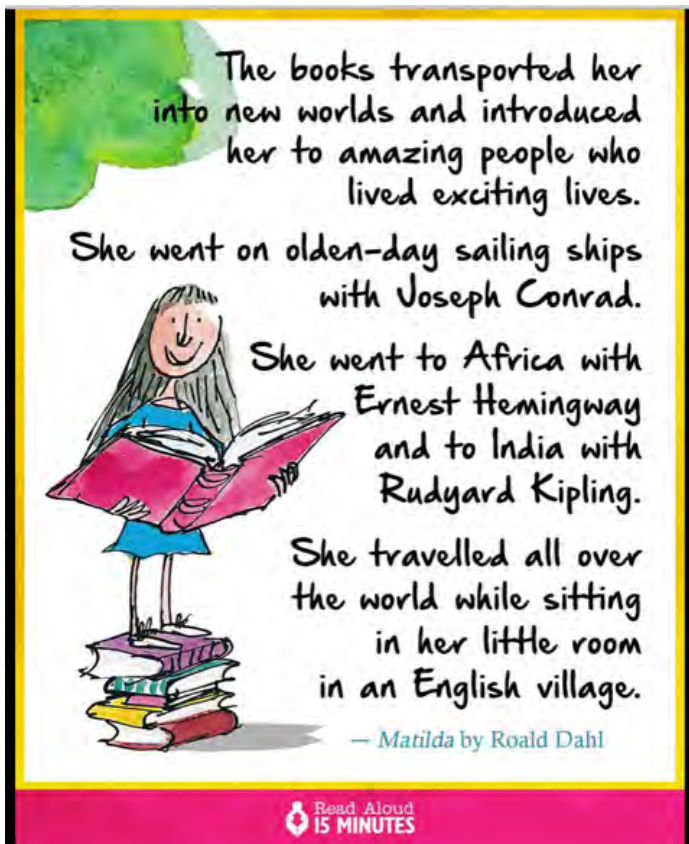
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We invite other streets to join us on this day by hosting your own street-wide block party. That way we can find even more new friends as we wander from party to party.

PLEASE JOIN US by hosting a block party on your own street or simply stop by ours. We hope to make this an annual tradition!

For additional details or assistance in organizing your own block party, call Michelle Croteau (505) 259-4291.

Little Free Library



Whether you are 6 or 60, there's nothing like curling up with a good book! With the growing popularity of "Little Free Libraries," a number of neighbors have asked Voting Members about installing a Little Free Library book exchange in our village.

This could be a treasure for both adults and children by adding a sense of community, education, outreach and fun. It'll find its home in the little park by the pool.

See a few here: (<https://littlefreelibrary.org>)

It will be stocked with free books you can read and return when you're done. Kids' books, adult books and more.

Help Spread the Joy & Power of Sharing Books!

LTLs typically cost about \$350.00 for materials and our carpenter has donated his time for just \$50.

The High Desert HOA has offered to help us get started with \$50, so the rest is up to us as neighbors.

Take a book/Leave a book is how this LFL will sustain itself, and will belong exclusively to Desert Mountain residents.

If you'd like to toss in a few bucks, please contact Linda Strascina (ldsnewmexico@icloud.com).



Other Stuff

Joe and Bill met with High Desert's new Landscape Manager, and pointed out Desert Mountain's public spaces of concern, including the open space inside and to the south of the East gate, around the yellow bollards on Goldfield Place, near the pool and those lousy weeds growing out of cracks in the street.

Voting Members and Alternates

With 180 homes, Desert Mountain has four Voting Members and four Alternates. A main duty of Voting Members is to represent our village's residents to the Board and vice-versa, sharing information, policies and recommendations. Another is to elect Board Members from a slate of homeowners, so High Desert has the most qualified people for the jobs.

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