



High Desert Autumn: The showy seedheads on the winterfat above were seen clustered near the Open Space in The Desert Highlands.

Board of Directors Election Approaches; Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

By Tom Murdock, Chair of the Nominating Committee and President of the HDROA Board of Directors

Plans are being made for the April 2019 High Desert Residential Owners Association Board of Directors election. Opportunities to serve the community are available for High Desert homeowners who are interested in participating in the election process either through serving on the Nominating Committee or applying for a Board of Directors position.

The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reviews all Board applicants' Statements of Interest. It then schedules and conducts in-depth applicant interviews in February and March. The committee recommends a slate of nominees that will be presented to the Voting Members at their Annual Meeting on April 25, 2019.

At least four High Desert homeowners are needed for the Nominating Committee and those interested in serving on the committee should complete the Statement of Interest (SOI) form online by going to the website at *www.highdesertliving.net*. Click on Volunteer Opportunities; click Statement of Interest if you wish to print and submit a written form or click Online Submission to complete and submit electronically. Whichever format is chosen, candidates for the Nominating Committee must submit a SOI by Sunday, January 20, 2019.

The Board of Directors

The seven-member Board of Directors each serve two-year terms, which are staggered with positions opening every year in April. Current directors whose terms will expire in April 2019 are Dr. Jim Cole, Brett Rayman, Clay Wright and Scott Abbate.

An applicant for a Board Director position must meet the fol-

lowing requirements:

• Must have lived in High Desert as a resident for at least six months prior to the election.

• Shall not have any hearings or appeals before the Board, the New Construction Committee, or Modification Committee, nor any legal actions pending against the Association or Association officers.

• Shall not be more than 60 days delinquent in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association.

• Shall not have been removed as a Director by the Voting Members within the prior two years.

Time Commitment

The time commitment for a Board Director is significant and should be carefully considered by applicants. The Board meets formally once a month and occasionally conducts supplemental meetings. In addition, there is frequent email and telephone discussion of issues between Board meetings. Directors' volunteer time averages between 15-40 hours a month depending on the level of involvement with the Board's special projects, committee membership, and/or being an elected officer of the Board. The Board elects its own officers annually, shortly after the Voting Members' April meeting.

Homeowners who would like to apply for a Board of Directors position need to complete the Statement of Interest form found online by going to the website at *www.highdesertliving.net*. Click on Volunteer Opportunities; click Statement of Interest if you wish to print and submit a written form or click Online Submission to complete and submit electronically. Whichever format is chosen, any homeowner interested in running for the Board of Directors must submit an SOI by the February 17, 2019 deadline.

President's Summary

With Thanksgiving and the holiday season imminent, it seems appropriate to pause, reflect, and enumerate some of the things for which I am thankful.

Colleagues on the Board

I am thankful for my colleagues on the High Desert Board of Directors. They are a very special group of men and women who are committed to High Desert. They give generously of their time and work



Tom Murdock

extraordinarily hard to maintain and preserve the community in which we all live. Each Board member has their individual viewpoint, and while discussions during Board meetings can be intense, everyone has personal and professional respect for their colleagues and strives to arrive at an outcome that is best for High Desert.

Beyond the Board

In addition to the time required to prepare for and attend Board meetings, every Board member volunteers time on projects or activities essential to High Desert. Brett Rayman chairs the New Construction Committee; Dr. Jim Cole keeps our financial affairs in order; Clay Wright chairs the Communications Committee and maintains the content on the High Desert website; Dr. Janet Brierley is involved with crime prevention and security; David Bentley serves on the Contracts Committee and drafts documents related to



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various policy issues; and Scott Abbate is the liaison to the Landscape Committee.

Voting Members

I am thankful for the Voting Members who take the time to represent their village and serve as a vital communications link between the Board and their neighbors.

Committee Members

I am thankful for those who serve on the various committees that are essential to the operation of High Desert: New Construction, Modifications, Landscape, Contracts, Communications, Gated Villages, Nominating, Party in the Park, Adopt-A-Highway, and Neighborhood Watch. If I have overlooked anyone, it was unintentional; please accept my apologies.

Residents Who Respect the Rules

I am thankful for those residents who respect the rules and governing documents, pay their assessments on time, remember that everyone is a volunteer, ask questions and try to understand issues before criticizing, and most importantly, volunteer to help solve the problem.

Those Who Thank a Volunteer

I am thankful for those who take a moment to let a volunteer know that they appreciate the work they do to help keep High Desert the wonderful place that it is.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.



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By Tom Murdock, HDROA President

Message From the Community Association Manager

Please allow me introduce myself to

you this month. I'm Lynnette Rodriguez,

your new Community Association Man-

ager, and I began my job in early Octo-

ber. I was hired by HOAMCO and I work out of the High Desert office at 10555

I can't tell you how pleased I am to be

working in your beautiful community ----

and I'd like to especially thank those of

Montgomery, NE, Building 1.



Lynnette Rodriguez

you who have personally reached out and made me feel so welcome these past weeks.

I have worked for more than 10 years as a Community Association Manager in other large communities both here and back east but I am honestly amazed at the level of volunteerism I have found in High Desert. Dozens and dozens of homeowners step up and devote major chunks of time each month to maintaining the association and it shows. High Desert property values remain very high. The landscape is maintained by Leeco but carefully overseen by a volunteer committee of homeowners. Your sense of community in High Desert shines through Neighborhood Watch groups, summer park events, Welcome Committee parties for newcomers and volunteer projects to clean up streets and parks. High Desert truly is a unique spot in Albuquerque and I feel privileged and excited to be working as your Community Property Manager.

As I told Voting Members at their October quarterly meeting, I will dedicate myself to making sure that any problems that come

to me from homeowners are dealt with in a timely manner. If I cannot answer your questions immediately, I promise to research the problem and get back to you as soon as possible. Together we can work to keep your community the wonderful place you call home.

Weekly Drives

As a way of becoming familiar with High Desert, I've begun weekly drives through High Desert with Leeco representatives to see first-hand what issues must be addressed with landscaping. These weekly drives can nip problems before they grow. Seeing concerns together and discussing them at the site of the problem saves time and confusion in the end.

In the same vein, I have started bi-weekly drives around High Desert with G4S security patrol officers and management. I can hear about — and see — any problems they are concerned with and show them directly what we hope to accomplish.

Other Repairs

We are currently overseeing some minor work to the Trillium guardhouse. In Desert Mountain, repairs are being made to the expansion joints by the pool, changing from using wood to concrete. There will also be extensive stucco repairs beginning on common walls in Pinon Point.

I can be contacted at the HOAMCO office at 505-314-5862 or via email at *lrodriguez@hoamco.com*. If you are nearby, stop in and introduce yourself—I look forward to meeting you!



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So, You Want to Change Something on Your House or Landscape?

By Brett Rayman, Board of Directors, NCC Chair

Article XI, Section 11.1 of Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) states, in part, that no improvements, exterior alteration of existing improvements, and planting or removal of landscaping materials shall take place except in compliance with this Article and the Guidelines for Sustainability and upon approval of the appropriate committee under Section 11.2. The Modifications Committee (MC) is the entity that reviews and decides what modifications are appropriate and comply with the Guidelines for Sustainability (Guidelines).

A Review and an Updated Process For Modifications

The Board of Directors recently reviewed and updated the MC's Operating Procedures, review process, and the Modification Request Form used by homeowners to request changes to the exterior of their homes and the landscape. This update provides detailed information to assist homeowners to understand the modification request process, review procedures, and a redesigned request form to give the committee essential information to make a timely decision. Further, the MC related webpages on the *www.highdesertliv-ing.net* website have been updated, as well.

This article is only intended to give homeowners important information to begin the modification request process. There is no substitute for reading and understanding the association's governing documents and MC procedures. To begin, I suggest that you



Web: WeDoWindowsNM.com Phone: 459-3093 If you do not provide the required information in sufficient detail, the request will be denied and the committee will ask you to resubmit it at a later date with the required information.

go to the MC webpage and print the request form and review the front page.

First Know Your Village, Lot Number and Street Address

Before the committee can do its work, the homeowner must do a little bit of research in preparation to complete the modification request form. It is important to know your village, lot number, and street address. HOAMCO needs this information to determine if you live in an Overlay Zone. Some of the Premier and Estate lots in the Highlands Villages are in this zone and the Guideline requirements are more stringent for some modifications.

Review the Guidelines and Any Supplemental Guidelines

There are one or two documents that you must read because you will be asked to provide the Guideline page number and paragraph on the request form that relates to or applies to the modification you are requesting. Depending on your village or lot, review the Guidelines for Sustainability for Premier and Estate lots or for Builder lots. In addition, some villages have Supplemental Guidelines that provide additional guidance or restrictions you will need to review. Both documents can be found on the High Desert website. Review the documents to determine what may be allowed and if you may need to request a variance.

Review the MC Operating Procedures

Next, review the MC Operating Procedures. The procedure provides information to help you understand if your request can be Fast Tracked or if it must go through the committee's monthly review process and the schedule for that submission. Understand the requirements in Appendix 1. This is a list of the types of modifications you may want to request and the technical information the MC needs for its review. If you do not provide the required information in sufficient detail, the request will be denied and the committee will ask you to resubmit it at a later date with the required information.

New Construction Committee Always Reviews Any Additions and New Buildings

If your request is for an addition to your home, or if you want to construct a separate garage or casita, the MC will forward the request to the New Construction Committee (NCC) for its review and decision. If you need a variance for your project, that request will also be forwarded to the NCC.

Look Over the Approved & Prohibited Plant List

The last document to review is the Approved and Prohibited Plant List. That, along with the Landscape section of the appropriate Guideline and Appendix 1 of the MC Operating Procedure,

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will give you what you need to request a modification to your landscape.

Now Complete the Form & Attach Supporting Information

You are now ready to complete the front page of the request form and attach the required supporting information. Professional drawings or renderings are nice but not required. You can submit hand drawn items. Photographs are also appropriate. Make sure that the technical information listed in Appendix 1 is attached. Submit the request to HOAMCO.

Additions or Buildings Require Construction Documents

If you are requesting an addition to the house or adding a separate garage or casita, refer to Appendix 2 for the required construction documents. As mentioned previously, these modification requests will be referred to the NCC and someone from that committee will contact you to schedule a preliminary meeting to discuss the project, plan requirements, and fees. If you need a variance, your request will be forwarded to the NCC and someone from that committee will contact you to discuss the request. Please refer to NCC Form 4 - Variance Request on the NCC webpage.

MC & NCC Have Authority to Interpret Guidelines

Committee decisions are not opinions. A decision must be supported by a reasoned and informed understanding of the applicable governing documents. It is important to note, however, that some modification decisions may be subjective. In reviewing each submission, the CC&Rs grant the MC and the NCC the authority to consider visual and environmental impact, ecological compatibility, natural platforms and finish grade elevation, harmony of external design with surrounding structures and environment, and location in the relation to surrounding structures and plant life. In addition, the MC and NCC are granted sole and full authority to interpret the Guidelines for Sustainability and to determine matters of aesthetic judgment. Their interpretation and determination as to the Guidelines for Sustainability is deemed to comply with the Guidelines for Sustainability and the CCRs. Matters of aesthetic judgment are final, conclusive and binding and are not subject to judicial review so long as exercised in accordance with the procedures set forth in the CC&Rs.

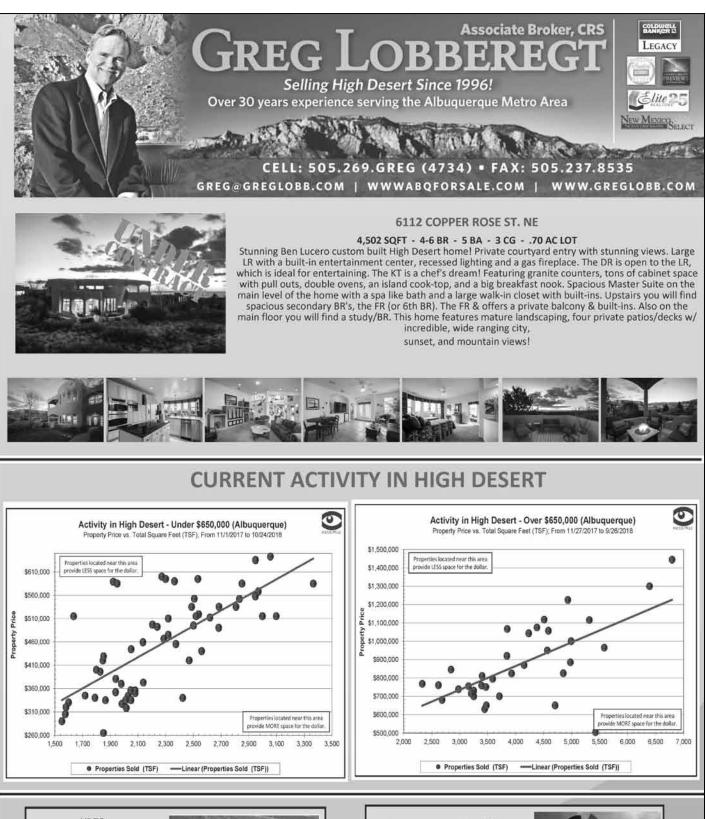
Modifications Committee is Committed to Making Requests & Reviews as Easy as Possible

Many High Desert homes are beginning to show signs of age and need updating to maintain property values. New homeowners may want to make changes to the exterior of their home to suit their tastes and needs. Modifications to homes in the community are a reality and the MC is committed to making the request and review process as easy as possible for all concerned.

Contact The Committee With Questions

Feel free to contact the committee to discuss a modification project before completing the request form. Let's all work toward maintaining the High Desert community as a place we can all be proud to call home!





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High Desert Patrol Report: July-October 2018

Call Type:	July	August	Sept.	Oct
CRIMINAL/				
CRITICAL EVENTS:	_	_	_	_
Assault/Fight	0	0	0	0
Breaking/Entering: Home	1	0	0	0
Breaking/Entering: Vehicle	1	0	3	0
Construction Site Burglary	0	0	0	0
Dwelling Fire	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0	0
Grass/Wild Fires	0	0	0	0
Medical Emergency	2	1	0	1
Alarms	3	3	4	9
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	7	11	7	9
Vandalism	2	0	0	1
TRAFFIC EVENTS:	_	_	_	_
Vehicle Crash	0	0	0	0
Parking Violations	13	7	2	0
PREVENTION & NUISANC	E: —	_	_	_
Loud Music/Party Noise	1	0	0	2
Salesperson/Solicitor	0	1	1	5
Open Door/Window/Garage	39	32	20	14
Notices Posted on Residences	0	0	0	0
Pool Issues	0	0	0	0
QUALITY OF LIFE:	_	_	_	_
(Lost and Found:)	_	_	_	_
(Lost) Children	0	0	0	0
(Lost) Pets	0	1	1	0

Call Type:	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
(Lost) Property	0	0	0	0
Gate Issues	2	1	3	4
Street Lights/Maintenance	4	4	0	2
OTHER:	_	_	_	_
Animal Control Calls	0	0	0	0
Abandoned Vehicle Calls	2	0	0	0
Snake Calls	2	0	1	0
Vacation Home Checks	47	25	50	40
Security Inspection	276	161	214	228

Security Contact Numbers:

- In the event of a true emergency (a crime in progress or a lifethreatening situation) call <u>911</u> immediately. Residents should then follow up with a call to G4S Security Patrol at (505) 485-5658.
- For urgent, but non-emergency situations (a suspicious person or vehicle, an annoying salesperson, a loud party, an animal complaint, etc.), call the G4S Security Patrol at (505) 485-5658.
- For routine calls (such as notifying G4S of vacation dates, etc.) you should also call the Security Patrol at: (505) 485-5658, or go to *www.highdesertliving.net*, click on *Community Safety* and scroll to the bottom of that page for links to the form.





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Enclave's Free Little Library a First in High Desert; Homeowner Spearheads the Project

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The nameplate above the glass front of the red box reads "Take a Book • Share a Book." There is no lock on the glass door and the books inside are free to whomever would like to take them home and read them. This is the new Little Free Library in the Pocket Park within The Enclave. Homeowner Linda Carstens first saw these small free libraries in California when she was a resident there. Ten years later and thanks to her efforts, a new Little Free Library was installed in mid-October and business has been brisk with books taken and left there almost daily. Even the G4S patrolman has donated books to the two-shelf library.

The Little Free Library got its start in 2009 in Wisconsin by a man who built a small wooden model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a schoolteacher. He installed it in his front yard, filled the shelf with books and the idea took off. Today there are more than 75,000 registered non-profit Little Free Libraries (including the Enclave's library) in 80 countries. The goal of the libraries is sharing good books and bringing communities together. For more information go to *www.littlefreelibrary.org*.

"I knew we had the perfect spot in The Enclave's Pocket Park," said Linda. "There is a bench there and it's very peaceful." She contacted fellow Enclave homeowner David Bentley, Board Vice President, who also thought it was a good idea. Linda credits Kathy Blythe, Administrative Assistant at HOAMCO's High Desert office with making the entire process as easy as possible.

"I needed to submit a request to the Modifications Committee

first," she said. The MC considered the request in September and approved it. The red metal structure was purchased from the Little Free Libraries store with The Enclave reserve funds and installed by contractors who do work for HOAMCO.

"I sent out an email to everyone I knew in The Enclave," said Linda. "I received a number of emails back from homeowners pledging to donate books." Linda is the official sponsor of the library and must oversee it and make sure it remains clean, undamaged and stocked with books. Linda is a former teacher her-



This red metal Little Free Library was installed in The Enclave's Pocket Park in October.

self. She grew up in New Mexico and moved to California where she taught school, worked as a State Department of Education administrator and later as a researcher for Stanford University. After retirement she returned home to Albuquerque in 2010, moving to High Desert where she had purchased property in 2006. Linda has served as a Voting Member for The Enclave, hosted National Night Out block parties and organized a Neighborhood Watch group.

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High Desert Dermatology Welcomes Niki Manole Ninopoulos, PA-C

Niki Manole Ninopoulos was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Spanish and a minor in Biology.



Niki Manole Ninopoulos, PA

After graduating, Niki worked as a Research Scientist at the University of New Mexico's Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions while simultaneously shadowing and learning from a few of Albuquerque's great physicians. She was then given the opportunity to continue her medical education through the University of New Mexico Physician Assistant Program where she received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. She was also awarded the UNM PA program award of excellence.

Niki's first encounter with Dr. Carey was many years ago. As a young woman, Niki struggled with acne and was a patient of Dr. Carey's. Her passion for dermatology grew after seeing what a profound difference he had on her life. She is honored to work alongside the great providers at High Desert Dermatology to deliver the same exceptional care she received as a patient.

When not at work, Niki enjoys spending time with her husband and young son. She is actively involved with the Greek community of Albuquerque and also enjoys baking and reading.

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August High Desert Party In The Park Is Great Success As Hundreds of Homeowners Gather for Food and Fun

Despite a quick rain shower that did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm, the 2018 High Desert Party in the Park was another unqualified success August 24 as hundreds of homeowners gathered in High Desert Park for an evening of music, food and fun. Children played supervised games and patted a variety of friendly animals at the Petting Zoo, families bought dinner and dessert at several food trucks parked on site, and everyone enjoyed the music and entertainment provided by the

> ever-popular Pink Flamingos and Artrageous. Skilled artists painted on giant canvases along to the fast dance music

> with those paintings sold later at a silent auction to help fund the event. Albuquerque Police had mounted patrols on hand and fire trucks were open for tours. Also at the park were

representatives from several

High Desert vendors includ-



Special Events Chair Brenda Gossage

ing G4S, HOAMCO and Leeco. The event was sponsored by High Desert Residential Homeowners Association and chaired again this year by homeowner Brenda Gossage.



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High Desert Treasurer's Report: 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2018-2019



Dr. Jim Cole II

resulted in a net income of \$307,465.05. Expenses totaled \$270,981.88, and were \$40,398.06 (12.9%) less the \$311,379.94 initially budgeted, resulting in an operating net income of \$36,483.17.

By Dr. James R. Cole II,

Treasurer, Board of Directors

The HDROA concluded the 1st Quarter

of the 2018–2019 Fiscal Year on September 30 at which time the Master As-

sociation had an income of \$317,511.30.

This was \$3,525.78 (1.12%) more than

the \$313,985.52 initially budgeted. Man-

dated transfer to reserves of \$10,046.25

The Gated Villages had a combined income of \$74,534.77. Expenses of \$47,782.47 plus mandated reserve contributions of \$26,640.00 totaled \$74,422.47, resulting in a combined operating net income of \$112.30 for the villages.

The Association's reserve accounts remain healthy and fully funded as mandated in the current Reserve Study. The Master Association had a balance of \$626,384.09 in its reserve checking and CD accounts. The arroyo reserve account had a combined balance of \$103,962.11. The Gated Villages had a combined balance of \$143,857.32 in its reserve checking and CD accounts.

As of September 30, 2018 the HDROA had cash assets of \$2,601,579.62.



A summary of expenditures from the reserve accounts reveals a spending total of \$55,375.75 through the 1st quarter. The Master Association's portion was \$22,999.50. The Gated Village's portion collectively amounted to \$32,376.25. The majority of these expenditures were for sidewalk repairs/replacement, stucco/wall repair and guardhouse restoration

The HDROA Accounts Receivables as of September 30th reveals that 146 owners had accounts receivable balances totaling \$108,507.68 resulting in a total delinquency rate of 9.18%. \$28,000.00 were for rental policy violations, and \$4,231.90 were for other CC&R violation fines. Of note is the fact that the top 20 delinquent owners (those owning \$500 or more) account for \$101,618.30 (93.65%) of the total receivables.

Currently, I am in the process of transferring \$314,649.66 in reserve funds cash and \$370,290.98 in maturing Reserve Fund CDs from Bank of the West to Fidelity Investments where they will be FDIC insured and will have yields of 2.60 - 3.05%. As is the HDROA Board of Directors' policy, all financial records comprising the 2017-2018 fiscal year have been sent to Poarch & Associates LLC, for an independent third party audit, the results of which are expected shortly.

As the Association completes its 1st Quarter of the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year, it continues to remain well positioned to meet all of its financial requirements and obligations.

HDROA Reserve Balances		
for the Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018		
	ć	626 204 00
Master Association	\$	626,384.09
Arroyo Reserve		103,962.11
Canyons		188,569.06
Chaco Compound		49,998.24
Desert Mountain		228,365.50
The Enclave		103,359.52
The Legends		113,274.31
Trillium		261,125.87
Wilderness Compound		94,607.17
Wilderness Canon		3,725.54
Total Reserves	\$ 3	1,773,371.41
HDROA Reserve Expenditures		
for the Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018		
Master Association		\$ 22,999.50
		\$ 22,999.30
Canyons		5,679.75
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Canyons		5,679.75
Canyons Chaco Compound		5,679.75 00.00
Canyons Chaco Compound Desert Mountain		5,679.75 00.00 17,521.25
Canyons Chaco Compound Desert Mountain The Enclave		5,679.75 00.00 17,521.25 4,708.00
Canyons Chaco Compound Desert Mountain The Enclave The Legends		5,679.75 00.00 17,521.25 4,708.00 4,467.25
Canyons Chaco Compound Desert Mountain The Enclave The Legends Trillium		5,679.75 00.00 17,521.25 4,708.00 4,467.25 00.00

HDROA Income/Expense Report for the 1 st Quarter 2018 – 2019.		
INCOME		
Homeowners Assessments	\$	292,140.00
Cost Sharing – Altezza		18,747.90
Assessment Interest		982.85
Assessment Late Fees		400.00
Legal/Collection Fees		1,481.70
Gate Remotes		120.00
Interest Income		723.85
Recovery of Bad Debt		500.00
Penalties/Fines		1,650.00
Other income		765.00
Income	\$	317,511.30
Transfer to Reserves		(10,046.25)
Total Income	\$	307,465.05
EXPENSES		
Administrative		
Administrative Assistant	\$	15,669.23
Bank Charges		40.00
Insurance		3,837.28
Lien/Collection Costs		76.00
Board/Voting Member Meetings		150.00
Office Expense		563.29
Postage		4,730.73
Printing		6,956.37
Reserve Study		00.00
Landscape		00.00
Landscape Maintenance	\$	72,337.03
Landscape Replacement	7	00.00
Landscape Other		2,540.31
Arroyo & Pond Maintenance		00.00
Irrigation Repair & Maintenance		2,065.95
Pet Clean Up		1,527.38
Professional Fees		1,527.50
Accounting/Tax Prep Fees	Ś	00.00
Consulting	Ŷ	2,343.31
Legal fees- Collection/Small Claim	c	2,039.81
Legal-General Services	5	(223.06)
Association Management		34,571.59
Security Services		55,802.55
Security BCS		00.00
Taxes/Other Expenses		00.00
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$	30,295.59
Community Events	ç	12,878.38
Welcome Committee		00.00
Website		530.30
Gate Maintenance		(97.09)
		(97.09) 726.54
Sign/Entry Maintenance		
Wall Repair & Maintenance		00.00
Snow Removal		00.00
Locks & Keys		00.00
Miscellaneous		293.90
HDROA Office		2,121.00
Taxes-Corporate		00.00
Utilities		
Electricity	\$	687.11
Telephone		255.00
Water/Sewer		18,557.28
Total Expenses	\$	270,981.88
Operating Net Income/Loss	\$	36,483.17

High Desert Treasurer's Reports



HDROA Gated Villages Income/Expense Report			
for the Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018			
Canyons			
Income	\$,	
Transfer to Reserves		(3,774.50)	
Expenses		4,545.16	
Operating Net Income	\$	(899.69)	
Chaco Compound			
Income	\$		
Transfer to Reserves		(1,548.25)	
Expenses		2,612.40	
Operating Net Income	Ş	(1,122.43)	
Desert Mountain			
Income	\$,	
Transfer to Reserves		(3,654.25)	
Expenses		2,920.41	
Operating Net Income	\$	3605.55	
The Enclave			
Income	\$,	
Transfer to Reserves		(3,284.56)	
Expenses		2,920.41	
Operating Net Income	\$	364.15	
The Legends			
Income	\$	8,950.30	
Transfer to Reserves		(3,204.25)	
Expenses		4,884.28	
Operating Net Income	\$	861.77	
Trillium			
Income	\$	13,739.91	
Transfer to Reserves		(5,218.75)	
Expenses		7,102.96	
Operating Net Income	\$	1,418.20	
Wilderness Compound			
Income	\$	4,140.77	
Transfer to Reserves		(1,563.50)	
Expenses		4,574.40	
Operating Net Income	\$	(1,997.13)	
Wilderness Canon			
Income	\$	576.84	
Transfer to Reserves	-	(735.00)	
Expenses	\$		
Operating Net Income	\$	(2,118.12)	
Total Gated Village Income		74,534.77	
Total Transfer to Reserves (26,640.00)			
Total Gated village Expenses \$ 47,782.47			
Total Operating Net Income	\$	112.30	

Landscape Committee Activities Update

By Margo Murdock, Chair of the Landscape Committee Landscape Maintenance

Regular maintenance this month focused on normal activities, but we had more weed removal and more erosion situations because of the rains. If there's erosion debris on the sidewalks, pads around mailboxes, or ruts in the trails, please contact HOAMCO and let them know the location as we want to compile a list of the typical cleanup areas. Once the list is complete we will prioritize the locations. Also, Leeco, our current landscaper vendor, treated the Gambel oaks in association-maintained areas for a fungus. All buffalo grass and Kentucky blue grass areas were treated with a post emergent herbicide to remove primarily spurge which flourished in the wetter weather. Later we fertilized the Kentucky bluegrass (a cool season grass).

We have had several calls about areas that residents say were previously maintained by Heads Up and are not currently being maintained by Leeco, our new landscape contractor. Whenever a complaint is received we first try to determine if it's a resident or common property. In other words, is it an area we should be maintaining? Then we look at our coded satellite maps of association-maintained areas we received from Heads Up to see whether we have the area marked on our map for maintenance. Thus far there have been missing areas on the maps— occasionally we are maintaining resident property, and sometimes there are areas on the map that Leeco is not aware of. Once we get the maps updated I want to send each Voting Member a copy of their village map to confirm which areas should be maintained.



If you find ruts on the trails, please contact HOAMCO.

Plant Replacement Projects

We completed Aerie and Tierra del Oso and Desert Mountain west streetscape plant replacements. We also completed Pinon Point Park and Circle plant replacements. If colored flags remain in these areas, it's because the plant was not available from our suppliers this fall. We will need to look for these plants in the spring. The streetscape plant replacement project south of Emery Point Place was split into plant removal, stucco work, and plant replacement/seeding with native grasses.

Plants were also installed at five of The Highlands entrances.

We also reviewed the Spain entrance planting for dead plants and other issues. Leeco installed mulch and seeded the cutouts between the asphalt trail and Tramway with a custom low native grass mix. Heads Up will be replacing the dead plants installed while they were contractors with High Desert. Some plants that (Continued on page 15)

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Landscape Activities — From Page 14

looked dead showed signs of life, so we did not replace those.

Sunset Ridge Entrance

The residents of Sunset Ridge are very concerned about speeding cars going west and south on Blue Grama for potential accidents as they exit their village. A city traffic engineer felt grading work, and/ or a retaining wall might be necessary to improve the line of sight along Blue Grama. So while we had a design that the Landscape Committee reviewed, the plan needs to be redone to include more lines of sight. We intend to get the grading and irrigation work done over the winter.

Upcoming Projects

A Texas red oak is to be installed at the Michial Emery Trailhead to replace the three cottonwoods that were removed. The three dead or almost dead cottonwoods along the Tramway trail will be removed and stump seats created. In November or December we expect to walk the arroyos again with AMAFCA to see that obstructions are cleared for good water flow. Over the winter we will do community wall clearing to keep vegetation three feet from the wall. This makes the wall accessible for stucco repair, keeps damage to the wall down, and helps in case of fire.

Irrigation Controller Reminder

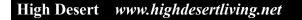
When we begin to get consistent frosts (at least three) be sure to turn off your irrigation controller to keep the valves from freezing and cracking. You'll need to manually water on days when it won't freeze that night—at least once per month and twice if we don't get any precipitation.

High Desert Neighbors Celebrate National Night Out With Block Parties & APD Officers



Neighbors gathered outside throughout High Desert in August to celebrate National Night Out with block parties and presentations by Albuquerque Police Department officers. National Night Out is an nationwide event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more enjoyable places to live. This photo was taken in The Overlook by homeowner John Ledwith where the Neighborhood Watch group held a well-attended cookout.



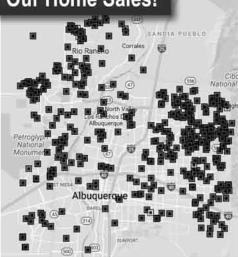






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Leeco Crews Works On Fall Clean-up Throughout High Desert



It was a cold, rainy afternoon on Halloween in High Desert but Leeco crews were out as usual as they concentrated on fall clean-up tasks along the trails and sidewalks. (Left to right:) Crew Manager Carlos Deras, Ruben Teran, John Banda and Mauricio Zarate. Not shown: Servando Hernandez and Umverto Esparza.

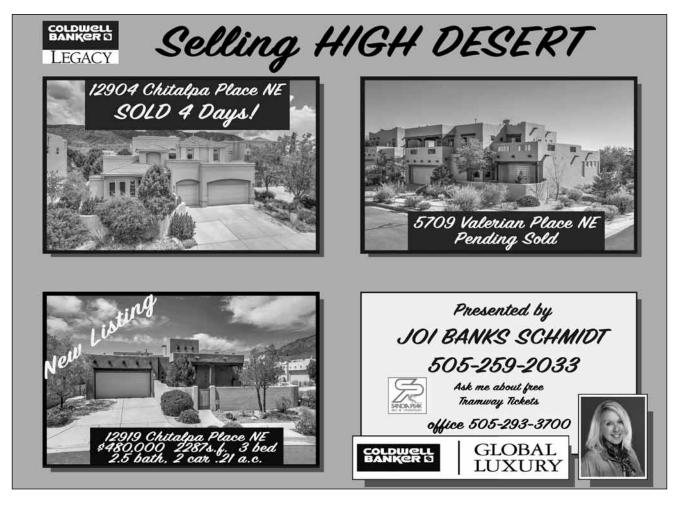
G4S Cautions Drivers To Beware Of Wet, Icy Streets This Fall

The easy days of summer driving in High Desert have given way to early sunsets, slick roads and increased chances of ice, rain and snow. Children are out on the roads in the early weekday mornings, headed to their bus stops. And in the late afternoon and evening darkness, it's harder to see people walking their dogs.

"I urge High Desert drivers to be extra cautious this fall and winter," said James Gage, Manager with G4S, security vendor for High Desert. "Despite the weather, people are still out there walking or bicycling along the streets of High Desert and they are much harder to see. Wet roads can make it harder to stop. Please keep your speed down at all times within the association boundaries."

The speed limit throughout High Desert is generally 25 miles per hour. Too often people drive much faster, putting their neighbors at risk, he said.

When streets become icy, G4S is contracted to distribute ice-melt mixture on slippery intersections, including: Spain and Imperata, Academy and Imperata, Spain and Cortaderia, Academy and Cortaderia, and Spain and High Desert Place.



being victims.

Countdown To The Holidays



By Dr. Janet Brierley, Crime Prevention Liaison, & Board Director

Halloween is over and the holiday season is

right around the corner. Certain crimes tend to

be perpetrated specifically at this time of year

and with a little extra attention we can avoid

Dr. Janet Brierley

We all love the convenience of ordering gifts online. Just a few clicks in the comfort of one's own sitting room and the item is winging its way to your front doorstep. Unfortunately, the trucks delivering the packages are well marked and there has been a rash of parcel thefts shortly after delivery. The thieves simply follow the UPS, USPS, or FedEx vehicles at a discreet distance and help themselves to the packages left by the front door. The best way to avoid this is to know when the parcel is due to be delivered and make sure you are at home to receive it. The tracking software available on most websites will give you an accurate delivery window and even if you are unable to be there, you can arrange with friends or neighbors to pick up the item before the porch thieves strike. If you want to completely solve the problem and happen to shop at Amazon, they will deliver your box to a secure locker at Whole Foods.

At this time of year, family and friends come to visit and they

sometimes arrive when we are still at work and not there to let them in. They have no key but the solution is

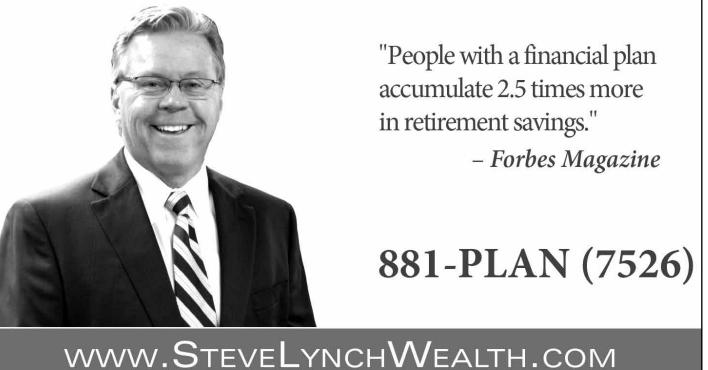
not to hide one under the doormat or in the decorative pot. Thieves are very good at finding 'cleverly' hidden items and will have ransacked your house long before your visitors arrive. The solution to this dilemma is to leave the key with a trusted neighbor or have an electronic keypad installed.



When you go out shopping, don't leave anything in sight inside your car. A recent report from Albuquerque Police Department listed the items stolen from unattended vehicles and it illustrated that thieves will take just about anything they see, including tools, shoes, gym clothing, and an Air Force uniform! When you get home, remove everything from your vehicle. Even those living in gated villages have had property stolen from vehicles parked in their driveway.

Our G4S Security Patrol will maintain a vacation watch on your home if you go away. Fill in the form on the High Desert website *www.highdesertliving.net* and patrol officers will provide an extra layer of security until you return.

With some careful thought and a little effort, I think we can all have a safe and happy holiday season.



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High Desert Compliance Coordinator's Report

Pipes, Decorations, Landscape



By Ed Burleson, Compliance Coordinator, HOAMCO

1. Exposed Pipes

It appears that winter is already upon us. Be sure to check on any exposed water pipes. To help prevent them from bursting try wrapping them with insulated tape or cut to size a piece of the foam noodles used for recreation in your pool.

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2. Holiday Decorations

Just a reminder that the decorations for the outside of your home may go up 30 days prior to the holiday and should be removed within 30 days after the holiday.

3. Landscaping

Prepare your vegetation for the winter. Complete your trimming and pruning by the last week of November to take advantage of the free Green Waste pickup from the city December 3-14. Place all green waste in plastic trash bags with a maximum weight of forty pounds per bag. Any trimmed branches need to be bundled and cut no longer than five feet. Place all bags five feet from your regular trash bins by seven a.m. on the morning of your regular trash day.

Four Houses Built in Wilderness Cañon With Seven More Under Construction

Construction continues this fall in Wilderness Cañon, High Desert's newest and last village. Four houses have been completed, said Brett Rayman, Chair of the New Construction Committee. Seven houses are currently under construction with eight lots left. Most of the lots that allowed two-story houses have been built as one-story homes, he said.

The corner model featured in the recent Parade of Homes was sold while it was being built with a lease-back allowing it to be used as a model until mid-2019. Custom houses are being sold in the mid-\$600,000 range. Wilderness Cañon is a gated community. After the final lot is developed, gates will be closed 24 hours a day.



This one-story house is currently under construction in Wilderness Cañon. It is built on Lot 8 and is the newest model home offered for sale by Scott Patrick. It should be completed in March.

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and retain property values in the com-

When problems arise, she asked

residents to please contact her and

give her a chance to find a solution.

"I check my email often throughout the day and will respond quickly," she

Lynnette lived in Charleston, SC

until she was 14, the daughter of a military policeman in the Navy. After her

father retired to become a firefighter,

they moved to Staten Island, NY. She

was just 17 years old on September

11, 2001 when the Twin Towers fell.

Spotlight on New High Desert Community Association Manager

Managing large, high-end homeowner communities is nothing unusual to Lynnette Rodriguez, High Desert's new Community Association Manager (CAM) with HOAMCO. In South Carolina, she oversaw a community of multi-million dollar homes and recently managed a community in Rio Rancho with 3,200 homes.

What *is* different for Lynnette in her new High Desert position is interacting with the large number of involved volunteers in High Desert who serve on committees, the board and on various projects throughout the year. "I am not used to homeowners being this involved," she said. "It's very refreshing."

Lynnette was hired by HOAMCO in early October and introduced to Voting Members at their quarterly meeting October 25. She obtained most of her management experience in South Carolina before moving to New Mexico with her four sons a year ago. She lives in nearby Sandia Heights with her fiancee who is a homeowner association attorney. "That's very helpful for me," she said.

"Things are different here, of course, compared to South Carolina," she added. "The weather, the architecture and of course the plants are very different.." As CAM in Charleston, the focus, as far as common area landscape was concerned, was on keeping crepe myrtles, roses, dogwoods, live oaks and all those green ferns lush and healthy. Now she must learn about pinon, junipers, sage and prickly pear cactus along with the importance of irrigation and maintaining the appearance of the native environment.

As Community Association Manager, Lynnette says she will do her best to highlight the importance of the High Desert CC&Rs to homeowners and demonstrate why those documents help promote



Lynnette Rodriguez joined HOAMCO in October.

Her father, age 36, an apprentice firefighter was one of five firemen climbing up the South Tower to save people and lost his life that day.

munity.

said.

"We never had a funeral because nothing was ever recovered," she said. But in 2017, Vista Verde Memorial Park in Rio Rancho placed a plaque and headstone honoring Anthony Rodriguez during its annual 9/11 ceremony. Lynnette spoke to the crowd that day about her father and honoring those lost.

"I try to speak out when I can," she said. "So many young people don't remember 9/11 or weren't even born when it happened." Now her sons have a place to go to remember their grandfather, Lynnette said.

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Welcome Committee Brings Newcomers Together At October High Desert Wine & Cheese Party

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The Wilderness Estates home of Amy and Bill Stein was overflowing October 19 as more than 50 new residents, board directors and Welcome Committee members mingled together at the autumn Wine and Cheese Party. The Welcome Committee hosts two parties each year to welcome newcomers to the community and this event was the largest ever. Amy and Bill are Co-Chairs of the Welcome Committee with Robin Troy of The Legends who just volunteered for the position.

Gary and Elizabeth Mokry (photo right) are new residents of Solterro. They moved into their new home in High Desert from Florida earlier this year. Elizabeth is a landscape artist who has exhibited her paintings at a gallery in Santa Fe. She also teaches art at Painted Sky Elementary. Gary is employed by Raytheon.



Newcomers Andrew and Fran Buros, Pinon Point

Fran and Andrew Buros (photo, left) moved to Pinon Point from Miami, Florida. He is a retired attorney and Fran is a flight attendant. "We wanted something completely different from Miami," said Fran.

Other newcomers included Karen and Christopher Bard who moved into The Highlands June 19. The couple didn't have to move very far—they had lived in Sandia Heights for 21 years but were ready



Gary and Elizabeth Mokry (center, right) stand with Tom Murdock (left) Board of Directors president. The Mokrys moved into Solterra in March. They previously lived in Sarasota, Florida.

to downsize when their son went to college. Christopher is a retired architect and Karen is a wealth management advisor for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Uptown.

Also attending the party were new homeowners Barbara and Darrell Story (see photo on page 23), originally from the east coast. "We've lived in several places throughout Albuquerque (Continued on Page 23)

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and never received the kind of welcome we've gotten in High



New residents Barbara and Darrell Story of Pinon Point.

Desert," Barbara said. She is an assets manager for various lenders and Darrell is a contractor at Kirtland Air Force Base. They moved into Pinon Point three and a half months ago, meeting their neighbors, the Buros, almost immediately.

Hosts Amy and Bill, with their two children, moved to

High Desert a few years ago from Florida. They volunteered to become

Co-Chairs of the committee and welcome others to the community. The Steins moved to High Desert after Bill, a pediatric heart surgeon, was offered a position here at Presbyterian Hospital. Amy is a law professor at the University of Florida Law School and continues to teach her classes, traveling across the country weekly.

Welcome Committee members on hand to set up, mingle and clean up after the event included the Steins, Nancy Lindas, Bev Rider and Joan Newsom.

Photo right: Amy and Bill Stein were the hosts of the party in their Wilderness Estates home. Their children Quint, left, and Ava, right, assisted their parents.





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What's Wrong with Cone, Box, and Ball Pruning? By Margo Murdock High Desert Resident



It's difficult to find a commercial landscaper in Albuquerque that isn't pruning shrubs using hedge trimmers into geometric shapes, so why do I consider this "bad practice?" For me the primary reason is because it destroys the natural shape of the plant, but there are other less aesthetic reasons as well.

A Waste of Money

Margo Muraock It may surprise you to know that plants don't require much pruning in nature – annual pruning is usually a waste of your money. If a plant doesn't need a branch, regardless of the cause, it will drop the branch and seal off the break point. Often lower branches are dropped because they get shaded out as the shrub grows and the branch is no longer needed to make food for the plant. When a shrub drops a lower branch it usually retains its original shape, whether that is fountain shaped like forsythia, tall and vertical like some junipers, or vase shaped like Rose of Sharon. It doesn't hurt however, to look over each shrub annually to see if there's dead wood or crossing/rubbing branches and to confirm the shrub has no pests or diseases.

Reducing the Need to Prune

The most expensive component of landscape pricing is labor. The more often a crew comes to maintain your landscape and the longer it takes them, the more you pay. What can you do to reduce either the number of visits or the time per visit? You can start with a good design. That is one where the plants at maturity fit the space where they're located so they don't need to be sheared to fit that space. You can also choose plants that need less pruning to look natural. The growth habit of a plant and how easy it will be to maintain should be foremost in the designer's mind. Too often, the tendency is to overplant landscapes to make them look good on day one but that means too many plants are installed in the particular space. That creates the beginning of a landscape problem. If plants didn't grow larger, the design would be maintained - but plants do grow- into each other, over the sidewalk, curb, and up the wall. Maintenance begins with a well-thought-out design. Sometimes the first step to a better-looking landscape is to remove some plants.

Geometric Pruning Can Be Unsustainable

Unfortunately, the first time a shrub is pruned to a geometric shape it looks good – neat and controlled. This appeals to many homeowners, especially those that like neatness. But it becomes unsustainable over time. A cut branch, if not done at a V point, will generate wild-looking regrowth from the stub, necessitating another visit to keep it pruned to the geometric shape. That regrowth from the cut point is weaker growth. To keep green foliage showing the next time the shrub is sheared, the shearer will need to move out a bit from the previous cut— so now we have more branching which grows both faster, stubbier and thicker each time it's cut. It forms an outer shell and the shrub gets bigger, so if it's being sheared to fit a space, the shearer will need to cut deeper into the shrub to make it fit. With a denser shell, the interior leaves are shaded out and new cuts into the plant will bring up a "dead zone." Shear-



This shrub has been pruned in a chunky box shape. It will need a great deal of tending now and the cut has stressed the plant. This is probably a red tip photinia but it is difficult to tell when it has been pruned this way.

ing becomes a continuous cycle of maintenance. The shrubs only look good just

after a shearing.

Shearing

Shearing, which is the same as removing leaves from a shrub or tree, takes away part of the food factory and stresses the plant. Imagine someone cutting off your arm to make you look more vertical! Stress makes the plant more susceptible to pests and diseases. The energy needed to regrow leaves to make food keeps the plant from using that same energy to build up immunity to

disease or to fight off pests. Over time the shrub declines more quickly and doesn't look healthy. Shearing also causes cut stems and leaves to fall inside the plant which can help pests overwinter.

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Cone, Box & Ball Pruning

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If the shrub flowers in the spring, constant shearing results in a lack of bloom. The new growth where the flowers bloom just gets sheared off. The landscape design changes from a mixture of colored leaves, flowers, textures, and natural shapes to one of green geometric shapes. The same is true for plants with color-tipped leaves – constant shearing removes the color. Everything becomes green.

Ecologically, constant shearing generates more green waste which requires more labor and cost to take the waste to a dump site. The plant also uses more water because it's constantly trying to regrow the leaves that were cut off.

A well-pruned shrub doesn't look like it's been pruned. The landscaper uses a method called natural or selective pruning. This method is better watched with a video than described in words and I recommend you search using the following keywords: "selective pruning" and "Jeff Wortham" video. Using selective pruning may take more time initially, but you won't be returning very often so it is sustainable, cheaper in the long run, and less damaging to the shrub. The shrub will look better and live longer. There are also videos about rejuvenating sheared plants. Rejuvenation takes more time and you may have to go through an ugly stage before the plants regain their natural shape. Some plants will never regain their natural shape.

With this article I'm hoping you'll become a more discerning buyer of landscape services and that we can all make a difference for a more beautiful landscape.

Contracts Committee Considers Management Contract

By Lynn Claffy, Contracts Committee Chair



The three-year contract with HOAMCO will expire June 30, 2019, unless the association extends the contract period as is allowed by the contract.

The Contracts Committee begins its review process of major vendors' contracts six to nine months before their expiration. The vendors in the asso-

Lynn Claffy

ciation management business have been fluid over the years with companies merging and growing. It has been almost three years since we, as an association, sampled the market.

To get a current picture of the present association management vendor market, the Contracts Committee submitted a Request for Information (RFI) to potential vendors in early October. Responses were due October 31, 2018.

The RFI was sent to seven vendors including four local vendors, one in Santa Fe, and two in Arizona.

After receipt of the vendors' responses, the Contracts Committee will decide if a more formal and detailed Request for Proposal is needed. If so, this will be done by the end of 2018 or early 2019.



High Desert Committee & Project Contact Information

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If you have a question about High Desert, who should you ask? The answer to many questions is easily found on the High Desert website at *www.highdesertliving.net*. A calendar of events, all our governing documents, easy access to the request form for modifications, and a great deal more is found on the site. When it comes to High Desert, the website is the place to start. For other questions:

• 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*. Click on "Contact Us" and select Voting Members from the left hand menu. Residents can also call the office at 505-314-5862 to learn their village representative. High Desert Committee chairperson contacts are below.

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• Gated Villages Committee: Open Position

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• Landscape Advisory Committee Chair: Margo Murdock: (505) 822-9410; murdock@swcp.com

 Communications Committee Chair: Clay Wright: (505) 293-8908 CommunicationsCommittee@HOAMCO.com

G4S Provides Vacation Watches For High Desert Homes

Are you leaving on vacation and would like G4S to keep an eye on your home? You can call the patrol service directly or fill out a form and send it to management.

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- <u>November 15, December 20, January 17, 2019 at 4 p.m.</u> Modifications Committee Meeting Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE
- <u>November 20, December 18, January 15, 2019 at 2 p.m.</u> Board of Directors Meeting Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE
- <u>Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6 p.m.</u> Voting Members Quarterly Meeting Location: Holiday Park Community Center 11710 Comanche Rd. NE *(Note new location.)*
- <u>December 7, January 4, February 1, 2019 at 9 a.m.</u> Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE

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