



High Desert Bulletin

February 2022

Board Meeting Briefs:

This section reports on items of general interest to the High Desert community that are discussed at the Board Meetings. It does not cover all items discussed at the meeting, nor in any way represent minutes from the meeting.

Elena Gallegos Open Space Improvement: Open Space personnel described their feasibility investigation for an Education Center in the Elena Gallegos Open Space. The evaluation is still in progress, and their [website](#) describes the effort.

Amazon Gate Access Box: The Board voted to allow Amazon to install gate access boxes that will grant access to Amazon drivers when delivering packages to gated villages. The gate will only open if the delivery code scanned by the driver authenticates to an address in that village. Besides simplifying entry for authorized personnel, Amazon will provide simpler claim handling if any packages are stolen in villages using these access boxes.

Future Board Meetings: The Board voted to reduce their meeting frequency so that they will now meet every other month instead of monthly.

Announcements:

Join the Nominating Committee's High Desert Scavenger Hunt!! Win a Prize!!!

Rules: Each month February, March, and April the High Desert Bulletin will have a question. Find the answer to the question in the High Desert [By-laws](#); submit your answer to Camille Singaraju. The first correct response to the question wins a \$15 Starbucks gift card. (No Current Board members please.) The correct answer and winner will be announced in the next High Desert Bulletin.

Become a Board Member and learn all the ins and outs of what goes on in High Desert. For more information about submitting a [Statement of Interest](#) (SOI), contact Camille Singaraju, bsingaraju@msn.com.

Question: Why do PNM or city utility workers go into the common areas?

Covid Precautions Re-instated: Due to an increase in Covid cases, the High Desert office is temporarily closed. The High Desert staff can be reached by emailing highdesertmanager@hoamco.com or by calling 505-314-5862. High Desert meetings should be conducted remotely until cases subside.

New Wildfire Information: Our Fire Preparedness Committee has shared two new podcasts with relevant and timely information for the residents of High Desert. You can find the podcasts on the [Fire Safety](#) page of our website.

Townhall Meeting: More than 80 homeowners registered for the January Townhall Meeting. Our Board President, Reg Rider, provided open discussion about recent Board activities, and homeowners shared their questions, ideas, and opinions. If you couldn't make it, you can find the notes from the meetings on our [website](#). The next Townhall Meeting will be in March, and we'll remind you about it in the March High Desert Bulletin.

Pet Stations: At the January Townhall Meeting, some homeowners expressed frustration with the amount of dog waste around the Altezza apartments. Due to vacation time by Yellowstone Landscaping, the pet stations did not get emptied on schedule. This has been addressed and High Desert is investigating whether additional pet stations can be placed on the bordering streets, Cortaderia and Imperata, to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

High Desert Security Vehicles: The High Desert security patrols will normally be conducted in vehicles labeled High Desert Security, but please be aware that sometimes the patrols will be conducted in vehicles labeled G4S or Allied Universal. Allied Universal Security is the company that bought out G4S last year.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Apache Plume – Look for the Apache Plume in your mailbox in about a week. You will find much richer information about High Desert than the brief highlights provided in this Bulletin.

Reminder – Standard modification requests to be considered in February are due by February 4. Emergency modification requests can be submitted at any time and are not subject to this deadline.

Monthly Highlight:

We've made some changes to the Village pages of the High Desert website to make them a one-stop spot for Village information. Now you can find the names of your Voting Members, your Village High Desert supplements and specific rules, and general Village information, all in one place. Check it out for [Gated](#) and [Non-Gated](#) Villages.

This bulletin was prepared by the High Desert Communications Committee. Please email us any suggestions at communicationscommittee@hoamco.com.