



High Desert Bulletin

May 2022

Look for the **May edition of the Apache Plume** in your mailbox in the next couple weeks. It will provide in-depth articles about our High Desert neighborhood, with much more information than we send in these brief monthly announcements.

Announcements:

New Board Directors – At the Annual Meeting on April 28, Voting Members elected the following Board Members for the 2022-24 term:

Ray Berg, from Overlook

Bob Howell, from Trillium

Bill Pederson, from Desert Song

Look for more information in the Apache Plume. A special thanks to Reg Rider and Kitty Smith, whose terms expired this year and chose not to run for an additional term. Their contributions were numerous and have made our High Desert a better place.

Nominating Committee's Scavenger Hunt Contest - The winner of the April contest is Anne Wimsatt from Arie. Congratulations! April's question was "How much are board members normally compensated?" The answer: "There is no compensation for board members." Thanks to the Nominating Committee for providing us a fun way over the last few months to learn more about our governing documents.

Short-Term Rentals – Please remember that you are not allowed to rent out your home for less than six months without special Board approval. For all rentals, information about tenants must be provided to HOAMCO. See the High Desert [Rental Policy](#) for details.

Fire Adapted NM Spring Seminars –Are you curious about how to reduce the risk of property destruction and the importance of community-level preparedness in reducing risk-spillovers? Learn more at the May 4 Fire Adapted NM [seminar](#). Do you want to know how land managers plan for wildfire risk in their forest treatments? Have you ever wondered how fire managers know how to respond when a wildfire is actively burning? Then attend this second [seminar](#) on May 18. There's lots more helpful information from Fire Adapted NM at facnm.org

Fire Preparedness Tips During Wildfire Season in New Mexico - Our fire ecology consultants at NMSU shared this link for "[What You Need to Know to Protect Your Family, Animals and Property.](#)" If you have questions, contact Judy Pierson (judy@judypierson.com) who can get clarifications for you from these experts.

High Desert Park Play Area – A dedication for the new play area in High Desert Park was held on April 28. Come check out the improvements! Some have questioned the use of wood chips in the area, but Councilor Trudy Jones' office told us: "Our product is inherently fire resistant in comparison to unprocessed wood chips. But they aren't fireproof. We've had playground arson situations that were extremely high heat but the burn on the wood chip was only on the surface."

Piñon Tree Spraying – Yellowstone Landscape will be spraying trees to control an outbreak of Piñon Needle Scale. They will be using Safari 20sg insecticide, and areas will be identified before treatment. Children and pets must be kept away from sprayed areas until the spray has dried, about 1-2 hours. More information is available in the “News & Articles” section of the High Desert website’s [homepage](#).

Road Racing - Numerous reports have been received about speeding in our neighborhoods and vehicles running stop signs. Please remember that we have an active walking community in High Desert and consider their safety when you are driving.

Free Green Waste Pickup - Albuquerque will pick up residential Green Waste (leaves, grass, and brush) at no additional charge from Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 13. Bag your Green Waste in trash bags and have it at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash collection day. All Green Waste must be placed 5 feet from automated trash and recycling containers. Each trash bag must weigh less than 40 pounds. Any branches must be cut to four-foot lengths and bundled securely. More details [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

High Desert (HOAMCO) Office Closed – Monday May 30.

Monthly Website Highlight:

High Desert is rich in opportunities for outdoor activities. You have probably spotted some of our wonderful High Desert parks and open spaces, and you can find out more about them on our [website](#). You can also find information and maps there for trails that pass through our neighborhoods, as well as nearby trails and parks.

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

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