



High Desert Bulletin

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Announcements:

Factoid – The 25 High Desert Villages are composed of 1623 individual homes and lots. A Voting Member can have from 19 to 50 votes. Make a difference by becoming a Voting Member representing your village on issues that can affect your quality of life, your property value and the overall safety and security of your community. Look for ballots being mailed out later this month for Voting Members to represent Chaco Compound, Chamisa Trail, Desert Song, Desert Sky, Enclave, Legends, Overlook, Piñon Point, Solterra, Sunset Ridge, Tierra del Oso, Wilderness Compound, Wilderness Estates, and Wilderness Village.

Missed the Statement of Interest deadline for getting your name on the ballot? Any SOI received by August 3rd will be included on the ballot. Otherwise, please consider entering your own name on the space provided for write-ins so your village is represented. If you submit your SOI and do not get a reply, please call the HOAMCO office at 505-314-5862. Vote by early September!

From your Fire Preparedness Committee:

First, let's give our entire community a pat on the back for refraining from the use of illegal fireworks on the Fourth of July. Our security company reported that they only received three reports, which is a significant decrease from last year. A few days after the holiday, some people used fireworks one evening at the Emery Trailhead. Both 311 and High Desert Security Patrol were alerted, but by the time anyone got there, the culprits were gone. That whole Bear Canyon arroyo was at risk. If you see or hear something, please do say something. Call 311 and High Desert Security Patrol at 505-485-5658.

Look for some in-depth articles in the August Apache Plume about preparedness for wildfires.

Small steps count. We suggest four actions every homeowner can take this month:

- Make sure you have your address number visible from the street for fire personnel. At night, a curb may not be adequate, so have one on your house and your mailbox if you have an individual one.
- When bringing workers, especially landscapers, onto your property, be very clear that your home site is a NO SMOKING zone. If you catch someone smoking, fire them!
- Remember that homeowners are not allowed to plant or water plants in their arroyos even a native plant which once established does not need watering. Much of the clearance work being done in arroyos close to homes now is the removal of watered, overgrown natives that are fire risks. The larger the plant, the more embers are generated and the farther that fire is likely to spread as those embers traverse our area via the wind.
- Lastly, have you created a 6–10-foot Defensible Zone around your home by removing flammable trees, plants and furnishings? The goal is twofold: first to remove items that can catch fire and ignite your home, and second, to create easy access for firefighters and their equipment around the perimeter of your home.

Please **do** contact the Fire Preparedness committee members for further clarification and to get your copy of the National Fire Protection Association brochures judy@judypierson.com , 505-220-9193.

Thanks for all that you are doing.

Apache Plume – The next Apache Plume is being prepared right now. It will be arriving in your mail in early August, full of interesting articles about our community that provide much more depth than we can provide in these brief announcements.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Townhall Meeting – Thursday, August 4 at 4 pm via Zoom. HOAMCO emailed the registration link last Friday. If you didn't receive the email and want to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

Monthly Website Highlight:

Most people know that High Desert has covenants that are aimed at preserving our property values. Did you know that the High Desert Board has established policies over the years to provide more specific rules? Those policies are available on the [High Desert website](#).

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

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