



High Desert Bulletin

September 2022

Announcements:

High Desert Office Closed September 5 – The High Desert (HOAMCO) office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.

Updated email Address for Compliance Officer – You may have seen that we have a new Compliance Officer in High Desert, Justin Rodriguez. The initial email address we sent out was incorrect. You should contact Justin at JRRodriguez@hoamco.com. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Send in Your Ballot! – Villages vote for Voting Members every other year on alternating schedules. If it is your village's turn, you should already have received your ballot in the mail. Please vote and return your ballot by September 12. There was a printing omission, so you will have to write in the return address and make sure it shows through the window on the envelope -

High Desert Residential Owners Assoc, c/o HOAMCO
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If you have questions about your ballot, please call the HOAMCO office at 505-314-5862.

Respect Our Trails – In August, two teenagers were observed speeding their electric go-carts around the dirt trails in Pino Pond Park and tearing up the trails with their tires. Please remember that motorized vehicles are never allowed on any of our High Desert trails.

High Desert Newcomer Booklet – Hopefully, you saw the article about the High Desert Newcomer Booklet in the Apache Plume. Mary Martin and her team created a beautiful and helpful introduction to our neighborhood. We have included the booklet electronically with this month's bulletin and encourage you to browse through it.

From your Fire Preparedness Committee:

- Despite our recent rains, we still have an obligation to be water-wise in our desert-friendly landscape. The Water Authority is offering Water Smart classes on how to make your landscape more resilient plus a \$20 rebate on your water bill.
- Anyone notice the newly painted hydrants, crosswalks, and yellow caution curbs? It's all about safety. Thanks to Trudy Jones, the Albuquerque Councilperson for our area'
- The September 2022 Consumer Report issue has an article on Fire Safety Essentials – things we all know, but never get around to dealing with, perhaps. It includes things like unplugging lithium batteries when the battery is charged, upgrading smoke detectors, replacing fire extinguishers every ten years, and clearing the Home Ignition Zone of flammable items/debris six feet or more around your home.

Thank you for all your feedback and suggestions. We work on your behalf. If you want a copy of the Firewise brochures or would like a member of our team to visit your home or village to provide feedback, contact judy@judypierson.com , 505-220-9193.

Board Announcement:

A major focus for the HDROA Board in the last months has been landscaping as it is both critical to the appearance of High Desert, which is important to us all, but also a major element of our cost budget.

For the short-term aspects of landscaping, the Board decided at the August meeting to appoint a Board member as the lead from the Board for landscaping. In this role he will make sure we:

- Set up systems and processes to make sure we monitor the ongoing quality and cost of work done and have a clear planning process looking forward.
- Set up a clear process so that concerns from the neighborhood are logged, reviewed and scheduled as appropriate.
- Look for cost savings opportunities.

There have been a number of major projects proposed in areas of irrigation equipment, fire prevention and new plantings. The Board Landscape Lead will make sure, together with the full Board, that these are scoped out properly and planned in line with budget concerns.

Steve Hartig
HDROA Treasurer

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 20 at 2 pm via Zoom.

Townhall Meeting – Thursday, October 20 at 4 pm via Zoom. HOAMCO will email a sign-up link in October.

Monthly Website Highlight:

As a member of High Desert, it is your right and responsibility to help ensure that residential properties and common areas are maintained properly. There is a form on our [High Desert website](#) that you can use if you feel a property or common area within your community does not uphold these requirements. The concerns are treated confidentially to protect both the submitter and the property owner.

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

If you know anyone who is not receiving the High Desert Bulletin, please ask them to contact the High Desert office at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com. Also, you can provide or update your email address through HOAMCO's [Caliber Portal](#).