



High Desert Bulletin

October 2022

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Voting Member Orientation – Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. This is an orientation for new Voting Members to learn more about the organization of High Desert and their responsibilities. HOAMCO will email a sign-up link to Voting Members.

Tramway Cleanup – The next Tramway Cleanup Day is on Saturday, October 15, starting at 10 am at the Albertson's parking lot. If you can make it, please let Michele Leshner know mlesher222@comcast.net so she can have enough supplies. Please bring a pair of gloves (and hat/sunscreen if you'd like). You will be doing a great favor for awesome Tramway Blvd, which has the beautiful Sandias as its backdrop!

Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 18 at 2 pm via Zoom.

Townhall Meeting – Thursday, October 20 at 4 pm via Zoom. Check back later at the High Desert website to see more specifics as meeting details are set. HOAMCO will email a sign-up link to those who have provided email addresses in Caliber.

Voting Member Quarterly Information Meeting – Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. HOAMCO will email a sign-up link to those who have provided email addresses in Caliber.

Studio Tour Returns – The High Desert Studio Tour is returning on Saturday, December 3, from 10 to 5. This event lets you see the work of our talented artist neighbors in their own homes. More information will be coming with specifics but hold the date for now.

General Announcements:

From your Fire Preparedness Committee:

- **Tumbleweed Fire Risk** – These small invasive plants have been enjoying the rain and are poised to produce a bumper crop of pesky weeds. The explosive growth will be in our beloved arroyos particularly. Fortunately, they are easily removed and tossed into the trash pickup can -- better now when they are green than when they are larger and difficult to handle.
- **Goats Love Tumbleweeds** – Goatscaping season is upon us. Last year 30 families in the Estate/Premier villages brought in goats. Once a year in the Fall is recommended, so we encourage you to get on the schedule of the service commonly used in High Desert, Horned Locust Goatscaping. Text Amanita at 505-470-8741.
- **Check out the Goats on October 10th** – Goats will be at Judy Pierson's home so email her if you want to come to see them in action and talk to the owner of the Goatscaping company judy@judypierson.com.
- **Firewise Flyers** - Informational flyers from Firewise are now available in the HOAMCO office. The flyers give specifics about making your home fire safe, evacuating, and creating defensible zones around your home. The flyers are available in English and Spanish. Contact Judy Pierson with any questions judy@judypierson.com.

New Voting Members Elected – 13 of the 25 High Desert villages conducted elections for Voting Members this summer. Congratulations to the 16 returning Voting Members and Alternates as well as the 8 newly elected Voting Members and Alternates. Affected villages can check the [website](#) for contact information for their village’s Voting Members and Alternates. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers for Chaco Compound, so the Village will not be represented on association matters.

Dead Trees being Removed – A new survey of dead trees throughout all High Desert common areas has recently been completed. Yellowstone will begin the removal of dead trees in High Desert common areas in late October. Over 85 trees have been identified and a proposal to remove all the dead trees has been developed. The first group to be removed: Trees in Pino Pond. The second group to be removed: Trees along Tramway. The third group to be removed: Trees along the streetscape. After these trees are removed the Bulletin will list the locations of other trees.

Political Canvassing – Election season is upon us. Please be aware that Albuquerque’s ordinance that prohibits business solicitation without a permit does not apply to political canvassing. You can, however, ask a canvasser to leave your property, and they are required to comply.

We Need Your Help – The Communications Committee is looking for High Desert volunteers to join our team. We have many ideas to improve communications within our community, but not enough hours to make them come true. In addition, the Gated Villages and Security Committees each need a Chair. If you are willing to help with these requests, please submit a [Statement of Interest](#), which can be found on the High Desert website.

Monthly Website Highlight:

Hopefully, everyone knows by now that our [High Desert website](#) is found at highdesertliving.net. Unfortunately, the company that previously hosted our website has not removed the old material from their website. If you search for High Desert HOA you might get misdirected to the old site, which has some outdated material on it that could be misleading. We have been trying to get the company to remove the material, but in the meantime, please make sure you are linked to highdesertliving.net.

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](#).