



High Desert Bulletin

November 2022

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 15 at 2 pm via Zoom.

Smart Use Presentation – Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30 pm via Zoom. See details below under General Announcements.

HOAMCO Office Closure – The HOAMCO office for High Desert will be closed on Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25.

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. See a map and get artist information on the High Desert [homepage](#).

General Announcements:

HOAMCO High Desert Office Security – Due to recent criminal activity in the area, the HOAMCO office will remain locked. Please call the office number 505-314-5862 if you are in the parking lot, and HOAMCO staff will let you into the building. A new security door is being ordered, which will use a call button to allow access into the building.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Those who attended the October Townhall heard about Bernalillo County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Their [brochure](#) has specific steps that you as a homeowner can take to be prepared, and it is now available on our High Desert website in the [Fire Safety](#) section. Our Fire Preparedness Committee has also learned that there might be grant money available for High Desert to make such preparations.

Efficient Irrigation Presentation - On November 16 from 12:30 to 2:30 Smart Use will present to the Board a talk on helping to make the High Desert irrigation system as efficient as possible while achieving the landscape goals of promoting native and low water use plants and maintaining the health of those plants. The goal is to reduce water costs and minimize or eliminate irrigation surcharges. If you are interested in attending, please contact the HOAMCO manager at 505-314-5862 *or* highdesertmanager@hoamco.com to be included in the Zoom meeting.

Dead Trees being Removed – Did you notice? Yellowstone has already begun the removal of dead trees in High Desert common areas. Plans to replace the trees will be developed later.

Updated Policy about Recording Remote Meetings – The High Desert Board approved a modification to the Organizational Description and Committee Policy that will allow recording of remote meetings. The recordings are intended for short term use for preparing minutes and for viewing by people who were unable to attend the meetings. The [updated Policy](#), is available on the [Policies page](#) of the High Desert website.

Please Report Any Crime – Please remember to report any crime you suffer to the Albuquerque Police Department. That data is used when determining police staffing levels. If crime isn't reported, we get less police coverage in our area.

Help Select Board Candidates – The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to help recruit and select candidates for Board Nominees in 2023. If you are willing to help, please submit a Statement of Interest, which can be found on the High Desert website.

Please Consider being a Board Candidate - There are 4 Board positions opening in April. Please consider how your many skills can help High Desert. The Nominating Committee will be asking for candidates in 2023.

Apache Plume Coming – Keep an eye out for the November Apache Plume, which should be arriving in your mailbox in a couple weeks. Remember that you can view past issues in the News section of the High Desert website and that the Apache Plume is provided free of charge to all High Desert owners thanks to the advertising content.

Monthly Website Highlight:

We've had some hard rains this year that have made it clear just how important our High Desert drainage plans are. High Desert is unique in its approach to collecting rainwater and returning it to the aquifer. Want to learn about our natural approach? Check out the Arroyos & Ponds section of our 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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