



High Desert Bulletin

May 2023

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

National Fire Preparedness Month Event – On Saturday, May 13th from 10-4 pm, the Fire Preparedness Committee and Albuquerque Fire Rescue will be holding an event at the City Park on Academy. AFR has promised to bring 6 fire trucks and showcase their capacity to handle a wildfire in our community. Also, we will showcase goatscaping in a section of the Academy Arroyo west of Cortaderia with the chance to pet a goat and talk to residents who have used goats on their properties. The event is sponsored by a grant from the Fire Adapted Communities organization. Parking is limited at the park so please walk if at all possible.

Board Meeting – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 5 pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

Townhall Meeting – The next Townhall will be hosted by the High Desert Board on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. HOAMCO will be sending registration information in mid-May to the email distribution list. Those not on the email list can register by contacting HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

High Desert Office Closed for Memorial Day – The High Desert Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

General Announcements:

Four Board Directors Elected – Four Board Directors were elected at the 2023 High Desert Annual Meeting. Please welcome and support our newly elected Board Directors:

- Steve Hartig, returning Board Director from The Overlook
- Harrison Jones, new Board Director from Piñon Point
- George Marsh, returning Board Director from Trillium
- Camille Singaraju, returning Board Director from Sunset Ridge

Look in your May Apache Plume for a full report about the annual meeting and Board Directors.

Volunteers Needed – The Fire Preparedness Committee needs volunteers to man the signup table and the drawing for REI gift cards for the May 13th event listed above. Also, they need volunteers from those who have used goats to mingle around the goats and answer questions. Please give Judy Pierson a call at 505-220-9193 or an email at judy@judypierson.com.

Estate Sale Policy – The High Desert Board approved a new Estate Sale Policy at the March Board meeting. Estate Sales will be allowed for two consecutive days with prior approval. Read the full policy [on our website](#). Please remember that garage sales, rummage sales, and similar events are still not allowed in High Desert, as stated in our covenants.

Small Increase in Assessments – The Board announced that there will be a small increase in Base Assessments of \$3 per month, starting in July. Desert Mountain residents will have an additional \$3 per month increase for their Gated Village Assessment. The other gated villages will have no increase in their Gated Village Assessment at this time.

Defensible Space Actions for May from Fire Preparedness Committee:

The New Mexico State University and Firewise suggest you take these steps to reduce home risk during this wildfire season:

- Thin shrubs to reduce fuel and separate them from other plants.
- Prune trees and trim up from the ground. Remove branches over or within ten feet of the house and roof.
- Clear roof and canals of debris.
- Check the integrity of the chimney, fireplace, and air vents. Use less than one-quarter-inch screen mesh to block embers.

Call Judy Pierson (505-220-9193) if you would like a walk around your home to identify steps you can take.

Landscape Committee Returns – At the March Board meeting, the Board reinstated the Landscape Committee and approved an updated charter. Camille Singaraju was appointed as the Landscape Committee Chair. If you would like to help, please submit a statement of Interest for the Landscape Committee.

Approved Plant List was Updated – Also at the March Board meeting, the High Desert Board approved a new plant list. The plant list had previously been approved by the New Construction and Modifications Committees. If you find an error, please contact Camille Singaraju at bsingaraju@msn.com.

Remember to get Approval for Landscape Changes – Spring is a great time for planting new plants. Please remember that your plants in public areas must be from the Approved Plant List and that landscaping changes need to be approved by the Modifications Committee. The approval form is available on our website.

New Gated Villages Chair – The Gated Villages Committee has been lacking a Chair for several months. Dan Kropp volunteered to fill the position and was appointed by the Board at the April Board meeting.

HOAMCO Administrative Assistant – Please welcome Salena Allison as our new HOAMCO administrative assistant at the High Desert office.

Apache Plume Coming Soon – The next Apache Plume will be arriving in mid-May. Did you know that the Apache Plume preparation, printing, and mailing are completely paid for by the advertisers?

Monthly Village Spotlight is Moving:

We are moving the monthly village spotlights to the Apache Plume. This will allow more in-depth information and photos. Look in the May edition of the Apache Plume for this new feature.

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

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