



# High Desert Bulletin

July 2023

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

*High Desert Office Closed* – The High Desert office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 to observe the holiday.

*Board Meeting* – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 5 pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or [highdesertmanager@hoamco.com](mailto:highdesertmanager@hoamco.com).

*Voting Member Quarterly Information Meeting* – The Quarterly Information Meeting for Voting Members and Alternates will be held via Zoom on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm. Registration information will be sent to Voting Members and Alternates in July. Any other High Desert member is welcome to attend and should contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or [highdesertmanager@hoamco.com](mailto:highdesertmanager@hoamco.com) to register.

## General Announcements:

*No Fireworks in High Desert* – Please refrain from using fireworks in High Desert. Our natural environment exposes us to a higher risk of wildfires if fireworks are used. Please don't put our neighborhood at risk!

*Documents Review Committee Formed* – At the July Board meeting, the High Desert Board approved a charter forming a Documents Review Committee. The committee will advise the Board on and facilitate changes to High Desert governing documents and policies. The committee is chaired by Harrison Jones.

*Keep your Dogs Welcome in High Desert* – We are fortunate that most dog walkers in High Desert clean up after their dogs and keep them leashed and controlled during walks. But there are frustrating exceptions. One homeowner discovered three poop bags abandoned in their front yard in just one week. Another homeowner routinely runs into an unleashed, uncontrolled dog during neighborhood walks. Please be one of the responsible dog walkers!

**Your neighbor's new casita blocking your view of the Sandias or view of the city lights?** Concerned about fire in the foothills getting too close to your home? Have questions about why your quarterly assessments have been increasing? What's being done about the large number of trees in our community that are falling victims of disease? Why are the common area stucco walls in need of costly repairs? What is AMAFCA and why is High Desert responsible for maintaining arroyos and preventing erosion?

With minimal time commitments, you can help your community address these issues and many more that affect our High Desert living. Your first step in supporting and maintaining your quality of life and property value is by becoming a Voting Member or volunteering for any of the other committees.

If you are a resident of: Aerie, Canyons, Chaco Ridge, Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, Desert Sky, Highlands, Mountain Highlands, Trailhead, Trillium, West Highlands, and Wilderness Canon then Voting Member Statements of Interest are due by Friday July 15. Letters have been sent out to residents of these villages. Elections will be held in August. Without a strong community voice and active Voting Members, High Desert living would change drastically!

*Landscape Volunteers Needed* - Because High Desert does not have a lot of money, residents need to make High Desert Bloom with our ideas. What landscape ideas do you have?

1) There is a shortage of native plant seeds. What native plants should High Desert grow in the Spain, Academy, and Blue Grama arroyos? How would these plants support the birds, butterflies, bees, and other animals?

2) High Desert has a responsibility for maintaining the AMAFCA arroyos. We need volunteers to help clarify our roles and educate homeowners on their responsibilities.

3) The irrigation tubing is over 20 years old; we need volunteers to identify leaks.

We would like to have a meeting in the High Desert Park. Let us know a good time for you.

Please contact Camille Singaraju ([bsingaraju@msn.com](mailto:bsingaraju@msn.com)) or Bob Howell ([bohnmus@yahoo.com](mailto:bohnmus@yahoo.com)) so we can discuss your ideas.

*Keep ATVs Off Streets* – Last month we cautioned everyone to obey High Desert speed limits, especially in our gated villages with their narrow streets. We have since learned that All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have been speeding and driving carelessly in at least one gated village. ATVs should not be driven on our neighborhood roads. Besides being a noise nuisance that violates our covenants, they pose a serious safety concern. Please contact High Desert Security at 505-485-5658 to report problems if they persist.

*Support for National Night Out* – National Night Out is coming up soon, on August 1st. The High Desert Office would like to know who is participating. Each village that is participating has a budget of \$100 to be reimbursed with receipts sent to the High Desert Office via email, mail or in person. No alcohol will be reimbursed. Voting Members (or whoever is coordinating a Village's National Night Out) please email [highdesertmanager@hoamco.com](mailto:highdesertmanager@hoamco.com) before July 21st if your village is participating.

*Elena Gallegos Update* – The City of Albuquerque previously announced they will no longer pursue an education center in Elena Gallegos. The Save The Elena Gallegos group has announced that they have gone one step further. They obtained a permanent injunction against such a building in Elena Gallegos.

*Report any Leaks you Spot* – If you see any irrigation leaks in the High Desert common areas, please call HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 so they can get the leak repaired and minimize waste and damage. If you spot very large leaks, floods, or line breaks after office hours, please call the High Desert emergency phone at 505-221-0189 and they will notify the landscape company of the issue immediately.

*Switch to e-statements* – If you have already signed up for e-statements for High Desert association billing, you know the advantages. It takes away the clutter of paper and saves the Association money on postage. If you are still receiving paper statements and are ready to switch, find information on the High Desert website or contact the High Desert office at 505-314-5862 for assistance.

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