



# High Desert Bulletin

August 2023

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

*Board Meeting* – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, August 15 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).

*Town Hall Meeting* – The Board will be hosting the next Town Hall Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, August 17 at 6 pm. HOAMCO will email registration information to all homeowners who receive this High Desert Bulletin. 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:

### Voting Member Election

Factoid: The 25 High Desert Villages are composed of 1623 individual homes and lots and is governed entirely by volunteers. A Voting Member can have from 19 to 50 votes. Make a difference by becoming a Voting Member representing your village on issues that can affect your quality of life, your property value and the overall safety and security of your community. Look for ballots being mailed out later this month for Voting Members to represent Canyons, Desert Mountain, Trillium, Wilderness Canon, The Aerie, Chaco Ridge, Desert Highlands, Desert Sky, Highlands, Mountain Highlands, Trailhead, and West Highlands.

Missed the Statement of Interest deadline for getting your name on the ballot? Please consider writing your own name on vacant ballot positions so your village is represented! Any SOI received by August 4th will be included on the ballot. If you submit your SOI and do not get a reply, please call the HOAMCO office at 505-314-5862. Vote by early September.

*Please Don't Litter* – Our High Desert walkers have been finding empty water bottles nearly every day when they walk around High Desert. First, a huge thank you to our neighbors who have been picking those up and disposing of them properly! Everyone, please be careful while out and about to ensure you don't inadvertently litter.

*Kudos to our High Desert Community for a Safe Fourth of July!* - We had an uneventful Fourth of July Holiday and weekend. Fireworks signs were placed throughout the community and new red No Fireworks banners were placed at the top of the entrance signs where we usually post the website information. VetSec had extra personnel stationed primarily at the parking lot of the Emery Trailhead. The lot was full, but there were no dangerous incidents. People brought camp chairs and enjoyed the incredible view of the City's displays. One family, apparently not from High Desert, set up a small hibachi for a hotdog roast up the trail into the open space. The Forest Service personnel who were helping us asked them to remove it and they left. The Trailhead parking lot was busy, but there were no incidents as our community members monitored the entrance. Glenwood Hills residents went all out on fireworks, which raised concerns in our area. All in all, we were pleased with the responsible behavior of our High Desert neighbors. The Fire Preparedness Committee members and Board thank everyone.

*Apache Plume Coming Soon* – The Apache Plume will be delivered straight to your mailbox in a couple of weeks. Read it cover to cover and you will learn lots about our HOA and neighborhood. Don't miss it!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

## Your Voice is So Important!

**Voting Members & Alternates** are elected to watch over their village's infrastructure, vote for Board Directors on the residents' behalf, and more.

**Nominating Committee** helps fill positions of directors whose terms of office are expiring.

**Contracts Committee** examines vendor contracts and recommends new and renewing contracts.

**Finance Committee** makes recommendations for HDROA finances.

**Communications Committee** creates communications to keep you informed and up-to-date.

**New Construction Committee** ensures that new construction conforms to official standards.

**Modifications Committee** ensures that modifications to existing structures conform to standards.

**Gated Villages Committee** is a forum for gated villages to address common concerns.

**Landscape Committee** offers guidance and recommendations for community landscaping.

**Natural Resources Committee** helps protect and preserve natural resources.

**Community Events Committee** plans special community events.

**Welcome Committee** offers a warm and informative introduction to life in High Desert.

**Tramway Cleanup** meets twice a year to remove trash along Tramway just outside High Desert.

**Board of Directors** maintain association bylaws, establish budgets and set policies for the overall operations of the HOA.

### **Volunteering is easy and fun.**

Go to [HighDesertLiving.net/SOIForm](http://HighDesertLiving.net/SOIForm) and fill out a Statement of Interest or use this QR code:



Use this QR code to fill in our online  
Statement of Interest (SOI) form



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