



High Desert Bulletin

September 2023

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

High Desert Office Closed for Labor Day – The High Desert Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. If an HOA emergency arises, contact the HOAMCO after-hours line, at 505-221-0189. For a true emergency (a crime in progress or a life-threatening situation) call 911 immediately.

Board Meeting – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

General Announcements:

Help Make Good News Great News!

Villages vote for Voting Members every other year on alternating schedules. If it is your village's turn, you should already have received your ballot in the mail. The good news is many villages have already voted for their new Voting Members. Ballots are due September 13, so if you haven't submitted your ballot there's still time to vote for the candidates of your choice or write-in candidates. Don't delay and help make Good News Great News!

Proposed Changes to By-Laws – High Desert homeowners have made suggestions for changes to our By-Laws. It is now up to our Voting Members to decide whether they consent to those suggestions. Voting Members will decide individually on three packages of changes to the By-Laws: (1) Function and organization of the Nominating Committee, Nominating Committee no longer chaired by a Board Director; (2) Eliminate provision for conducting special elections to fill Voting Member vacancies (Note: replacement Voting Members have the same authority as elected Voting Members); and (3) Allows Voting Members to be able to vote by absentee ballot or electronic methods. The specific changes being considered are shown on our [website](#).

Plan for Dying Trees – Many of you have noted the dying trees in High Desert common areas. Efforts have been made in the past to save the trees with very little success. The Board has now hired Legacy Trees to help with this issue. Legacy Trees will use a holistic method for evaluating and planting trees. They have an arborist to evaluate trees and suggest new trees, they have an irrigation specialist to implement the proper watering of the trees, and they have a landscape botanist to design the plants around the trees. There is a 3-month evaluation and initiation, then they will help design a long-term plan for High Desert.

Do You Need Prickly Pear Cactus? – Pinon Point is removing the prickly pear cacti from the children's park. If you want cacti, please contact Mark Bentz the Voting Member (mgbentz@gmail.com).

Thanks to Our New Volunteers – Several High Desert residents have come forward recently to volunteer for our association. Their fresh ideas are already making a difference. Our association relies on volunteers, so why not join this trend, and fill out a [Statement of Interest](#) from our High Desert website.

Apache Plume Available Online – We hope you read and enjoyed the August issue of the Apache Plume. Do you want to check on something you read in the most recent Apache Plume or a previous version? You can get electronic copies on 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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