



High Desert Bulletin

October 2023

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

New Voting Member Orientation – A Zoom meeting will be held on October 10 at 7:00pm for all new Voting Members who were elected by their villages for a two-year term.

Tramway Cleanup – The next Tramway Cleanup Day is on Saturday, October 21, starting at 10 am at the Albertson's parking lot. If you can make it, please let Michele Leshner know, mlesher222@comcast.net, so she can have enough supplies. Please bring a pair of gloves (and hat/sunscreen if you'd like). You will be doing a great favor for awesome Tramway Blvd, which has the beautiful Sandias as its backdrop!

Board Meeting – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

Voting Member Quarterly Information Meeting – Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. HOAMCO will email a sign-up link to those who have provided email addresses in Caliber.

General Announcements:

It's Official!! – All three proposed amendments to the High Desert By-Laws received Written Consent by an overwhelming majority of Voting Members. For Proposal 1 (Change Nominating Committee Chair from Board Member to Voting Member and add responsibility to oversee Voting Member elections), 87% of the weighted votes were in favor. For Proposal 2 (Allow Board to fill vacant Voting Member positions instead of requiring special elections), 91% of the weighted votes were in favor. For Proposal 3 (Extend voting options so Voting Members can also vote by absentee ballot or electronic methods), 80% of the weighted votes were in favor. After the document recording is completed, the revised By-Laws will be posted on our [website](#).

Congratulations to the 23 newly elected Voting Members! – For a two-year term, these Voting Members will be representing their respective villages: The Canyons, Chaco Ridge, Desert Highlands, Desert Mountain, Desert Sky, Trailhead, Mountain Highlands, Trillium, West Highlands, Wilderness Canon, The Aerie, and Highlands. The Voting Members for all villages are listed on the [High Desert website](#).

Expect More Traffic Sunday – An event is being held at the Elena Gallegos picnic area on Sunday, October 1, which will likely increase traffic along Simms Park Road. There will also likely be more activity on the nearby hiking trails.

Please Tell Us about High Impact Events – If you learn about an upcoming event that will have an impact on High Desert, please let us know (communicationscommittee@hoamco.com) so we can post information in upcoming bulletins.

On-Call Expertise Needed – High Desert needs homeowners with expertise to advise the Board and committees on matters such as finance, engineering, hydrology, landscaping, communications, and more. If you have such skills, please consider putting your name forward as a potential volunteer advisor. The Board will approach volunteers from the list as the need arises, and you can accept or decline the assignment. Call Erin Brizuela, Assistant Manager at HOAMCO (505-314-5862) to be added to the Advisory Directory.

Progress on Evaluating Trees – The Board, Landscape Committee and Natural Resources Committee met with Legacy Tree Company on August 25th for a kick-off meeting regarding the review, assessment, and long-term planning for the failing pinon pine trees throughout the community. Since then, Legacy has completed irrigation evaluations, with the help of Yellowstone, to understand the irrigation going to the pinon trees and to assess deficiencies in the system. Legacy Tree is also evaluating the pinon trees in the main thoroughfares, currently including Cortaderia, Imperata, Spain, Academy, and Blue Gramma. Trees in these areas have the highest visibility impact on owners and visitors in High Desert. As Legacy Tree completes its evaluations, it will bring long-term planning strategies and ideas for improving irrigation to the pinons, root structure and plant healthcare treatments, and even removals and replacements. As we learn more details about their assessments, these will be shared with the community. Also, the Landscape Committee is inventorying the dead trees for removal.

New APD App – The Albuquerque Police Department has a new app called Atlas One that has replaced APD's old app (which no longer functions or sends APD information). If you're interested in using Atlas One, there's information on [APD's website](#) as well as a [YouTube guide](#).

Sign up for E-Statements – If you haven't done it already, remember to sign up for E-Statements, and enjoy the convenience of not having to check your mail for that assessment invoice. Visit <https://hoamco.opt-e-mail.com/signup> to sign up. If you need any assistance signing up, please reach out to the High Desert HOAMCO office at 505-314-5862.

Early Voting in October – Early voting starts in October for the November 7 Election. Information is available at the links below and from the [Bernalillo County Clerk](#)

[View My Sample Ballot](#)

[Request Absentee Ballot](#)

[Early Voting Locations](#)

Early voting at the Clerks Annex: October 10 to 21

Early Voting at sites around Bernalillo (can also drop off absentee ballots): Oct 21 to Nov 4

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

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