



High Desert Bulletin

December 2023

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Board Meeting – There will not be a Board Meeting in December.

High Desert Office Holiday Closure – The High Desert office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. If you experience a community emergency during that time, please contact either High Desert Security at 505-485-5658 or the High Desert Emergency Phone at 505-221-0189.

General Announcements:

Studio Tour Back by Popular Demand – The High Desert Studio Tour will be held this year on Sunday, December 3, from 10 am to 5 pm. Meet High Desert artists, explore their creative spaces, and collect one-of-a-kind art. More information, including maps, is available [here](#). Follow the purple balloons!

HOAMCO Contract Extended – The Board voted to extend the contract with HOAMCO to provide community management services to High Desert until June 2025. Brandy Hetherington will remain our Community Association Manager.

Green Waste Pickup – The City will pick up residential Green Waste at no additional charge on our regular trash day of Monday, December 4. Put your Green Waste (leaves, grass, and brush) in trash bags and place at the curb by 7 a.m. Place bags at least 5 feet from trash and recycling containers. Each trash bag must weigh less than 40 pounds and branches must be cut to four-foot lengths and be bundled securely. Dirt, construction debris, gravel, construction material or tree stumps will not be picked up. More information is available on the [City's website](#).

Responsibility for Sidewalk Maintenance – You may not be aware that the City of Albuquerque maintains a large portion of the sidewalks within High Desert. Sidewalks along Academy, Spain, Blue Gramma and portions of the sidewalks along Imperata and Cortaderia are the City's responsibility to maintain. Within Gated Villages, each village is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and the driveway aprons.

Sidewalk inspections – In November and December, Brandy Hetherington will be conducting inspections of the sidewalks throughout High Desert. The goal is to identify damage or hazards that need to be corrected. In areas that are the responsibility of the City of Albuquerque, issues will be reported to the City, and in areas that belong to High Desert or to a gated village, issues will be cataloged with plans for repairs, focusing on the safety concerns first. If you have a concern about a sidewalk that needs attention, please reach out to the High Desert office at highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

Snow Protocols – It seems like winter is upon us already with 3 snow events having already happened. High Desert and each gated village have a snow protocol in place to address snow removal from sidewalks and/or roadways. Please see the [High Desert website](#) for more information on the protocols and to view the maps for areas of removal. Please note that owners who do not reside in gated villages are responsible for removing snow on their driveways and sidewalks.

New Voting Member and Alternate – The Board appointed Delores Stroud as a Voting Member for Pinon Point and Julia Homeijer as Alternate Voting Member for The Legends. Congratulations!

Nominating Committee Chair – Congratulations to Tammi Dorsey, who the Board appointed as the Nominating Committee Chair.

Crime Awareness Committee Chair – Congratulations to Mark Soo Hoo, who the Board appointed as the Crime Awareness Committee Chair.

Legacy Tree Company – Piñon tree assessment – Legacy Tree is making progress on its review of the piñon trees throughout the community. At the November board meeting, they submitted a proposal to remove 140 of the dead/dying piñon trees. So far, they have catalogued 563 piñon trees in the common areas along Spain, Academy, Blue Gramma, Cortaderia and Imperata. High Desert is waiting for the assessment of the irrigation systems feeding the trees, to explore what improvements can be made for better watering. The Board is considering the proposal for the tree removal. Replacements have not been considered yet, but there have been discussions about replacing them with other types of more climate-ready trees, and not replacing them one-for-one, but utilizing a more deliberate planting approach to avoid overcrowding.

Fall Apache Plume on Website – We hope you enjoyed reading the Fall Apache Plume that was delivered in your mail. As always, the [Apache Plume](#) is also available electronically on the website, so you can easily refer back to articles at a later date.

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