



# High Desert Bulletin

February 2024

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

*High Desert Townhall* – George Marsh, our Board President, will host the next Townhall Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. Registration information will be sent to all homeowners who have provided their email addresses to HOAMCO. 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.

*Board Meeting* – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, February 20 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).

## General Announcements:

### From the Nominating Committee - 3 Board of Directors Positions Open:

High Desert is one of the nicest places to live in Albuquerque and, indeed, the most wonderful place many of us have ever lived. Perhaps you have ideas for how to make it even better. If you have skills and experience that would make this wonderful community even better, if you see something that you would like to fix, if you think we could forge a more perfect union, and if you want to know your neighbors and neighborhood better, now is your chance! Submit your name for one of the open positions for a two-year term on our Board of Directors.

If this vision ignites your desire to know and improve your community, please submit your Statement of Interest (SOI) by March 15th. If you have any questions, please email Tammi Dorsey at [tammidorsey@outlook.com](mailto:tammidorsey@outlook.com). Please, contact Tammi when you submit your SOI so she knows to expect it in her email. The SOI template can be [downloaded and printed for submission or completed and submitted online](#) from the [Forms page](#) of the High Desert website.

Once you submit an SOI, the Nominating Committee will reach out to schedule an informational meeting with you beginning the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. A Meet and Greet will be held with the Voting Members in April where you will have an opportunity to present your reasons for being a Board Member. The process will conclude with the election by the Voting Members on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meeting. Contact any of the Nominating Committee members if you have questions: Tammi Dorsey- Chair, Harry Jones, Susan Camp, Mark Soo Hoo, and Millie Yamada.

*What are Your Top Five?* – The Nominating Committee wants to know what you care about most in High Desert. What standards are you most concerned about maintaining? What problems have developed that concern you? We will use the items you submit as we develop questions for Board Candidates to address. Send us at least three items by February 15, and we will enter you into a drawing for gift cards to [O'Beans Coffee Shop](#). Email your items to [tammidorsey@outlook.com](mailto:tammidorsey@outlook.com).

*Welcome to Carmen Gomez* – Please welcome High Desert's new Administrative Assistant, Carmen Gomez. Carmen will be in the High Desert HOAMCO office Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Carmen comes to us with many years of experience as an administrative professional from the construction industry. She is also a notary.

*Apache Plume Arriving Soon* – Be on the lookout for the Winter Apache Plume, which will be arriving in your mailbox in February. These monthly Bulletins provide key announcements, but the Apache Plume is still the place to go for the full story about events in High Desert.

*Tip from our Crime Awareness Liaison* - Nationally, two burglaries occur every minute and most of these are committed by amateurs supporting their drug habits. Keep your doors and windows locked and set the alarm when not at home.

*Tree Removal* - At the January 16th board meeting, the Board of Directors approved two proposals from Legacy Tree Company to remove dead and dying trees in High Desert. The first proposal will include the removal of 140 dead or diseased pinon trees in the main thoroughfares of High Desert. The second proposal includes the removal of 107 dead trees around the High Desert community, that are not pinon trees. This work will be completed during the week of January 29th.

*Unattended Charging can Lead to Fires* – Have you seen the news stories lately about house fires that were caused by unattended charging of batteries, especially for electric/hybrid vehicles, bikes and scooters? Make sure you are following [safe charging guidelines](#) for electric vehicles and see the [Take Charge of Battery Safety](#) website for information on safely charging lithium-ion batteries in general.

*Meet Some of Your Neighbors* – Here in the Sandia Foothills, we are blessed with many different forms of wildlife, both winged and four-legged. Wildlife is so important to High Desert that the philosophy of HD landscape design ensures a pleasing landscape, but also increases habitat available to wildlife. See [pictures](#) and even a [video](#) of our local wildlife on the High Desert website. Please send us your own photos of wildlife to add to our collection. You can email them to [hdwebcom21@gmail.com](mailto:hdwebcom21@gmail.com).

*Revised Nominating Committee Charter Approved* – The Board approved a [revised charter](#) for the Nominating Committee at the January 16 Board meeting. The major changes were to:

- Change the Chair from being a Board Member to a Voting Member,
- Add responsibility for overseeing the Voting Member elections,
- Make the committee a standing committee, rather than having a yearly term,
- Delete the Code of Conduct from the Charter and instead reference the common Code of Conduct that is approved for all committees, and
- Delete the material describing procedures and move that material to a new Board Nomination and Election Procedure, which is currently being developed.

*Prescribed Burns in Sandia Ranger District* – The Sandia Ranger District started prescribed burns in the Sandias in January and [plans to continue](#) the burns through March when conditions are favorable.

*This bulletin was prepared by the High Desert Communications Committee. Please email any suggestions to [communicationscommittee@hoamco.com](mailto:communicationscommittee@hoamco.com).*

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