



# High Desert Bulletin

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

*Board Meeting* – The High Desert Board will meet on Tuesday, April 16 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).

*Budget Townhall* - The Board of Directors will be holding a townhall meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm to address the budget and assessment increase for High Desert. Please join this meeting using the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82776977199>; Meeting ID: 827 7697 7199.

*Make Tramway Beautiful* – The next Tramway Cleanup day will be Saturday, April 20 (to commemorate Earth Day). It will start at 10 am at the Albertson's parking lot. If you can make it, please email Michele Leshner at [mlesher222@comcast.net](mailto:mlesher222@comcast.net) so she can have enough supplies. She will have the bags and stylish orange vests for everyone! Please bring a pair of gloves and a mask if you wish. You will be doing a great favor for awesome Tramway Blvd which has the beautiful Sandias as its backdrop!

*Meet & Greet Board Candidates* - Six of our neighbors have come forward to offer their services as Board Directors for High Desert. Voting Members will choose four of them to be Board Directors during the Annual Meeting. The Board is hosting an informal event so all High Desert owners can get to know these candidates and their ideas for High Desert before the election. This Meet and Greet will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the Church of the Good Shepherd (7834 Tennyson St NE). This will be a hybrid event, so those who can't attend in person can participate remotely via Zoom. Informal discussions with candidates will be held from 5 to 6 pm for in-person participants. Presentations from the candidates, with Question-and-Answer opportunities will be held from 6 to 8 pm and will be open to Zoom participants. There will be light refreshments and a raffle for multiple prizes for those who attend in person. Please contact the HOAMCO High Desert office at [highdesertmanager@hoamco.com](mailto:highdesertmanager@hoamco.com) if you plan to attend, either in person or via Zoom, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Annual Meeting with Board Election and Voting Members Quarterly Meeting* – The Annual Meeting of High Desert, including election of Board Directors, will be held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday April 25 at Sandia Presbyterian Church (10704 Paseo Del Norte NE) from 6 to 8 pm. Remote participation will be available via Zoom. All High Desert owners are welcome to attend either in person or by Zoom, but participation by Zoom is encouraged for owners who are not Voting Members or Alternate Voting Members because of space limitations. Contact the HOAMCO High Desert office at [highdesertmanager@hoamco.com](mailto:highdesertmanager@hoamco.com) if you plan to attend, either in person or via Zoom, so appropriate arrangements can be made. The Voting Members Quarterly Meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting.

## General Announcements:

*New Voting Member Election Procedure* – At the March Board Meeting, the Board approved an update to the Voting Member Election Policy (now called procedure). This update reflects the changes to the By-Laws approved by Voting Members last September, most notably assigning responsibility to the Nominating Committee for overseeing the election process. The revised procedure includes practices that have been refined over the past few years to ensure the election is conducted smoothly. It also includes a Code of Conduct that Voting Members and Alternates will need to sign. You can see the [new procedure](#) on the High Desert [website](#).

*Corrections to Approved and Prohibited Plant List* – Minor changes were approved for the High Desert Approved and Prohibited Plant List at the March 19th Board Meeting. Spelling grammar and format items were corrected. Please note that there are too many alternate plant names to list so only one or two common names are listed. If you cannot find a plant on the list using the name you are familiar with, search the internet for the scientific name of the plant and search the Approved and Prohibited Plant List using that. If you have any questions email Camille Singaraju at [bsingaraju@msn.com](mailto:bsingaraju@msn.com).

*CPED* - No, it's not a new cold medication, but it is a way to have the security of your home reviewed. Crime Prevention through Environment Design is a program in which the Foothills Area Command will conduct an in-person review of your home. Contact Samantha Martinez, our APD Crime Prevention Specialist, at 505-332-5240 to arrange for a review.

*Election Signs* – As the June 4 primary election approaches, please remember the [High Desert policy](#) about election signs. The policy allows two campaign signs up to 3ft by 3ft to be posted in a front yard facing the street. Signs cannot be located on the sidewalk or rear of the lot facing open spaces or streets. Banners, flags, balloons, etc. are not allowed. The signs can be posted 45 days before the election, which is April 21, and must be removed by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

*And the Lucky Winner is* – The Nominating Committee wants to thank everyone who submitted ideas about ways to increase positive engagement in High Desert. We received suggestions about using public spaces to foster greater community, increased activities for villages, and for improving our infrastructure. The ideas are being discussed and we hope it will be possible to follow up on them in the future. The winner of the drawing for a gift card to O'Beans Coffee Shop is Audrey Shedivy. Congratulations Audrey!

*Yellowstone Contract Extended* – The Yellowstone contract for maintaining our High Desert landscaping has been extended through December 31, 2024.

*Watch Out for Snakes* – As the weather warms up, snakes come out of hibernation, including rattlesnakes. Remember to keep an eye out for them especially when doing yard work or walking through natural areas. For more information, see Albuquerque city's [Be a Friend to Snakes](#) webpage.

*High Winds and Gates* – We are still in our windy season, so here is a reminder of the protocol for Gated Villages. If winds are projected to be 20 mph or over, HOAMCO will hold the gates open. Opening the gates during these times mitigates excessive wear-and-tear on the swing arms and gear boxes, and potential wind damage.

*Election Bulletin Coming Soon* – Keep an eye out for an Election Bulletin later this month. It will include more details about the Board election as well as statements from Board Candidates about High Desert issues.

*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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