



High Desert Bulletin

May 2024

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Board Meeting – The High Desert Board will likely meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 5 pm via Zoom. However, the new Board will be meeting to elect officers this week, and they might need to adjust the Board Meeting schedules to accommodate new Board Members. Check the High Desert website [calendar](#) to verify the date and time of the May Board Meeting. If you would like to attend, please contact HOAMCO at 505-314-5862 or highdesertmanager@hoamco.com.

Make Tramway Beautiful – The rescheduled Tramway Cleanup day will be Saturday, May 18. It will start at 9 am at the Albertson's parking lot. It is scheduled an hour earlier than usual so you can attend the talk about birds in the High Desert park afterwards (see below). If you can make it, please email Michele Leshner at 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!

Landscape Committee Sponsoring Speaker about Birds – Bring your chairs and blankets and join the Landscape Committee on May 18 at 11 am at High Desert Park, to welcome Claude Vallieres. Claude will speak on birds and how we can identify and support the birds here in our community. Claude Vallieres is Wild Birds Unlimited's resident bird nerd, and he is a longtime lover of all avian creatures. Claude is a volunteer and leads weekend bird walks at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park. He participates in hawk watches, bird counts and surveys, Christmas Bird Counts and is a member of Bird Alliance of Central New Mexico.

High Desert Office Holiday Closure – The High Desert HOAMCO office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday. 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:

Welcome New Board Directors – Voting Members elected four new Board Directors at the April 25 Annual Meeting. Congratulations Mark Bentz (Pinon Point), Kristy Frame (Chaco Ridge), Jay Newton-Small (Mountain Highlands) and Mark Vander Voort (Trillium)!

Thanks to "Retiring" Board Directors – Ray Berg, Bob Howell and Bill Pederson completed their Board terms at the Annual Meeting. Thanks for volunteering to improve our neighborhood and for all the great progress you made!

More News in the Upcoming Apache Plume – Look for your Apache Plume in your mailbox in the next couple of weeks. You can read articles about our new Board Directors and the Annual Meeting, as well as in-depth news about High Desert.

More Winners! – Congratulations to Johnny Brannon, Caroline Enos, Sharon Littrell-Marsh, Mike Shaw, Camille Singaraju, and Margaret Vander Voort for winning the drawings at the Board Candidate Meet & Greet. A special thanks to our prize donors: Thea Berg, Mark and Cindy Soo Hoo, HOAMCO, and Yellowstone Landscaping!

Did You See the Budget Mailing? – The High Desert Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 was mailed to all High Desert property owners over a month ago. In case your copy wound up in the “open later” pile, please be aware that the Board announced an increase in Base monthly assessments from \$68 to \$103. Gated Villages have additional assessments, and two villages will have increases in their village assessments. The Legends will have \$42/month increase and the Enclave will have a \$2/month increase. Look for a full discussion in the upcoming Apache Plume.

Crime Awareness tip: Take some time and have "Coffee with a Cop". These are Foothills Area Command events that give residents a chance to speak with APD officers who patrol our neighborhood and have coffee at a nearby coffee house. Ask questions like when do you use K-9s, or what about that suspicious car you saw last night? Get a first hand perspective on what they see and do to combat crime and show them your support. Read more about "Coffee with a Cop" in the Foothills Area Command [newsletter](#).

Wall and Fence Evaluation – You’ve probably heard concerns about our aging infrastructure within High Desert. Learn more about the state of our association-owned walls, fences, gates and monument signs in the [report](#) that was prepared for High Desert by Pland Collaborative.

City’s Constructive Conversations series – Mayor Keller is inviting Albuquerque residents to "[Constructive Conversations](#)," a new series of community meetings to talk about infrastructure, placemaking, and the projects that improve quality of life for our families. High Desert is in District 8 and our meeting will be held on May 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Holiday Park Community Center (11710 Comanche Road NE). Mayor Keller is encouraging you to attend and share your ideas and priorities for building projects in our area. The event is free and open to the public, and [RSVP](#) is required. If you are unable to attend in person, you can submit your comments and questions in the [suggestion box](#).

Why is that Car Still There? – If you see a VetSec car parked for prolonged periods in Desert Mountain please don’t be concerned. Vet Sec has been parking an extra vehicle there as a contingency if their normal route vehicle breaks down. This reduces the time for getting patrols active again if problems are encountered.

Election Signs Reminder – 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 7th.

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

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