

# Apache Plume

A Newsletter for the Community of High Desert, Albuquerque, New Mexico

August 2020

## Annual Meeting Moved Again— to October 29, 2020 Due to Continued Restrictions on Large Gatherings

The Voting Members' Annual Meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 29, 2020. It was originally scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020. Due to the state prohibitions on meetings of large groups due to the coronavirus, both the New Mexico state government and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination directed the Board of Directors to move the meeting to August 6, 2020. But when the New Mexico governor paused Phase 2 reopening plans in early July and extended the Emergency Public Health Care Order for at least two weeks, the High Desert Board voted unanimously (via email) to move the date to October 29, 2020.

### No Venue Available For August Meeting

The August 6 date might have still worked if the state began to reopen again in late July, but meanwhile the High Desert Board could not find a venue to hold an August meeting that could include up to 50 or more people. Regular Voting Member meetings have been held in the past at Hope Church on Juan Tabo.

"We contacted several locations large enough to hold our meeting," Clay Wright, President of the Board of Directors said in early July. "No one will book us a date. No one will even entertain booking a tentative date or put us on a waitlist."

Added to the problem of the meeting date was the requirement by the High Desert Governing Documents and state law to notify homeowners of the Annual Meeting 30 days in advance. With no

venue set and no certainty of the state eventually allowing gatherings over five persons by early August, the Board voted July 2 to move the Annual Meeting to October 29.

The Voting Members Annual Meeting is normally held each April and includes elections of new members to the Board of Directors. Voting Members are offered a slate of directors by the Nominating Committee for approval. Nominations can also be

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## The Long, Long Summer Of 2020...

*No Parties, No Weddings, No Family Reunions  
No Summer Camps, No Travel, No Vacations*

Someday in the future it will be easy to remember what we did back in the summer of 2020. Not very much, really. With restrictions continuing due to Covid-19, most homeowners' plans for travel, reunions, ballgames, parties and vacations withered to a few hopeful "maybes" and usually to a reluctant "I guess not." A state requirement in early July to self-quarantine for two weeks after leaving and returning to N.M., nixed many plans, particularly if destinations were to states where virus numbers were increasing rapidly. A patchwork of quarantine requirements

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*This stunning photo of High Desert was taken from the southern edge of the community by Bomi Parakh, homeowner in Wilderness Cañon.*

# President's Summary

By Clay Wright, HDROA President



Clay Wright

Hello Neighbors.

Thank you. Thank you to the majority of thoughtful High Desert residents who are settling into this constantly evolving reality caused by the global pandemic. We do face challenges. It is extremely frustrating. But through the dark clouds are shimmers of light. I find encouragement from those of you who are quietly doing exactly what you should: social distancing, wearing a mask when appropriate and turning adversity into opportunity by addressing all those little issues around the house. Doing so improves your property, shows pride in our community, and will certainly help maintain property values.

Please know that despite the difficulties in navigating these troubling times our Association is on course. Despite the fact we are forced to postpone the Annual Meeting until October, all Board members are committed to staying at their post. All vendors continue to maintain our community and are engaging in new projects. Perhaps you have seen the complete renovation of the Kiva water feature at the corner of Imperata and Spain. We have a massive re-stucco project moving forward. And in a show of remarkable cooperation between observant neighbors, a diligent real estate agent and the G4S security patrol squatters were run out of a vacant home in our community

While most are supportive, sadly a few have chosen a different path. For this tiny but vocal minority vitriol is sport. Time wasted addressing their issues is costly and exhausting. To those people I am reminded of the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds... if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

As we all find our way through this mess thanks to all of you who strive to move forward with a clear perspective and forbearance.

## Annual Meeting Moved to Oct. 29

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taken from the floor. This year, four positions are opening on the Board. Current directors whose terms officially expired in April 2020 are David Bentley, Jr., Tom Murdock, Dr. Janet Brierley and Robin Troy. These directors have mutually agreed to continue serving on the Board until the October Annual Meeting.

Each year at the Annual Meeting, Voting Members also review the annual budget presented by the Board. Voting Members can approve or reject the budget as proposed. If they reject the budget, the Board must present a revised budget at a later date.

Holding the Annual Meeting by Zoom or other virtual meeting platform is not an option. "Our bylaws require a quorum of Voting Members representing their villages to elect the new directors and to review the budget," Clay said. "We need to meet in person for the vote."

Clay noted that the meeting date might change again, depending on the governor's orders and the trajectory of the coronavirus this fall. "I'd advise all homeowners to monitor the website regularly for updates," he said.

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# Assessments & Due Dates, Stucco and Vendors



By *Lynnette Rodriguez*,  
*Community Association Manager*

With concerns about post office box safety these days, did you know you can pay your assessments online or even have them paid automatically each quarter from your bank account? Too often I hear from residents who have lost track of their quarterly statements and are subsequently late in paying. We are always happy at the office to send you a new statement as a courtesy but missing statements are not a valid excuse for a late payment. All homeowners receive the Annual Budget showing the upcoming year's quarterly assessment amount and due dates. This is required by the bylaws and serves as notice to all homeowners. Additional statements are mailed as courtesy reminders, but it is up to homeowners to pay on time whether or not they receive that quarterly statement.

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Our big stucco project continues throughout High Desert. We are working with our vendor High Desert Maintenance to repair and re-stucco as necessary all the damaged common area walls in the community. If you notice a particular area that we may have missed or not know about, please send us photos and cross streets. If you'd like to see our schedule and photos of previous work go to [www.highdesertmaintenance.com](http://www.highdesertmaintenance.com).

In addition, it is very important that all homeowners check any

common area walls that border their property. Are there vines on your side of the wall? Please remove them. Do you have sprinklers directed at the walls? Please aim them away from the stucco. If you drain your hot tub or pool, don't let the hose drain next to or over the wall since it can undermine the overall structure. The common area walls are a vital part of the association's common areas and everyone needs to do their part to preserve them.

Despite the recent shutdowns, re-openings and further shutdowns due to the pandemic, I want to assure everyone that the association is functioning normally and your vendors are working to keep the community up and running. We are in the HOAMCO office daily but are only meeting with High Desert residents by appointment. Emails and phone calls are attended to daily by the in-office staff.

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## WHAT WILL HOMES LOOK LIKE IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD?



A lot has changed in just a few months, and for many that includes the idea of what a 'dream home' looks like. Not long ago, buyers were showing a preference toward smaller homes and open concept spaces conducive to gathering. After a few months cooped up inside, those features don't seem so appealing - and developers have taken note. "While the coronavirus still rages on, it's hard to predict what post-pandemic abodes might look like," according to Barrons. "Yet, developers around the U.S. are already rethinking projects, anticipating residents' needs and preferences that Covid-19 would spur. In doing so, they are re-evaluating current in-unit aesthetics and in-demand amenities."

### Home size

Homes had been trending smaller, but that may be over. With so many home families spending (way) more time around the home lately, there's never been more need for personal space. Expect homes to grow in size accordingly.

### Prioritizing the home office

As more and more businesses relax work-from-home policies, or shift to full-time remote work entirely, the home office will become a near essential for many buyers. A space that was once an after-thought now will need to offer privacy, good lighting and be pre-wired for telecommuting.

### Return to closed-floorplan

For some buyers, the appeal of the open-floorplan was already trending down prior to 2020, and the past few months have only made the reasons why more evident. Sharing more time and space at home demands privacy for school work, hobbies, and entertainment. With more meals being cooked at home, an open kitchen becomes noisy epicenter practically all day long. Builders expect a rise in demand for closed floorplans, where rooms are partitioned for purpose.

### Smart technology

This is already one of the fastest growing trends in home design, but smart home technology will soon move from a 'plus' to a 'must'. Temperature and lighting control can now be voice or motion-activated. Touchless faucets, once thought superfluous, are now an inexpensive and health-conscious upgrade. Systems that filter air and monitor air quickly will become more common and affordable.



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<b>CRITICAL EVENTS:</b>	–	–	–	Gate Issues	1	7	6
Assault/Fight	1	0	1	Street Lights/Maintenance	0	9	10
Breaking/Entering: Home	1	0	0	<b>OTHER:</b>	–	–	–
Breaking/Entering: Vehicle	1	1	0	Animal Control Calls	0	0	0
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Dwelling Fire	0	0	0	Snake Calls	0	1	1
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0	Vacation Home Checks	2	2	12
Grass/Wild Fires	0	0	1	Security Inspection	167	180	188
Medical Emergency	1	0	0				
Alarms	0	3	3				
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	11	7	6				
Vandalism	8	3	4				
<b>TRAFFIC EVENTS:</b>	–	–	–				
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Salesperson/Solicitor	2	0	0				
Open Door/Window/Garage	13	11	9				
Notices Posted on Residences	0	0	1				
Pool Issues	0	0	1				
<b>QUALITY OF LIFE:</b>	–	–	–				
(Lost and Found:)	–	–	–				
(Lost) Children	0	0	0				
(Lost) Pets	2	0	0				

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## High Desert Dermatology Welcomes Niki Manole Ninopoulos, PA-C

Niki Manole Ninopoulos was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Spanish and a minor in Biology. After graduating, Niki worked as a Research Scientist at the University of New Mexico's Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions while simultaneously shadowing and learning from a few of Albuquerque's great physicians. She was then given the opportunity to continue her medical education through the University of New Mexico Physician Assistant Program where she received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. She was also awarded the UNM PA program award of excellence.



Niki Manole  
Ninopoulos, PA

Niki's first encounter with Dr. Carey was many years ago. As a young woman, Niki struggled with acne and was a patient of Dr. Carey's. Her passion for dermatology grew after seeing what a profound difference he had on her life. She is honored to work alongside the great providers at High Desert Dermatology to deliver the same exceptional care she received as a patient.

When not at work, Niki enjoys spending time with her husband and young son. She is actively involved with the Greek community of Albuquerque and also enjoys baking and reading.

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# Five-Acre Fire Burns Area Above Glenwood Hills June 25

By the High Desert Wildland Fire Prevention Working Group

On Thursday, June 25 at 10 p.m., reports started coming into Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) of a fire in the foothills just east of the homes on Sunset Canyon NE in Glenwood Hills. Although the fire burned no more than five acres, the abundance of fuel and 25 mile-per-hour swirling winds brought the fire close to backyards and embers floating close to roofs.

## 35 Firefighters Respond

AFR's Wildland Division responded with its taskforce as well as additional units totaling more than 35 firefighters. Crews triaged and categorized homes and quickly went to work to contain the fire. Seven homes were threatened with four needing to be evacuated. Crews deployed 2,300 feet of hose to protect homes and contain the fire.

The spectacular night-time fire spread fast, consuming the fuel from highly flammable grasses and native bushes with destruction of multiple juniper trees. People were allowed to return to their homes by 1:00 a.m. while AFR personnel continued to watch hotspots all night and into Friday.

## Get Prepared!

Are you prepared? The current fire danger rating is "High, marginal Very High." See story below right to see how Albuquerque Fire Rescue rates homes in the path of fire for protection.

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*Fire trucks assemble below the Glenwood Hills fire as it spreads rapidly over the hills just above occupied homes.*

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## HD Wildland Working Group Asks: Could Your Home Be Saved?

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**1. STAND ALONE:** The homeowners have done everything perfectly to protect their home from the fire, so nothing else needs to be done by fire fighters to make it safe.

**2. PREP AND HOLD:** These homeowners have done many things to make their home savable, but there are still a few things that fire fighters need to do to protect it. Fire fighters will remain on site to protect the home.

**3. PREP AND LEAVE:** These homeowners have done many things to make their home savable, but there are still a few things that fire fighters need to do to protect it. There is no safety zone for fire fighters to remain on site.

**4. RESCUE DRIVE BY:** The homeowners have done nothing to prepare their home against wildfire. So, fire fighters will evacuate residents and clear the area. The home cannot be defended against wildfire.

**What category would your home be in if it were triaged today for a wildfire?**



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# The Long, Long Summer of 2020

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throughout the U.S. further confused plans to travel and the NM governor, in early July, rolled back reopening plans and asked people to stay home, avoid gatherings of more than five and stay safe.

Isotopes baseball was cancelled, movie theatres and play venues shut down, swimming pools closed except for reserved lap swims, the Balloon Museum was closed (and the Fiesta cancelled) and the Natural History Museum and Explora! closed their doors. Hinkle Family Fun Center remained locked and shuttered and restaurants served at reduced capacity. Weddings were canceled or postponed and family get-togethers curtailed. Golf courses opened to a limited and reserved number of players and state parks remained closed for camping. In short...summer plans took a major hit for everyone, including High Desert residents.

"We'd planned to go to Europe this summer," said Sam Baca, homeowner in Trailhead. "We also had planned a trip to Florida to meet family and friends. Both were cancelled." Instead, Sam and his wife hike the foothills and neighborhoods, averaging about seven miles a day.

Dagmar Beinenz-Byrd of The Highlands, spends a lot of time knitting these days. She's had to cancel a trip this summer to see her mother in Germany. Her daughter, 18, is getting ready for college in the fall. "It's hard for her to limit social contacts and be home so much," she said. Dagmar looks forward to meeting with her High Desert book club friends whenever they can at the park where they talk about books while social distancing.

Sandra Jacoby of The Overlook, had a spring trip to Washington D.C. and Boston planned with her husband Ralph. It was cancelled. Family members who had intended to visit during the

summer changed their plans and stayed at home. "We always have visitors for Balloon Fiesta, but, of course, not this year," she said. Another family event scheduled in August may or may not take place. "Everyone involved will decide in August whether it makes sense to travel then," she said.

Day-to-day summer activities now center around the house or involve walks or hiking, homeowners say.

Brenda Gossage has two elementary school-aged children who are in year-round school with daily Zoom classes. "Otherwise, we do normal kid-fun activities around the house. We do arts and crafts, bike riding and we walk the dog," she said.

"My day-to-day schedule has not changed that much, honestly," said Sandra. "I shop (with a mask and hand sanitizer) and do household chores same as before. However, I do more yard clean-up and deep-cleaning projects now." She said she and a group of women have regularly hiked or walked daily even before the virus and subsequent shut-down. "I am spending more time on the trails. Michial Emery is the trailhead of choice because we can walk there from The Overlook—one of the reasons we moved here in the first place."

As the temperature climbed to three digits in mid-July, walkers and hikers took to the trails earlier in the day or stayed inside. Sandra works on a project researching Nepal and India where she and her husband traveled in January. "I have been reading books and studying history—things I can do while isolating," she said. "I have enough questions and there is enough material that I believe I can keep busy until a vaccine is available and we can travel again! And, then we will be busy planning our next trip which could be golf in Ireland—if they let us in."

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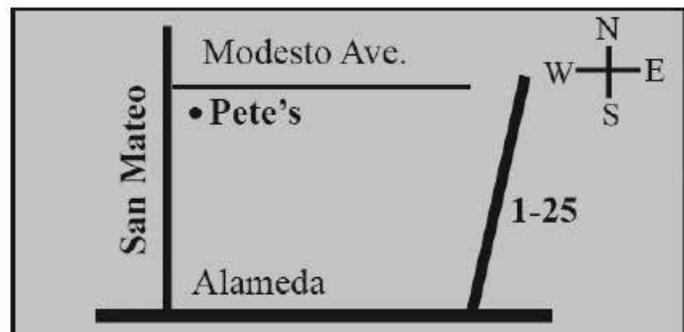
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# High Desert Treasurer's Report: 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2019-20



**Tom Murdock**

*By Tom Murdock  
Treasurer, Board of Directors*

For the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year, the Master Association had an income of \$1,263,301 which was \$45,489 (3.6%) more than initially budgeted. Mandated transfer to reserves of \$62,550 resulted in a net income of \$945,243. Expenses totaled \$1,255,219.59 and were \$140,928.57 (12.6%) over budget, resulting in an operating net loss of \$8,979.

The Gated Villages had a combined income of \$301,854.54. Expenses of \$237,007.90 and reserve contributions of \$112,300 totaled \$349,307 which yields a combined gated village operating net loss of \$47,453.

The Association's reserve accounts remain healthy and fully funded as mandated in the current reserve study. The Master Association had a balance of \$696,623 in its reserve checking and CD accounts. The Arroyo Reserve account balance was \$107,186. The gated villages had a combined reserve checking and CD balance of \$1,124,765.

As of June 30, 2020, the High Desert Residential Owners Association had cash assets of \$2,708,792.

As of June 30, 2020, 133 owners had accounts receivable balances totaling \$135,989 which is a delinquency rate of 7.0%. Of

note is the fact that the top seven delinquent owners (those owing \$2,000 or more) account for 64.2% of the total receivables.

The Association continues to remain well-positioned to meet all of its financial requirements and obligations.

• See more Treasurer's Reports on page 11 •

## Reserve Account Balances For Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Ended June 30, 2020

Master	696,623.24
Arroyo	107,186.82
Canyons	195,519.67
Chaco Compound	55,654.12
Desert Mountain	259,625.73
Enclave	123,586.86
Legends	121,636.48
Trillium	256,814.72
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## HDROA Income Expense Report For Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Ended June 30, 2020

<b>INCOME</b>	
HOMEOwner ASSESSMENTS	\$ 1,168,560.00
COST SHARING - ALTEZZA	78,741.00
ASSESSMENT INTEREST	2175.19
ASSESSMENT LATE FEES	3700.00
LEGAL/COLLECTION FEES	37497.08
GATE REMOTES	-
INTEREST INCOME	5,694.94
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	2,075.00
RECOVERY OF BAD DEBT	-
PENALTIES/FINES	7,347.31
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1,308,790.52</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO RESERVES</b>	<b>-62,550.00</b>
<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>1,246,240.52</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PR	\$60,846.89
BANK CHARGES	\$90.00
INSURANCE	\$15,759.62
LIEN/COLLECTION COSTS	\$1,047.82
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	\$9,510.39
BOARD/VOTING MEMBER MEETINGS	\$3,657.07
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$952.84
POSTAGE	\$859.42
PRINTING	\$4,719.68
MAILINGS	\$7,115.30
BILLING STATEMENTS	\$8,461.17
RESERVE STUDY	\$3,750.00
<b>COMMON AREA</b>	
STREET REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$7,816.62
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>	
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	\$173,934.94
LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT	\$32,751.38
LANDSCAPE OTHER	\$21,144.25
ARROYO & POND MAINTENANCE	\$47,557.24
EROSION CONTROL	\$9,358.20
IRRIGATION REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$37,771.19
PET CLEANUP	\$30,588.02
TRAIL MAINTENANCE	\$8,487.53
LANDSCAPE PROJECTS - MASTER PLAN	\$51,642.19
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	
ACCOUNTING/TAX PREP FEES	\$6,364.63
CONSULTING	\$77,738.37
LEGAL FEES - COLLECTION/SMALL CLAIMS	\$58,918.74
LEGAL - GENERAL SERVICES	\$20,467.78
ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT	\$141,100.56
SECURITY SERVICES	\$215,144.07
SECURITY - APD	\$18,582.00
<b>TAXES/OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	\$1,114.39
COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$6,231.92
WELCOME COMMITTEE	\$1,013.83
WEBSITE	\$7,030.67
GATE & GUARDHOUSE MAINTENANCE	\$879.14
SIGN/ENTRY MAINTENANCE	\$1,439.86
WALL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$65,730.15
SNOW REMOVAL	\$4,658.64
LOCKS & KEYS	(\$96.95)
SECURITY CAMERA SERVICE	\$181.70
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,827.66
HDROA OFFICE	\$9,332.40
TAXES - CORPORATE	\$12,508.84
<b>UTILITIES</b>	
ELECTRICITY	\$3,046.59
TELEPHONE	\$1,104.71
WATER/SEWER	\$63,078.13
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,255,219.59</b>
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$ 8,979.07</b>

# High Desert Treasurer's Reports



## HDROA Gated Villages Income Expense Report For Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Ended June 30, 2020

<b>Canyons</b>	
INCOME	\$ 29,673.54
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(10,549.00)
EXPENSES	19,316.86
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>-192.32</b>
<b>Chaco Compound</b>	
INCOME	\$ 12,267.55
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(4,643.00)
EXPENSES	11,031.66
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>-3,407.11</b>
<b>Desert Mountain</b>	
INCOME	\$ 112,518.03
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(41,368.00)
EXPENSES	98,962.89
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(27,832.86)</b>
<b>The Enclave</b>	
INCOME	\$ 29,452.73
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(14,616.00)
EXPENSES	17,699.78
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(2,863.05)</b>
<b>Trillium</b>	
INCOME	\$ 51,044.44
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(15,288.00)
EXPENSES	32,970.35
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>2,786.09</b>
<b>Wilderness Compound</b>	
INCOME	\$ 16,554.99
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(5,088.00)
EXPENSES	17,971.62
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(6,504.63)</b>
<b>The Legends</b>	
INCOME	\$ 35,743.01
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(15,288.00)
EXPENSES	31,673.90
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(11,218.89)</b>
<b>Wilderness Canon</b>	
INCOME	\$ 14,600.25
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	(5,460.00)
EXPENSES	7,360.84
<b>OPERATING NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>1,779.41</b>
<b>Total Gated Villages Income</b>	<b>\$ 301,854.54</b>
<b>Total Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>(112,300.00)</b>
<b>Total Gated Villages Expenses</b>	<b>237,007.90</b>
<b>Total Operating Net Income</b>	<b>(\$ 47,453.36)</b>

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# Feeding Wild Animals? Why It Isn't Such A Good Idea

For a community within a city, High Desert has more than its share of wild animal visitors. Deer, coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, and even bears have been observed foraging for food in common areas and yards. Some people deliberately put out food to attract wild animals to their properties. It can be fun to watch a wild animal from the comfort of your glassed-in kitchen. But think twice about doing it...putting food out for wild animals isn't doing them any favors and may disrupt their foraging patterns and cause them harm.

"I have a neighbor who puts food behind their house to feed the wild animals," said one High Desert resident. "I see coyotes behind the house multiple times per day, and every year the new parents teach the new pups how to eat the free food — no need to chase rabbits when everyone can chow down at the 'all-you-can-eat' High Desert buffet!"

Those coyote pups aren't learning how to take care of themselves, and if and when the free food stops, they could be in trouble if they haven't had much experience hunting.

## Increased Populations and Unwanted Pests

Unnatural and plentiful food sources may cause animals to have more offspring. Mammals like squirrels and raccoons will have larger litters, and ducks, geese, pigeons and other birds will lay more eggs. The result is overpopulation, which causes many problems, including overcrowding and disease. Also, uneaten seed, pet food or bread left outside is an easy meal for rats, mice and insects that can harbor diseases. Your free food may be attracting pests to your yard that you really don't want.

Putting out free food for animals in backyards can result in animals gradually losing their natural fear of people. Feeding can make



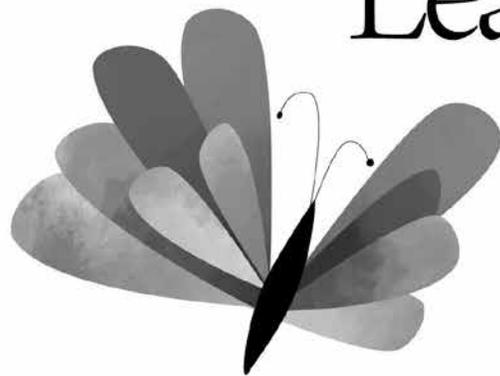
*This handsome bobcat wandered into a High Desert property looking for his next meal. He didn't find it.*

large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential areas. Once animals learn about free food, they can become a nuisance—or even worse, a safety risk. It's fun to watch a wild animal through your sliding glass door, but how fun is it when that wild animal decides to venture inside where the food is even more plentiful? Stories of bears lumbering through back doors elsewhere are not totally uncommon.

What if you aren't deliberately putting out food but the animals come around anyway? Is your birdfeeder too enticing? You may have to move it or take it away entirely. What about pet food? Feed your dogs and cats inside and bring your animals in at night. No need to risk their safety either.

High Desert is a special place, located at the intersection of city and open space. Wild animals will inevitably venture into our yards and common areas. Let them learn that this is not a place to find open buffets. Without free food, they will return to the national forest and look after themselves.

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# Crime in Albuquerque

By Dr. Janet Brierley, Board Director & Crime Prevention Liaison



Dr. Janet Brierley

## Crime Mapping in High Desert

We all know that there is plenty of crime in our city and there are some pockets of town where Albuquerque Police Department (APD) is very busy chasing criminals. The crime rates in our Foothills Area Command are generally low and here in High Desert we tend to be insulated from much of the wrongdoing. We have our security patrol, many of the homes are in gated villages, and it's tempting to become complacent and careless.

I have reviewed all the police reports from High Desert over the last six months, by looking at data on the website [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) and these reveal a snapshot of activities in our neighborhood. I have not included traffic stops or police visits to Altezza Apartments.

APD filed no fewer than 91 reports after calls from High Desert residents in the period from the middle of January to the middle of July. At face value this seems like a high number, but there are over 1,600 homes and it is a positive sign that we are being observant in our community, because 38 of those calls were to report a suspicious person or vehicle. Starting a Neighborhood Watch in your immediate area is an excellent security measure because it makes everyone more aware of typical neighborhood activities. If something unusual occurs, or someone strange appears, they are immediately recognized as being out of place and potential crimes can be nipped in the bud.

There were burglaries at eight homes, including four in gated

villages. This serves as a reminder that living in a gated village may add an extra layer of security but does not completely protect from crime. All the same, basic precautions must be taken even when living behind those gates, including locking doors and windows, activating alarms and closing garage doors.



There were three reports of car theft or burglary and four traffic accidents, all without injury. One disturbing report documented an attack on an individual in the middle of the day at Embudito Trailhead parking area. Fortunately, the victim was unharmed although some valuables were stolen. Even in broad daylight in a highly visible area, it is essential to be aware of the surroundings.

The bulk of the remainder of the calls to the police involved issues such as family disputes, unspecified disturbances including shots fired, and something labeled "neighbor trouble."

The take-home message from the data is that we must all remain vigilant. Continue to watch for unusual activity and report any crimes that occur. Allocation of police resources is dependent on the volume of calls they receive so under-reporting has a major impact on the number of officers available. If you left your garage door open and goods were stolen, you may feel embarrassed to report the theft because you think it was caused by your carelessness, but remember that the crime was the fault of the thief.

Over the next six months we should all make that extra effort to protect our properties and avoid becoming a statistic on the crime map.

## Gated Villages Committee

By Kitty Smith, Gated Village Committee Chair

Do you live in a gated High Desert village? The Gated Villages Committee exists to provide a platform for discussions concerning the special interests of all residents of the gated villages. Members of this committee are the Voting Members and Alternate Voting Members of the eight gated villages in High Desert. What distinguishes a gated village from the other villages—beside the gate, of course? The residents of the gated villages pay an additional assessment for maintenance of physical assets which include landscaping, the gates, streets, sidewalks, and streetlights within the village. Some gated communities have also developed policies for neighborhood issues like parking and pool use.

### A Sense of Security

Issues discussed include gate access security (codes and openers). Gated villages provide a sense of security and community to their residents, but also require a timely attention to maintenance, budgets, and reserve funds.

The Gated Villages Committee has a mandate to make timely reports to the Board of Directors for improvements and/or solutions to issues specific to the gated villages.

If you are a member of a gated village and want a specific issue discussed at our next meeting, please contact your Voting Members or Alternate Voting Members and let them know of your concerns. Currently due to Covid-19, we are meeting remotely via computer.

## Suspicious Persons and Vehicles

By James Gage, G4S District Manager,

Since the weather has been warm, people are out and about more and more around High Desert. We all have been seeing plenty of people and cyclists walking or riding around the villages. We have also seen an increase in contractors and landscapers working in the area. This sometimes makes it difficult to determine if the individuals belong on the property or is suspicious.

What constitutes "suspicious?" To the security team that means any person that may seem out of place, any individual that may seem to be looking at any property in an odd manner, any vehicles in the area that may not fit, such as those in a dilapidated condition, or those driving too slow for the area. We will often encounter people in worn-out clothes or in heavy winter clothing on a hot day. From our experience, this type of clothing is not suited for contractor work or exercising. We ask that if you see anything that seems out of the ordinary, do not keep it to yourself.

Often the calls that we get concern contractors or individuals that are exercising in the area. These calls are still responded to and the security team still approaches the persons identified to make sure of who they are. With that said, there are still times that the individual should definitely *not* be in the area and the security team reacts immediately. We make sure to keep an eye on these individuals and try to make sure they leave the area in a safe but quick manner.

The G4S Security is on site in High Desert 24/7. We will respond to all calls no matter the time. If you see a person or a vehicle that should not be there, please call the security team and we will investigate.

## Is Social Distancing While Walking Or Biking Creating Safety Hazards?

By Jim Mayo, Solterra

A number of people in our neighborhoods are practicing what they believe is safe distancing during the coronavirus pandemic, but they are violating some basic rules of traffic safety. People, either through gender courtesy or social distancing, are getting off the sidewalk and walking in the bike lane when they meet an oncoming person. This appears to be the safe thing to do, but not quite.

Boy Scouts who have passed a hiking requirement know that they are to walk on the side of the road of oncoming traffic so they can see what is ahead of them.

When walkers are about to meet on the sidewalk, the person who is walking toward traffic should be the one to step aside--but preferable not into the bike lane, which can be dangerous. Move apart as safely as possible and try not to step into the street unless absolutely necessary. The people walking with the traffic coming behind them cannot possibly see the traffic and they should have the right-of-way on the sidewalk. So gender courtesy should not be involved.

If people see that traffic and people are both coming toward them, they should respond to whomever they believe will arrive first and step aside accordingly. If that is not possible, they should step off the sidewalk and turn their back to the other pedestrians on the sidewalk and wait until they pass.

We should not only practice social distancing but also follow road safety rules.

## Landscape Update

By Jeremy Humphry, Leeco Grounds Management

It has been a busy summer so far for our landscape crew as we completed the Kiva Park renovation at Spain and Imperata. All the new landscape material, irrigation and plumbing has been installed and one round of seeding (with another round planned for next month) is now complete. We will be finishing up the flagstone patio bus stop this summer and the project will be done. It looks great and is a beautiful compliment to the area.

With the August monsoons coming (we hope) Leeco will be seeding the landscaped common areas along all four major streets with a mixture of 16 different wildflowers and yarrow. We have also been treating those streets with chemicals to kill weeds growing in the street cracks. This is an important step to prevent water infiltration underneath the road which causes premature failure. It also stops weeds from germinating and sending seeds throughout the community.

This summer we will be fertilizing all common areas as well as deadheading the yarrow, catmint, purple pincushion and other flowering plants along Academy and Spain. If you deadhead your own plants you'll appreciate what a big job this is! But it has to be done to encourage re-flowering of the plants. We also recently re-mowed and fertilized the buffalo grass in the common areas.

And last, but not least, we continue to work daily to remove vines and other plant materials from common area walls as part of the association-wide re-stuccoing project.



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## Market Stats for High Desert

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<i>Homes on Market</i> <small>as of 7/16/20</small>	<i>Closed Sales</i> <small>last 30 days</small>	<i>Homes under contract</i>
<b>\$621,671</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>24</b>
<i>Avg sale price</i> <small>as of 7/16/20</small>	<i>Avg days on market</i> <small>Closed sales</small>	<i>Avg days on market</i> <small>Homes under contract</small>

*\* Stats 30 days back from 7/16/20*

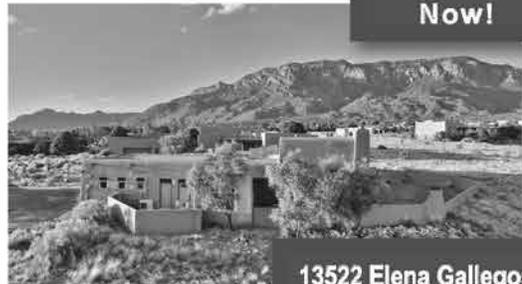


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## Melachi McCoin Is New High Desert Compliance Coordinator

High Desert homeowners have a new Compliance Coordinator in charge of making certain that residents follow the Governing Documents. Melachi McCoin (or Mel for short) moved into the position formerly held by Joseph Anguiano who was transferred to another position with HOAMCO, High Desert's association management company.

Mel began his duties in June, currently working full time from the HOAMCO office. While the doors remain closed to the public during the pandemic, HOAMCO and Mel are scheduling individual appointments with homeowners as needed.

Mel is a native of New Mexico, and a graduate of Highland High School. He obtained his degree from UNM in exercise science and has worked as a compliance officer for the past seven years with other property management companies. He continues to work after hours as a physical trainer with select clients.

Each week, Melachi drives along every High Desert street looking for violations of the Governing Documents. If he sees a violation such as overgrown weeds or trash cans stored in view, he sends a Courtesy Letter to the homeowner. If the violation is not corrected, a follow-up letter is sent two weeks later, followed by a fine if the violation continues.

"We want to work with homeowners," Mel said. "We encourage the homeowner to contact our office and together we will work to resolve the issue."

### 48-Hour Parking Tags

Mel's duties also include issuing temporary parking tags for up to 48 hours at a time, depending on the particular village. These



**Melachi McCoin**

tags can be used for visitors or for an RV or trailer that homeowners are packing up for a trip. Homeowners can call or email Mel at [MMcCoin@hoamco.com](mailto:MMcCoin@hoamco.com) to request more information.

Another issue Mel is addressing this summer with residents are overgrown plants and trees that may be growing onto neighboring properties, sidewalks and streets. "We will be looking for these violations," he said. "If you have overgrown trees or shrubs, please take the time to get them cut back."

## National Night Out Is Still On For Oct. 6

Communities across the country are strongly urged this year to move National Night Out neighborhood events to October 6. The Association will provide up to \$100 per event if the village properly applies to the Board. Each interested village must first register their event with the city. The village must provide proof of the registration and apply to the Board at least one month in advance of the event.

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## Wilderness Cañon Residents Meet With Lt. Fox About Fire Safety

By Bomi Parakh,  
Wilderness Cañon  
Voting Member

On May 11, 2020, Lt. Brian Fox, Albuquerque Fire Rescue, presented important information on fire safety and fire prevention to residents of the newest village in High

Desert. Lt. Fox discussed recent fires in and around High Desert and the extensive, behind-the-scenes and direct work undertaken jointly by various agencies including AFR, Bernalillo County Fire Dept., US Forest Service and the State Forestry Division. He made recommendations on how to make homes safer, and distributed and discussed key points in the Wildland Fire Action Guide.

He joined homeowners in a quick tour of the City Open Space and Forest Service areas outside the Village walls, and made recommendations for reducing fire danger. Residents appreciated Lt. Fox taking time out of his busy schedule to share his expertise, and found his presentation and the question-answer session very helpful and informative.



*Homeowners in Wilderness Cañon listen to Lt. Brian Fox while maintaining social distance.*

## Painted Rocks to Cheer Us Up

High Desert residents out for a stroll or a jog these days may be fortunate enough to come across some whimsically painted rocks along a trail. Someone... or maybe more than just one person... is taking the time and effort to paint these rocks and leave them outside to cheer their neighbors.



These painted rocks were found along the trail on upper Spain in High Desert.

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Other similar rocks have been spotted near the Michial Emery Trailhead located off High Desert Place, NE. Some of the rocks are virus-related (“Virus Bug Off!!” and “Virus Get Lost!”).

Others are simply clever, with rocks painted as half-eaten M&Ms or as players in a PAC-MAN game.



*These clever painted rocks look like disgruntled M&Ms*

Some people have taken the rocks home to keep. Others have left them for their neighbors to view, along with a note or two. One note attached to a rock read: “Thanks for painting these rocks and putting (them) on our trail. We love seeing them and (they) uplift our day.”



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# Does My Landscape Look Outdated?

By Margo Murdock  
High Desert Resident**Margo Murdock**

We know that a house can get dated over time with colors, styles, materials out of fashion, and lack of upkeep, but does that happen with your landscape too? To save the suspense, the answer is “yes.” What are some of the signs of a dated landscape? Ask yourself the following questions to find out about yours.

1. Does it have huge plants that fit the space initially, but **the plants have grown together?** If so, you’ll see plants that are too tall or too wide for the space where they reside. This may be due to the original landscaper who planted shrubs and trees too close to each other or too close to walls and houses. It may also be due to overwatering in a cared-for landscape, causing more growth. With trees and large shrubs you may see walkway, wall, patio, driveway, or street buckles and cracks. Near a house they may cause foundation, wall, and roof issues

2. Are **trees planted so close to the street** that they end up getting “truck-pruned?” If plants did not continue to grow or we didn’t tend to overwater them, this wouldn’t be an issue!

3. Do **shrubs or trees hide your windows** and restrict visibility? Do they block house vents? These can be a safety, fire, or an aesthetic issue. Be sure that plants considered as replacements will stay below the windows at maturity. Keep plants away from vents. Plant diameters and heights are available from numerous sources but use local ones if you can and be sure to measure the



*This Desert willow tree was planted where hummingbirds visit, but now, several years later, it has grown over-large for the area and flowers and seed-pods cover the walkway.*

space to see if they will fit.

4. Does your landscape contain **plants that have gone out of fashion** such as Bowles mauve or Russian sage? Russian sage may have overtaken other plants from the original design and grown bushy and look messy. Consider replacing them with plants that have continued to look good over time.

5. Does your landscape have **lots of volunteer plants** growing in bad places - hanging over the streets and sidewalks and making it difficult for people to walk by and cars to pass? Chamisas, Apache plumes, and fourwing saltbush are good examples of these plants. Too many volunteers change the look of your landscape. Removing the volunteers, especially when they are small, keeps the landscape looking “cleaner.” But if a volunteer has placed itself in a good location and will fit the space, offer thanks to the gods!

6. Does your landscape have **unhealthy or sick-looking plant choices** - choices that never look good? These may be plants that are not adapted to our sun, wind, and alkaline soil, but whose homeowner has nursed them along. These may be plants that were planted incorrectly (with trees, it is usually too deep). You may see trees with branches without leaves, brown-edged leaves, and/or yellowing leaves. Many of these are heat-stressed and if they come from acid soil areas will not be able to take up nutrients like iron from diluted water in the soil. Some plants may have too small a space for healthy root growth. For trees, this is often called “tree in a box” and they’re found in parking lots and tree planters. Consider the mature diameter of a plant when assessing whether there’s enough space to support its growth. This is especially true for trees where the root space needs to be about two to four times the diameter of the mature tree canopy. Roots grow out beyond the leaves to capture water.

7. Are there **“holes” from dead plants** so the landscape has lost the sense of design? This is an opportunity to add something to your landscape – a colorful plant, one that’s evergreen over the winter, something for wildlife, or a fragrance to make you feel better.

8. Are there **missing layers in the landscape?** Landscapes should consist of trees on top, shrubs in the middle, and perennials or grass on the bottom. If there are missing layers, you may need

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to add them. An exception to layers would be something like a meadow or turf in a planned open space in the landscape.

9. Are there lots of **weeds or other plants in the turf grass**? Healthy turf repels weeds. Unhealthy turf has bare spots or brown spots that allow weeds or broadleaf plants to encroach. Large brown areas often are the result of poor (uneven) coverage by irrigation spray heads. For buffalo grass, keep it taller by mowing it higher (leave two to three inches). Fertilize and irrigate it when it's growing, not before. To remove cool season weeds in buffalo grass (or any warm season grass) use glyphosate in January or February when the weeds are growing, but the grass is dormant.

10. Does **one plant dominate**? This is often seen in a grouping where plants have different watering needs – a high water need plant being watered with the same frequency and duration as a drought-resistant plant. If one of them is happy with the amount of water applied, the other one will not be. Group plants based on water and mulch needs. Trees like wood chip mulch not gravel. One exception would be desert willow which does like gravel.

11. Were your **shrubs pruned into shapes**: boxes, balls, cones, cupcakes, and lollypops? High Desert doesn't allow topiary in the covenants or our Guidelines to Sustainability. These landscapes look out of place in High Desert where natural plant shapes are supported. See my article on pruning to learn how to prune naturally or selectively.

12. Are **thorny or spiny plants in locations where people pass**? Because plants grow, a lovely native cholla or a rose bush may be a great choice initially, but now get in people's way and may hurt them.

13. Is there **plant debris** in the street, walkways, and drive-ways? This result may be due to a plant choice where the debris from the plant was not considered before planting. Now it is a maintenance nightmare. Would a different plant choice reduce the litter?

14. Does your landscape **contain an invasive plant**? Most of these were not intended choices, it's just that one particular plant loves the area. In the common area these would include fourwing saltbush, hairy golden aster, gopher plant, purple prairie clover, Mexican feather grass, and chamisa. These plants have found a home with just the right conditions for them. In fact Mexican feather grass has moved into our arroyos. To correct this, thin the plants and reseed with another strong performer like big sage, sand sage, or winterfat. Periodically you may just need to remove the plant from your landscape. Volunteers come back from seed so you'll never really lose the plant.

15. Are there **slopes with eroded ruts**? Over time the landscape space is getting smaller as plants grow. To reduce the erosion, dig in some strawbales where water overtops the slope and then seed some native grasses to hold the soil in place. Add a few well rooted plants like one-seed juniper and chamisa.

16. Are there **suckers or crumbling stucco caused by vines**? Consider putting any vine you have on a trellis. It makes it a lot easier to restucco a wall or house.

Some landscape problems may be solved with hardscape or mulch. Consider this for hard-to-work areas or areas where "quick shade" is needed. Remember that most landscape changes require Modifications Committee approval before beginning.

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- Owners should contact HOAMCO at (505) 314-5862 for any inquiry about High Desert development, questions about the CC&Rs, or concerns with the operation of the Association.

- See the names and telephone numbers on the opposite page for Board members, patrols, website and newsletter information.

- High Desert residents can contact their elected Voting Members for specific answers to questions concerning their villages. Village Voting Member contact information can be found online at [www.highdesertliving.net](http://www.highdesertliving.net). Click on "Contact Us" and select Voting Members from the left hand menu. Residents can also call the office at 505-314-5862 to learn their village representative. High Desert Committee chairperson contacts are below.

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- **August 20, September 17, October 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.**  
**Modifications Committee Meeting**  
Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE
- **August 18, September 15, October 20, 2020 at 2 p.m.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE
- **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Voting Members Annual Meeting**  
Location: Hope Church, 4710 Juan Tabo. NE
- **Meeting dates to be announced**  
**Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Location: High Desert Office, 10555 Montgomery, NE
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