# HDE NEVS

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## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Since the Annual Homeowners Meeting we have some additional help on the Board. Welcome to our new At-Large members, Karlene Richmond and Allen Dendy! We have decided on the following officers for the coming year: Larry Willis is our new Treasurer, Diane Dendy is our Secretary, and I have been elected President. We are committed to working in the best interests of all the homeowners, and we have begun a To Do List, to try to make sure that we do not overlook any important matters which need to be attended to.

The most important, of course, is the water system, and we are going to pay special attention to that with the help of Diane Dendy, who is monitoring the water testing. There is a special water test coming due, which is more extensive (and expensive) than the regular testing regimen, which happens every three to five years, and Diane is coordinating the activities with the testing service.

Special mention needs to be made of the efforts of Chuck Buys on behalf of one of his neighbors. I was out working in my yard, so I couldn't hear the phone, and some of the other members of the Water Committee were unavailable because of the holiday weekend, when the neighbor experienced a major water leak. Chuck went over to the neighbor's house and helped him find the shutoff valve for his water service. Thank you, Chuck!

Al Roth, President

If you need a copy of the CC&Rs or Bylaws, there are copies available. Contact a Board member if you need one. They are also posted on our website. (User name and password on next page.)

#### CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO YOUR LOT

Before adding any structures, pools, hot tubs, storage buildings, etc. to your lot, please read the CC&Rs and check with the Board of Directors. Some of these things require a permit from Crook County also. Addition of a pool or hot tub or even a sprinkler system requires a backflow device to be installed. Also, if you are planning to fill a pool or water new trees or any other temporary excessive water use, please let the Board or water committee know so we can monitor the cistern more closely. Also, in the case of new lawns or new trees, the Board would temporarily waive the odd-even watering requirement.

The Board has received numerous complaints in the past year regarding storage containers put on HDE properties. These are the types that look like a railroad boxcar. Most are blue with rusty spots. Due to the number of complaints about these "eyesores" as they have been called, the board has ruled that they are illegal in HDE under CC&R Article IV.

The Board is dedicated to enforcing the CC&Rs in order to keep HDE an attractive place to live as well as keeping the property values up which benefits everyone here.

#### NEED SUMMER HELP? OR A SUMMER JOB?

Our new at-large board member, Karlene Richmond, has offered to be a contact person for anyone needing summer help such as watering or other yard work, feeding pets, etc. and anyone looking to do this kind of work.

If you are needing some help or looking for a little work, leave your name and contact information at: <u>karichmond@crestviewcable.com</u>

This is not a service of High Desert Estates HOA. It is only a list of persons needing work or looking for work. Participants use at their own discretion and risk.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Crook County burn regulations: <u>crookcountyfireandrescue.com/burn-info/burn-</u> regulations/

It's time to look around your lot and see what you can do to protect your home in the event of a fire.

- 1. Maintain a defensible space of 30 feet around your home.
- 2. Keep dry grass and weeds cut low around your home and under trees.
- 3. **Prune lower tree branches** up to 5 or 6 feet above the ground. Cut off dead branches, especially if they overhang a structure.
- 4. Keep wood and lumber piles away from your house. Keep flammable material such as lumber, firewood, dry leaves or needles, out from under exterior wooden decks or stairs.
- 5. **Get rid of brush piles!** Dead branches make great fuel. It's cheaper to pay the dump fee than to burn down your house! (or the neighborhood!)
- 6. Keep your roof and gutters clean.
- 7. Keep a hose handy.
- 8. Keep address signs visible.
- 9. Can a fire truck fit down your driveway? Minimum clearances are 12 feet wide and 13.5 feet high.

### HDE RESIDENTS' BREAKFAST

First Wednesday of every month Arrive 8:30 or 9:00am Meadowlakes Restaurant

Order individually as you arrive.

## HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com (for HDE residents only) User name: owner Password: 172lots

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to all of you that showed up at the Annual Meeting. Those who didn't attend can pick up a copy of the information packet that was handed out at the meeting from Al Phillips, 541-416-1403. The packet contains:

- Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting,
- Financial Summary and Budget Review
- Year in Review report

The minutes of this meeting are on our website.

Al Phillips and Helen Willis did not run for reelection. Dorothy Wills resigned with one year left on her term. Al Roth, Larry Willis, and Diane Dendy were elected to fill the 3 board positions. Allen Dendy and Karlene Richmond were elected as atlarge members.

The board would like to remind everyone that our regular board meetings are open to any resident who wants to attend. If you have questions or concerns about board decisions or what is happening in HDE, please attend a board meeting or contact a board member. If you have constructive suggestions, let us hear them!

#### SPEAKING OF BOARD MEETINGS....

Currently the meetings are scheduled for the **4**<sup>th</sup> **Monday of the month** at **6:30 pm.** Check the website to verify the meeting time before you go, as occasionally there is a change.

### CHECK YOUR WATER METER

Please keep weeds cut back around your meter box.

Look inside the box occasionally as dirt sometimes caves in and covers the meter or the shut-off valve.

Be sure both the meter and the valve are exposed. If you have a water leak or broken pipe, you will need to turn the water off in a hurry!

**REMEMBER WATER CONSERVATION!** June thru September

Odd number lots, water on odd number calendar days. Even lots, even days. Lot number, not address number!