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# High Desert Estates

## Community Newsletter



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### Notes from the Board

**Annual Meeting:** Thank you to those who attended the Annual Meeting! The following slate of officers and board members were elected and are now serving our community.

**President:** Dan Swearingen, **Secretary:** Ken Waltjen, **Treasurer:** Chris Burk, and  
**Board Members:** Dennis Dahrens and Tom Hinkle.

**Increase in Monthly Billing!** The board has approved a \$5.00 increase in the base monthly billing effective July 1, 2022. The additional money will be used to support water system meter reading and maintenance. For those who pay their bills using their bank's Bill Pay service, please remember to increase the standard monthly payment from \$45 to \$50. Thank you!

**Fire Season: Be Smart and Be Safe!** Fire safety should be everyone's priority now with the hot weather and the return of fire season. If you have not already done so, please inspect your property and take inventory of trees that need to be limbed. Brush and weeds act as ladder fuels igniting trees and thus should also be removed. Protect yourself and your neighbors! Checkout the Crook County Burn Regulations at

[crookcountyfireandrescue.com/burninfo/burn-regulations/](http://crookcountyfireandrescue.com/burninfo/burn-regulations/) or call 541-447-BURN (2876).

**Drought:** Central Oregon is experiencing a severe drought. If our cisterns and wells can't keep up with water use, we may be forced to implement tight restrictions to conserve water including the curtailment of lawn and garden watering! During the summer dry months, we ask that you restrict any heavy lot watering to reduce the impact on our water system as follows: Alternate your water use. **Odd Numbered Lots** to water on odd numbered calendar days. **Even Numbered Lots** to water on even numbered calendar days! Use your **Lot** number, not your **Address** number. Lot numbers are on your **Water Bill**.

**Web Site Update:** We are updating our website and want to include any additional information you feel will benefit those looking to join our community as well as current members! Please look at it and send your suggestions to the board. <https://www.desertsky.org/HDEHOA/>

**Summer Potluck?** Let the board know if you are interested in organizing or participating in a summer potluck.

**HOA Monthly Board Meeting:** Our next regular board meeting will take place at the HOA Office, 5980 SE Jerry Dr on Thursday, **June 16th**, 2022, at **6:00 pm**. Please note that the meeting day and time have changed from 6:30 to 6:00 pm!

### End of notes from the Board

Warm regards from your Newsletter Editors, Mike & Petra S. Berger

**Volunteer...** Your HELP makes a Difference, is Needed, and is Truly Valued!