

HIGH DESERT ESTATES NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

By the Community, for the Community

The Board wants to sincerely thank all of the members who braved the nasty snowy weather we had recently and plowed the roads making it safer for all of us to get out and drive. We no longer have the use of a road grader, so these great people definitely made up for it. None of us know if our snows are over yet, but it is great to know these members jumped up to the challenge and seemed to have fun at it too!



Board Meeting Summary

All regular board meetings are held at 4 PM at HOA Office 5980 SE Jerry Drive

Presented by:

Mike Kruskopf
Board President

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
February 8 March 14

- This is a good time to check your yard and home for any possible breaks or leaks in your water lines or plumbing as a result of the extremely cold, icy, freezing weather we had recently as well. **We will begin reading the meters again on April 1st**, and that is when some homeowners are surprised by a large bill that is the result of a broken line somewhere or a leak. If you find a problem now, it can save you money (and a surprise) to get it repaired before April 1st.
- **Our Annual Meeting is coming up.** We are tentatively planning the annual HOA meeting for Saturday, May 4th, again at the Crook County Library at 1:00 pm. We encourage you to attend as we will be discussing fee raises to help boost our Reserve Savings which is used for major projects, like water system issues with cistern problems and well problems. Also, as our roads in High Desert Estates are NOT county owned or maintained, it is our financial responsibility to keep them in good shape, and in 2022 we had some work done and that was around \$25,000.00, and this Spring we need to have more done to the roads that weren't done in 2023, at a possible cost of \$23,000.00. To have an understanding of why we need the Reserve Savings for future expenditures, please come to our meeting this May as we will explain it all and will be laying out our 25 year plan.
- Each month, as you know, everyone gets a water bill either mailed or emailed to them. We mail out 113 bills at a cost per stamp now of 68 cents each, so that cost is \$76.84. The remaining 49 bills are sent out by email. If you currently get your bill in the mail and would prefer your bill to be emailed, and it would save our HOA some money each month, you can definitely let us know by emailing us at HDEHOA172@gmail.com. The emailed bills all have the newsletter included as an attachment to your bill.

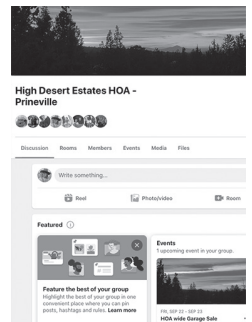


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Join Our Facebook Group

Our **PRIVATE Facebook group** is growing! Limited to homeowners in High Desert Estates, with the purpose of better communication between neighbors. **JOIN US!**



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We have four drop off sites here in our HOA for your water bill payments or any correspondence, and they are as follows:
The office at 5980 SE Jerry Drive, black postal box on the home at 4830 SE Jerry Drive, the cistern at the top of the hill on McKenzie Place off of David Way, and at the black postal box on the home at 5060 SE Davis Loop.