

HIGH DESERT ESTATES NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

By the Community, for the Community

Let's welcome and thank our **new volunteer Water Meter readers!** **Vernon and Irene McLean** have offered to begin reading meters on one of the routes starting in September. Thank you so much McLean's! **Reminder:** do not add any material to your water meter box that could get wet and then freeze like fiberglass insulation, packing peanuts etc. Also when you add materials to the water meter box makes it more difficult for the meter readers to actually read the meters. Thank you in advance!

Board Meeting Summary

Board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday @ 4 PM at HOA Office 5980 SE Jerry Drive

Presented by:

Mike Kruskopf

Board President

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

September 11

- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Diane Dendy from the maintenance committee asks for volunteers to help trim trees down by Cistern 1. Contact Diane at 541-362-4399 if you can assist her. Date and time TBD.
- Your HOA Board continues to discuss and research moving towards a **Management Company** to handle HOA finances, legal reporting, dues collection and legal issues as well as CC&R enforcement. It is looking as if this may actually happen.

We will still retain control of our community, but this change will remove a massive amount of administrative and legal responsibilities from Board Volunteers, giving them back dozens of hours of their personal time spent on those duties and hopefully encouraging new volunteers to step forward to replace retiring members.

Because a Board of Directors is still required, those sitting on the Board will have less responsibility, but will still need to meet to discuss goals and other issues as they come up, so we are still in need of a Secretary and a Treasurer. We have 2 volunteers with bookkeeping and banking experience to assume the Treasurer position and another interested in the Secretary position, and are waiting for a decision. **The estimated cost to our members will be about \$20 additional per month, per property;** this is slightly above what the actual estimated monthly cost will be for this service due to unknown fees for additional "as needed" services, and any surplus would be used for absorbing increases, investments or put towards the financial reserves that HDE is required by law to hold for future infrastructure repairs/replacement. If this "buffer" proves to be more than we need, then perhaps skipping a planned dues increase could be made for the next cycle. We appreciate your support in our final decision.

Coming Events

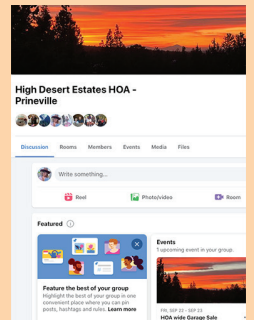
September:
Asphalt Patching (TBD)

October:
Backflow Device testing

December:
Lighted Holiday Parade

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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Allen Dendy (541)362-4399

Road Committee Bill Huret

Maintenance Committee Diane Dendy

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Newsletter Editor Ronda Lehman

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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.