



HDE NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Treasurer, Dorothy Wills, has served this Association since 2004 with utmost dignity, meticulous record keeping, accuracy and transparency. Recently she has found her time more and more consumed by family issues so Larry Willis has agreed to take on her treasurer's chores. At our last board meeting, the board officially recognized Larry as acting treasurer. Dorothy will remain as a voting board member.

This year's annual meeting will again be held the third week in May. More specifically, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Meadow Lakes Golf Club. Discussions this year will include thoughts regarding investing some of our reserve funds. No decisions have been made and your thoughts will be welcome.

Also, two of our current directors' terms are expiring; mine and Helen Willis's. Neither of us will seek re-election. Elections will be for a two year term and a three year term.

Helen has agreed to remain as this newsletter's editor (Hooray!) and I will continue to assist Linda with water billing chores and remain active with the water committee, documentation project, and be available to assist any way that I can. Looking back personally, it's been a worthwhile adventure being a part of the growth of High Desert Estates. Perhaps the growth is more noticeable to those of us closely involved, but believe me, the growth has been substantial. And many people have provided significant contributions along the way. Not the least of which were Mark and Juanita Fleming who provided a seriously good foundation from which we could build the Association. I can't say I have not enjoyed the responsibility that comes with being a board member, because I have. But after 12 years with the board, mostly as board president, it's time for someone else to assume that responsibility and help the association move on to better things: like a cloud based accounting system and the

possibility of e-mailing at least a portion of our water bills and the advancement of our at-large board member program. Speaking of which....

The at-large position we have implemented has been one of the better ideas to come before the Association. As I've mentioned, we have two openings on the board this year and people who have been participating as at-large members for this past year are viable candidates to move almost seamlessly into a board position. We will encourage this action whenever the situation arises.

But perhaps more importantly, more people are welcome and in fact more are necessary. An at-large position is a no-obligation opportunity to become acquainted with the necessary work the Association has to do. You also will have your thoughts and ideas given equal attention along with the voting members. I believe you would find it interesting and informative, and I encourage you to give it a go! We also have a few committees that could use volunteers.

The weather has co-operated much better this year than last and we hope that our roadside weed spraying will be more successful this year. Also, thanks to the weather co-operating, Tri County paving has completed crack sealing for the year.

All of our water related activities are moving along nicely. Water delivery systems, the billing, testing and maintenance systems are doing well. We continue to see people moving in, and some out, on a rather regular basis. **Welcome** to all new residents!

Spring is on its way and I'm told our resident spring and summer coyote family has returned to the ravine west of David Way. No reason for alarm of course as natural prey for the coyotes is abundant; meaning less risk for outside pets, but awareness none the less, is prudent.

Al Phillips, president

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
HDE HOMEOWNERS**

WED. MAY 18, 7:00 PM
Meadowlakes Restaurant

HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com
(for HDE residents only)

User name: owner Password: 172lots

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION

There are two directors whose terms are expiring. Neither will be seeking re-election, so we will need to fill these positions. One is a two year term and one is a three year term. The membership elects the board members and the board then elects or appoints its own officers.

In addition to Helen Willis who is stepping down after 3 1/2 years. Our president, Al Phillips, has announced that he will not seek re-election after serving on the board for 12 years. He has accomplished a lot for the association during this time and we are very grateful for his hard work and dedication.

The following are the candidates that we currently have listed.

Larry Willis has consented to serve as treasurer if elected to the board. He is acting as treasurer now to relieve Dorothy. He has a substantial background in accounting and bookkeeping. He has updated the HDE financial records to QuickBooks and has these records on "the cloud" where they are not dependent on one person's computer.

Al Roth, our at-large member that was elected last year, has proven to be a valuable asset to the board. He is well versed in researching county records as well as other online information. He has been quick to volunteer for numerous tasks when asked. He is way above average when it comes to being "computer literate".

We hope to add to our "at-large" board positions at this election also. Any HDE home owner can be nominated to run for a regular board position or an at-large position at the annual meeting. Nominees must be prepared to tell about themselves, their experience, and how they can be of service to HDE.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 25, 6:30 pm

HDE office, 4488 SE Jerry Drive

Our guest will be Jerry Brummer, candidate for County Commissioner, speaking about a possible safety egress roadway he supports being built from Davis Loop west to Hwy 27.

WATER BILLS VIA E-MAIL

We would like to see how many residents would like to receive their water bill and newsletter via e-mail rather than regular snail-mail. If there are enough people interested, we will proceed with the transition. Of course, those that want to continue getting bills in the mail may do so.

The biggest benefit would be the savings on postage and printing costs for the HOA. These are substantial when you send out approximately 165 mailings every month. It would also make delivery time faster not being dependent upon the postal service.

If you would like to sign up to receive your water bill and newsletter via e-mail, please fill out the coupon below. You can send it with your water payment or you can bring it to the Annual Meeting.

We will also have a sign-up sheet available at the Annual Meeting.

HDE RESIDENTS' BREAKFAST

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

Meadowlakes Restaurant

Order individually as you arrive.

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (optional) _____
