



HDE NEWS

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OFFICE PHONE COMING SOON!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Temporary administrative change:

Our secretary, Helen Willis, has agreed to sub for me until the first of October. I will continue with the water projects and the office project. Helen will handle all else. And she is now our Newsletter editor as well. I thought last month's newsletter was quite nicely done and I hope you all thought so too.

Water issues: So far the cisterns are handling the demand very well. Chuck Buys is involved now assisting with cistern monitoring and we very much appreciate his help.

There is little doubt that odd/even watering days and requests to conserve are having a positive impact, **and the board thanks everyone very much!** The weather has been much cooler so far this year and that too is keeping demand lower.

DOGS!



Under Crook County ordinances, you can be cited for allowing your dog to roam off your property.

Excessive barking is a nuisance and you can be cited for allowing it.

When walking your dog, it must be under your control.

PLEASE CARRY A BAG AND PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Thank You!

Report dog violations to Crook County Sheriff.

New Pump: We have a new pump in well #1. But the 75 GPM we hoped for is no longer available. We now get 43-44 GPM, which is a substantial gain from the 30 GPM we were getting.

System repair: A plan is in place to repair malfunctioning valves and to install at least one new one. Tom Cooper will be doing the work. Tom will be opening up 4 or 5 places south of Vickie Dr. along Jerry Dr. and David Way. He will be able to see what new materials, specifically what size he'll need to complete the project.

WATER SHUT OFF WILL BE NECESSARY. We'll do our best to inform affected residents as well as minimize the down time. On the average, main water line repairs take 4 – 8 hours. Glued joints take 4 hours to set properly which is usually the majority of the down time. Most of us, in particular those south of Lauren Drive, will be inconvenienced at some point this summer. Your patience will be very much appreciated. **PLEASE BE MINDFUL AND CAREFUL AROUND THE CONSTRUCTION SITES!!**

Water System Understanding: It is fair to say that HDE is now in pro-active control of our water system, not in a re-active mode as it's been historically. Larry Willis and I have been working on documenting the 30 odd mainline valves, their locations and their functions. There are 3 or 4 valves that we have yet to fully verify, but Tom Cooper's work will help us finish that chore.

Larry is putting an "operator's manual" together complete with photographs, location and function descriptions of each valve. That manual should prove to be a useful tool in the future.

Al Phillips, President

(taking a breather for the summer)

HIGH DESERT ESTATES WEBSITE

In case you didn't know, we have a website:
hdehoa.com

Al Roth is our webmaster and we appreciate his work maintaining it. It requires a password in order to limit access to HDE residents. The password is **172lots**. The Bylaws and Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions (CC&Rs) are on there as well as the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

There is also contact information for most Board members and a link to e-mail the Board.

If you notice any errors in the information or have suggestions, please contact the Board.

SPEAKING OF THE CC&RS

It has come to our attention that some residents are being given incorrect information by realtors regarding our CC&Rs.

Each person who purchases a lot here is supposed to be given a copy of the CC&Rs so they can read them before purchasing. The realtor SHOULD have a copy and the title company should definitely furnish a copy before closing a sale. If you don't have a copy, you can read them on the website or contact the Board for a printed copy.

Article V states: "No garbage, inoperable vehicles, or other miscellaneous scrap shall be kept on the property."

Article VII states: "No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial use."

Please pull up as many tumbleweeds as you can while they're growing. They end up blowing all over, are a fire hazard, and they always end up clogging the culverts.

FIRE PREVENTION

OPEN BURNING ENDED JUNE 15th

The hot weather is coming soon, and with it comes the need 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 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.

PLEASE HELP!

We need volunteers to help with the following projects:

- *Paint cisterns*
- *General repair at pump houses*
- *Dig post holes and install signs*
- *Backup person for water testing*
- *Water committee help*
- *Clean out culverts*