HIGH DESERT ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PHONE COMING SOON

FROM THE PRESIDENT

RECENT HDE ACTIVITY

Water System.

Most mainline repairs are completed. The leak at the Mackenzie facility remains and is being addressed. Water will be shut off to the homes on Mackenzie for approximately 6 hours during the repair. We will inform affected residents prior to the repair date.

During the process of working on the leak at Mackenzie, we inadvertently shut water off to system #3 residents. A valve we've always believed shut water off only to homes on Mackenzie, actually shuts water off to the entirety of system #3. It was an embarrassing way to discover reality and we apologize for any inconvenience.

The recent wind storm uncovered a problem with the locking mechanism on the hatch at #2 cistern. That problem has been corrected. And while working on that problem we found that well #2 was not operating, and it should have been. Joe Phillips was called to investigate, and it appears he has solved that problem.

The recent wind storm also reminds us that a lengthy power outage could result any time one of those storms arrives. For the benefit of newer residents, in the event of a sustained power outage the generator at our #2 facility can provide power to two of our wells. And while water availability would be severely limited during that time, we would be able to provide at least drinking water to all residents.

Office project.

We have begun to identify and organize the tasks we want the proposed office help to accomplish. Judy French has agreed to act as our psuedo office manager as we work

through developing the position and deciding what else we will want the office help to do.

It has become clear that the position will have minimal responsibilities at the outset and will grow over time. But it is not clear when the position will become ready to offer.

As we look to the future, the tasks of meter reading, water testing and water billing will eventually be included in the office personnel's responsibilities. This will not happen until our current incumbents choose not to continue with those tasks. Details are sketchy at this point with more than one equally viable option as to just how and to whom the tasks will be assigned.

Roadway maintenance.

- --Bill is planning Davis Loop maintenance; however an equipment breakdown is delaying that work.
- --Bill's assessment is that crack sealing needs are minimal; he feels we can wait until spring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

--Bill would like to clean the culverts this fall. Some digging will be involved so he needs half a dozen volunteers who can run a shovel and would be willing to help. If he can get enough volunteers the job will be about a half-day. **Call Bill at 541-416-1278.**

Thanks in advance.

Regards,
Al Phillips,
541-416-1403



HDE OFFICE BUILDING 4488 SE JERRY DRIVE

As you can see from the above picture, our office building is looking quite attractive. The porch roof is complete and the blacktop parking area is done except for painting the stripes and marking off the handicap space. The short retaining wall at lower left is courtesy of Wayne and Marie Martin. The wooden stairs at the right end of the porch were built by Al Phillips. We still have work to do on the lower parking area and then will tackle a low-maintenance landscaping plan.

BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER 1ST WEDNES<u>DAY EVERY MONTH</u>

Get together with your HDE neighbors! Meet new people or visit with friends from the neighborhood.

Meadow Lakes Restaurant

(At Meadow Lakes Golf Course)

Arrive 8:30 – 9:00 am

Everyone orders individually as you arrive.

If you would like to get on the monthly breakfast reminder list, e-mail Joanne Bacci: j14bacci@att.net

CISTERN PAINTING

Cistern #1 next to the new office was in bad need of a paint job. It was basically an eyesore, especially the side facing the office. One of our HDE residents, Wes Farr, saw our item in a former newsletter seeking volunteers to paint the cisterns. He is a semi-retired professional painter and he volunteered to paint the cisterns for us if we bought the paint.

He has completed painting Cistern #1 and it looks great. We picked a medium gray color to match the trim on the office building. He will get to the other two cisterns as the weather permits.

A great big 'THANK YOU" to Wes!

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