## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER High Pines Owners Association May 2017

#### Annual Meeting Notes

The annual meeting of members was held January 24 at the Woodmoor This year we had a guest Barn. speaker, Jessie Schaffer, District of Woodmoor Water & Manager Sanitation District. He did an excellent job providing information on the recent water rights purchase and projected needs for increasing the water supply to our area. We appreciate the time he gave to answer specific questions from our members.

Treasurer, Chris Taylor, reported that statements for annual dues were emailed to members and payment may now be made online. Annual dues were lowered this year to \$120.

2016 Board President, Paul Pirog, presented an update on property issues and gave a complete history and clarification on ownership of Piney Hill Point Road (private road), the fence and landscaping strip along that road, and the detention ponds. Our thanks to Paul for his thorough research and clarification on these issues.

The Board presented a new rule on design guidelines for storage sheds and outbuildings. They reported that new forms for submitting requests to the Architectural Control Committee are now available on the website. The cost to process such requests has also been lowered to \$25.

The Board reported that our community is continuing our membership in NEPCO which represents many HOAs in Northern El

Paso County. The Board finds this membership beneficial to keep us informed of upcoming planning and legislation for our local area.

The Board asked for any additional volunteers for election to the Board of Directors for 2017. We were happy to see a couple of new community members step up and volunteer to serve. See below for the names of 2017 Board of Directors elected at the meeting.

Remember . . . exterior changes and improvements require prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee

# *High Pines Owners' Association Website*

HPOA has a website (*www.myhpoa.co*) that has a lot of pertinent information for our community members. All of our architectural standards quidelines, community financial rules, map, reports and Board Meeting Minutes are available on the website. If you have questions about a particular issue, please check the online information. If you still have questions, feel free to contact one of the Board Members in the space provided.

#### New Reserve Study

Last month the Board adopted a new Reserve Study for our community. The study shows that our community is in good financial condition at this time to handle future maintenance expenses as they may arise in the next several years. You can review the study on the HPOA website.

#### **Good Neighbor Tips**

#### Keep It Down

The most common neighborly complaint is noise be it cars/vehicles, animals or music. As spring and summer approach it is nice to sit outside or have windows/doors open and enjoy the weather. Let's be considerate of neighbors and control the noise levels.

#### Weed Season

With the recent moisture and change of seasons we are seeing more weeds. It's easier to keep weeds under control if you get them while they are small. Let's be mindful especially of noxious weeds (*harmful weeds that* spread) and keep them out.

## **Property Updates**

Our community has only one new home currently under construction (Greenland Forest Drive). Two adjacent new homes were recently completed and sold. That left only one remaining unbuilt lot (Kenneth Lanier Drive), which has recently been sold. We look forward to a totally built-out community.

# Next Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 1:00 pm at home of Jerry and KeithAnn Peevyhouse (1626 Plowman Drive). Every member is welcome to attend. Please let us know if you would like to join us so we can provide enough space.

# A Word from the President

We live in a great neighborhood don't we? We have the benefit of past Board Members working together to make the neighborhood what it is today. If you would like to be more involved in decisions that affect all of us, consider attending a Quarterly Board Meeting to see how it all works. None of us on the Board are experts. We are simply willing to apply whatever experience we have in order to maintain our friendly, neighborly community. Think about it. We all benefit from the experience and involvement of all of our members. Thank you for making our community so pleasant.

#### 2017 Board of Directors

KeithAnn Peevyhouse, **President** Rich Hansen, **Vice President** Teresa Baumgartner, **Secretary** Chris Taylor, **Treasurer** Daniel Teague, **Director-at Large** Paul Pirog, **Ex Officio Director**