



DESERT HILLS V

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

President's Message

Upcoming Annual Member's Meeting – The Annual HOA Members Meeting will be held on February 7, 2024 in the auditorium at the Desert Hills Recreation Center, starting at 12:30 pm. This is an opportunity for HOA members to raise questions and issues with the Board of Directors and mingle with other HOA members. The results of an election for two board seats will also be announced. Please plan on attending.

Did you make a New Year's Resolution to do more volunteer work? If so, we have an opportunity for you to give back to your community. The terms of two members of the Desert Hills V HOA Board of Directors expire in February 2024. We are looking for interested HOA members to run for a seat on the Board.

The DHV Board consists of 5 volunteer members who are responsible for managing the legal and financial obligations of the Association. Board members are elected to 3-year terms. The Board can also appoint HOA members to fill vacant Board positions until filled through election.

Over the past several years, the HOA has struggled to maintain a fully staffed Board of Directors. A functional, fully staffed Board is essential for the neighborhood. It is also a legal requirement for the HOA to have a Board to attend to the business of the Association.

If the Board is understaffed and cannot effectively meet the HOA's obligations, there are few options other than contracting with a HOA Management Company. While that may seem like a reasonable solution, there could be many drawbacks, cost being the most obvious. Based on a 2021 proposal for community management, the base cost of such a contract would be \$1,560 per month and increase by 3% per year. That equates to \$1705 per month in 2024, or \$20,460 per year. That is more than \$104 per lot, over and above the current annual assessment. On top of that, the HOA would still be legally required to maintain a Board of Directors to advise and authorize actions of the Management Company.

Maintaining an attractive and desirable neighborhood is up to each of us. If you are willing and able to serve on the Board, please contact Board Secretary April Hassen Hillard at dhvhoa@yahoo.com, or call me at 406-250-2008 and leave a message. Time is of the essence, so please contact us right away.

Terry Chute, President

Upcoming Events for Desert Hills V HOA

February 7, 2024	12:30 pm	Annual Members Meeting
April 3, 2024	10:00 am	Regular Board of Directors Meeting
September 2024	TBA	Regular Board of Directors Meeting

All meetings will be held at the Desert Hills Recreation Center unless otherwise noted. The agenda will be posted on the HOA website at dhvhoa.org at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Board of Directors

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