

The Wildwood Highlander

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Newsletter Debuts

Welcome to the first edition of the WHLA newsletter. The goal is to increase interest in the WHLA as a community and foster respect among people with very diverse reasons for becoming property owners here.

The *Wildwood Highlander* will be printed quarterly this first year under the direction of your BOD. The newsletter can be expanded as need or interest arise, but for now the contents are as follows:

- ☐ WHLA Activities and Reports
- ☐ Local Resources
- ☐ Tips and Tidbits from the Community.
- ☐ Want Ads

For suggestions, comments, to place an ad (\$1), or to volunteer write us at Box 87, Datil NM 87821. You may also e-mail BOD secretary Gail Stubbs at Gail_Stubbs@prodigy.com or catch your board members when they are on site at lots 9, 25, 27, 29 and 36.

Forestry Division Seedlings

The NM Forestry Division offers a seedling program to help with erosion control, windbreaks, wildlife, reforestation and Christmas tree plantations. The trees and shrubs are grown specifically for NM. There are drought-tolerant choices that do well in this area. Lilac, golden current, nanking

cherry, saltbush, Austrian pine, ponderosa, woods rose, foresteria, Apache plume, sumac, white pine, desert willow and spruce are just some of the many seedlings and bare foot shrubs available.

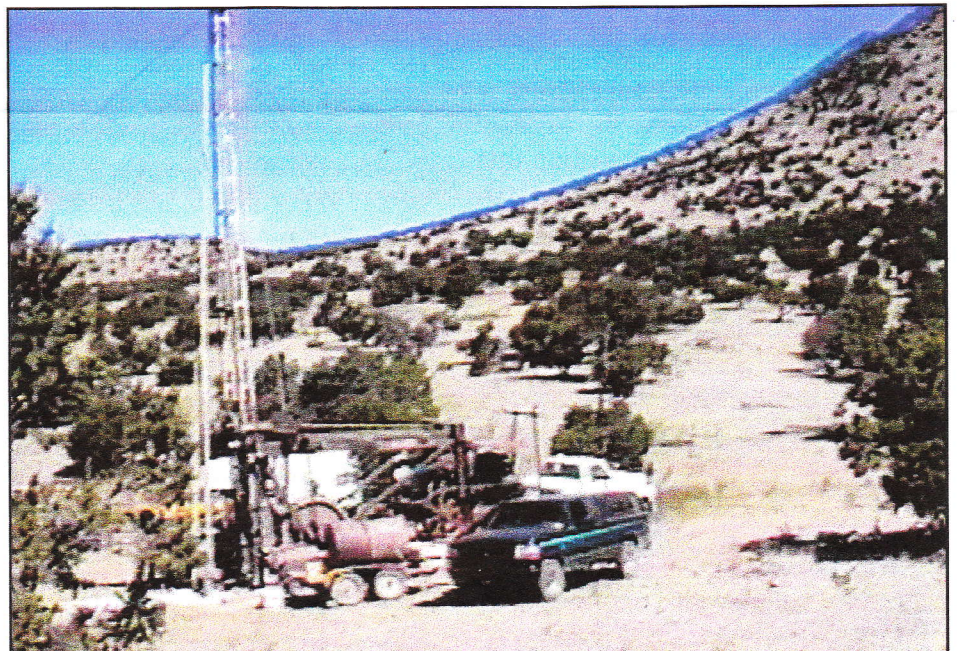
The County Extension Agents will send out order forms in January for the 1999 plantings. The seedlings come in bundles of 25 or 50 depending on what you order. UPS delivers some plants. Others may be picked up any time in Santa Fe or at a distribution point such as Socorro on a special date.

Give our Catron County agent Tracy Drummond a call to get your name on the list, (505-533-6430) or drop a postcard with your address to Catron County Extension Office.

PO Box 378 Reserve, New Mexico 87830.

Gaggle of Geese Sound Alarm

Yucca Circle: It wasn't guard dogs Cody and Tara-Bull that notified owners Dennis and Kathy Kanely of a marauding black bear. It was their flock of domestic geese and guinea hens who raised a racket one night when the bear was rummaging through a supply of dog food stored outside. Although uninvited, the bear was a polite dinner guest and ambled off when told to leave. We haven't heard of any other bear encounters since then.



Quest For Water: Local well-drillers are awash with business. Dan Lee's cable tool rig pounds away up on West Rock Springs Loop.

**WILDWOOD
HIGHLANDS
LANDOWNERS
ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
June 28, 1998**

The first meeting of the 1998-1999 Board of Directors for WHLA was held at the home of John Laude. The meeting commenced at 1:07 pm. In attendance were President Lisa Manguso, Vice President John Laude, Treasurer Kathy Kanely, Secretary Gail Stubbs, and Member-at-large Kathie Carrillo.

Treasurer's Report:

* \$400 received in dues since May 31 general meeting.

* Several landowners received past due notices erroneously. Those purchasing property in 1998 are not required to pay WHLA dues till 1999.

*Checking account signature cards filled out by new BOD members.

*Have not received verification that IRS paperwork finished by D. Wellborn

*Now only 4 property owners in arrears with dues.

*Deeds to roads and outparcels not received yet.

Secretary's Report:

*Minutes of May 31, 1998 general meeting sent to all landowners by Maureen Coniglio, secretary to developer David Wolfswinkel.

Order of Business:

*Consensus was reached by all BOD members that there would be no order to the order of business. Brainstorming, collegiality and humor would rule over Robert's Rules of Order.

*BOD meetings are open to all property owners. There will be no closed meetings. Input from association members is welcomed but final decisions will be made by the BOD.

*Occasional joint meetings with the BOD of Wildwood will be (hopefully) held to facilitate maintenance of the entrance road, Agua Fria, and the community well outparcel. Since the Wildwood BOD has closed meetings, our BOD will encourage Wildwood to open joint meetings to all association members.

*There has been a shed placed too close to the front street line on one parcel. Remind folks that covenants state no tents or structures to be placed within 65 feet of street line and 25 feet of side and back property lines.

*Notice of intent to place lien sent to delinquent landowners by previous BOD. Decision made not to place lien till landowner in arrears 2 years (\$100). However a late fee of \$3.00 per month has been set by this BOD. See Article VI of Wildwood Highlands Landowners Association Bylaws.

*Roads and culverts a major concern. Last year entrance culvert washed out and people were unable to leave till road repaired. Critical problem if medical emergency occurs. Expenses shared by Wildwood Highlands, Wildwood, Dick Wellborn, and the developer for the entry. The Wildwood Association ran critically low on money fixing their washouts. That is

why timely payment of association dues an issue. BOD will try to save money for major repairs by doing minor maintenance with volunteers instead of contracting out. Discussion of a work party and potluck to buttress entry culvert with rock and wire. Will try to involve Wildwood Association and implement prior to monsoons. Rumor of an engineer in Wildwood offering assistance.

*Water well maintenance to be discussed with Wildwood. Electric bill for the well sent to Wildwood. Wildwood Highlands to pay half. Who is responsible for reading meter? Decisions for well settings needs to be bilateral. Concern about contractors emptying community well to fill their tanks, ie. cement trucks and well drillers. Wildwood Highlands has many weekend well users. Tank needs to be full for them.

*Interest shown by some people in both associations to develop area around well. Suggestions include playground, pavilion, xeric garden, picnic tables. No funds available now. Possible in long term if enough people desire such. Membership could do fundraisings as a community project.

*Kathie Carrillo to research possibility of placing association money in short-term CDS.

*A Wildwood Highlands newsletter will be started to facilitate a sense of community. Classified ads will be taken for \$1 to help with cost of mailings.

After a slice of John's award winning, blue ribbon apple pie, the Wildwood Highlands Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Irreverently Submitted
Gail Stubbs
Secretary

Even with recent blading, pointy little rocks can take a toll on tires. Every owner signed the disclosure statement from the developer regarding the condition of the private roads within Wildwood Highlands. However, having a blow-out at the end of a long drive with a car full of cranky kids crammed between camping gear is not fun.

Bluebirds at the Well

Agua Fria: It has been a hot, dry summer. Other than for stock tanks at the ranches, there is no water for thirsty wildlife. A pair of mountain bluebirds are nesting near the community well and are very appreciative of puddles left behind. Be sure to spill a little water for the birds and butterflies.

A Rock Springs Loop bird bath attracted western and mountain bluebirds, dusky flycatchers, cassins kingbird, western kingbird, spotted doves, pinon jays and a hepatic tanager the first day it was filled.

Kevin, Lisa and Sarah on Yucca Circle are maintaining a wildlife pond. Several families of bluebirds have since claimed territories around the water supply.

TRAVEL TRAILER: Fleetwood 28' sleeps 5 stove, air conditioner refrigerator (propane or electric) tub/shower, Solar 12 volt \$5,000

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Weather and Road Update From
WHLA President Lisa Manguso
 July 8-"We have had a *lot* of rain. I thought it might be a good idea to check the roads for places that might become problem areas later. I found one on Agua Fria west of West Rock Springs Loop. AF is clay-based right there, and got so darned slick I couldn't stay on the road and... Well, it's a fairly long walk from there to my place! AF is pretty much impassible to a 2-wheel drive vehicle in that area right after

*(Thanks Lisa, for your "adventure"
on our behalf)*