

The **Wildwood Highlander** is a periodic newsletter providing information to property owners in Wildwood Highlands, near Datil, New Mexico. It is published in Datil, NM by the Wildwood Highlands Landowners' Association (WHLA), Post Office Box 87, Datil NM 87821-0087. For further information, please contact any member of the WHLA Board of Directors, listed below. Alternately, you may visit the WHLA website on the Internet: [www.wildwoodhighlands.org](http://www.wildwoodhighlands.org).

## **2017 Annual General Meeting**

The 2017 WHLA annual general meeting was held on May 20th, 2017 at the Datil Well Campground Pavilion. Twenty-five (25) members presented ballots. Highlights of the meeting were:

- The 2017 WHLA budget includes \$4,000 for road improvements and \$3,000 for road maintenance.
- Tom Cook, John Schaefer, and Fred Shepherd were elected as Directors of the Association.

Full details are in the meeting minutes, posted on the website.

## **Board Of Directors Meetings**

The Board of Directors met immediately following the general meeting on May 20th, 2017, to elect officers:

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Minutes from the meetings of the Board of Directors are posted on the website. In 2017, meetings were held on March 12th, May 20th, July 8th, November 4th, and December 19th. At the December 19th meeting, the Directors set the assessment amount for 2018 at \$71.00 per lot. Payment is due by 2018-Jan-31.

## **Liens**

At their December 19th, 2017 meeting, with respect to delinquent Lot 71, the Board of Directors decided to:

- File a new lien,
- Initiate foreclosure action, and
- Advise the owners.

## **2017 Summer Weather Report (as of September 15th , 2017)**

*From Wildwood Highlands resident Chuck Baker ...*

So far, the monthly temperature averages for the first 8 months of the year have been mostly alternating month to month from below average to above average (colder than normal one month followed by one that's warmer than normal). Precipitation has been slightly above average including less than average snowfall this winter and some above average rain amounts in May and June (typically very dry months with little or no rain at all).

The monsoon this summer has provided abundant moisture and as a result we have had a great year for wildflower blooms, especially the globe mallows (small orange flowers on multiple stalks) seen along Agua Fria Trail. Usually the rainfall totals about 6" over the summer monsoon season with monthly averages for July, August, and September close to 2". This year we had a record 4.29" in July (beating the old records of 4.26" set in July 2011 and 2013) and 1.9" in August. Combined with the additional .72" in June and 1.12" in May (technically not monsoon months) that means we have had just over 8" which has contributed to a wonderfully green summer for Wildwood Highlands. September's moisture has so far been limited with less than a ¼" recorded for the first half of the month.

The increased moisture this monsoon has affected the temperatures as well, not unexpected given that we've had more clouds and days with rain than average. Both July and August had monthly lows and highs well below average, although June was warmer than average even though we did have 9 days with measurable rainfall.

The 2017 hurricane season, while inundating other parts of the US with Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, has not impacted us yet. Typically, we can get some leftover tropical system moisture from storms in the western part of the Gulf of Mexico or in the northern part of the Sea of Cortez. It depends on how the high-pressure system that is usually set up over the Four corners area influences the incoming storm low pressure. While we haven't had any of that moisture yet in 2017, there is still time for that scenario to occur and bring further moisture to us later in the fall.

## **Editor's Note**

*From WHLA Member-at-Large John Kell (also editor of the 2017 Highlander):*

The **Highlander** encourages feedback from its readers. Opinions, observations, reminiscences, concerns, and photographs are all welcome. [The **Highlander** reserves the right to edit submissions for brevity and clarity].