

THE HIGHLANDS FLING

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February 2025



FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEBRUARY OPEN ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Please submit agenda items to the office by Monday, February 3. All are welcome at the Board Meeting on Friday, February 7 at 1 pm.

Community Yard Sale
Sat 2/15 – 7 am

Donato's Thank You Lunch
Mon 2/17 – 12 noon

White Elephant Sale
Sat 2/22 – 8 am

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Diane Flores is now on board and enjoying meeting new residents. She can be reached via email at: diane1highlands@gmail.com or (520) 297-2722

For billing concerns, contact Lynne Jordan at (520) 304-6296 or via email at highlands332@gmail.com

Hours for both ladies are:
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon-Fri

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, February 2nd at 2:00 pm at the Clubhouse for the following people: Roger Farmer, Anna Pufahl, Herb Johnson, Leona Lewis, Larry Clow, Lynn Nix, Jake Jacobs, and Jerry Ferrill

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, March 15 will be The Annual Craft Market at the Clubhouse. We will have coffee and refreshments along with great handmade products. If you are a crafter or artist there are sign-up sheets in the clubhouse. Registration this year will include a \$5 fee to help offset costs of refreshments & promotional items. If you have any questions, contact Mary Rausch (rauschfs@netins.net) or Cindy Bennett (cindybennett-1@hotmail.com)

CARDS SENT

Marilyn Staley sent cards to the following:
Jerry Ferrill-Thinking of You
Laura Nelson-Thinking of You
Louise Adams-Sympathy
Skip Schultz-Thinking of You

ACTIVITIES IN THE HIGHLANDS

If you're interested in an activity that's happening in the clubhouse and would like to hear more about it, here is some contact information:
Bingo - Donna Fritz
Book Club - Valerie Day
Chair Yoga - Susan Weber (505) 927-4216
Hand & Foot - Rosie Bussman (520)400-1330
HORAC- Ron Weihl, (231) 292-2554
Poker - Reed Snell (520) 668-0135
Texas Hold'em - Bob Beck (520) 409-8609
Social Hour - Bernie Lee (520) 409-8709

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/6 Rosie Bussman
2/11 Jack Nunez
2/14 Duane Olson
2/14 Raul Ortiz
2/15 Donna Smith
2/15 Bob Hurley
2/16 Meredith Hentschel
2/17 Chris Fargo
2/19 Cindy Bennett
2/20 Cheryl Sommer
2/21 Ron Baumbach
2/23 Joan Clow
2/27 Laura Nelson
2/29 Linc Keilman

ANIMAL POLICIES

Service animals are welcome in our community. Proper certification must be registered at the main office. Anyone who rents their place to someone who has a service animal, must make that policy clear. Paperwork to register the animal is also on the website. Service animals are welcome but are not allowed in the Clubhouse. This QR code will take you directly to the Rules for Reasonable Accommodation of Service or Assistance Animals in the CC&Rs on our website.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday February 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have items to sell, Please **PRINT** your name and address on the sign-up sheet located in the poker room at the Clubhouse. You can also note on that sheet with a "yes" in the last column that tells us you'll have a balloon attached to your mailbox for prospective buyers to see. This sale will also be listed on Craig's List but will not be in the newspaper or Explorer as this was cost

prohibitive. The following Saturday, February 22nd, the White Elephant Sale will be held at the Clubhouse from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This is your opportunity to donate any items that you have too many of or that you are no longer in need of (but **NO** clothes, bedding, hats or shoes). Please make sure any items that you're donating are **CLEAN** and **SUITABLE** for sale. Here are some examples: women's accessories such as purses, belts & jewelry; tools of any kind; household items such as furniture, throw rugs, curtains, decorative pillows, dishes, small appliances, towels, plants, books, movies, craft supplies, etc. **Drop off time** at the Clubhouse for all items is Friday February 21st between **8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**, which allows our volunteers to get everything priced and the Clubhouse locked up by noon. If you need help with large items, call Steve Horst (309-781-5154) or Jamie Horst (309-230-0233) to schedule a time and identify what the item/items are that need to be picked up. If you want to volunteer or help at this wonderful event, please call one of your co-chairs (Steve & Jamie) and they'll be happy to add your name to their list. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Clubhouse will be **CLOSED** to all residents who are not helping with the sale from 7:00 a.m. Friday until the sale ends on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

HORAC NEWS

HIGHLANDS 2025 OLYMPICS IT'S COMING AGAIN.

HORAC will be hosting the Olympics again on Thursday, February 20th. The registration begins at 9:40 a.m. with open ceremonies commencing at 10:00. The events will be Putt-Putt Golf, Corn Hole, Shuffleboard and Washer toss. There will be 8 teams with 4 people per team. Sign up early as there are limited teams available. Estimated time to finish the Olympics is 2-3 Hours. Teams will choose their own team's name. The team with the highest score wins the event. There will be opening ceremonies, a parade of teams, lighting of the Olympic Flame, game schedule provided, closing ceremony and awards. Snacks and water will be provided. There will be a \$10 suggested donation per team to cover the costs involved. If you missed out last year, here is your opportunity to enjoy a wonderful time of teamwork and great fun. **COME BE PART OF THE SECOND ANNUAL OLYMPICS!!!** Sign up sheet at the clubhouse. Ron Weihl, 231-292-2554



WALK CHALLENGE 2025

HORAC encourages you to participate in our 60 days walk challenge starting Monday, February 3, 2025-April 3, 2025. Mark your calendars! Walking provides great exercise, and health advantages. How many miles can you walk in 60 days? Set your personal goal and let's do this together! Will you do it with music, with friends, compete with yourself or others? This will be challenging but fun. Contact: Chris Ardingo, Tom Clark, or John Pangburn for more details.

HIGHLANDS BAKERS

The bake sale is held annually in conjunction with the White Elephant Sale. Gather your favorite recipes and start baking. Plan to drop off your treats at the Clubhouse on February 22nd at 8:00 am. You can also call Cheryl Stafford at 586-876-4589 for pick up. **IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to mark items that are perishable. Also list ingredients on baked goods for those allergies to nuts, wheat, etc. **THANK YOU** to all our gifted bakers who always do a wonderful job making this a tasty and enjoyable event!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be on February 12, 2025 at the Ole Mexican Grill located at 2080 W Orange Grove Rd. The sign-up sheet is located in

the Clubhouse. Please sign up by 5:00 PM on February 10th so that I may give the restaurant an accurate headcount. 15 people signed up for the January event with 13 attendees. Don't forget your pins! If you don't have one I'll get you one!!

HIGHLAND HIKERS

Save these February dates for some hiking!
Feb. 10th and Feb. 28th
See details and hike locations in the clubhouse and sign up!
Contact Cheryl Stafford with questions.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

February 10
We are having a "Heart Attack" in the resource room!! Come join us as Kay Delong is teaching an Zentangle inspired class featuring a Valentines Card theme (or any design)
Cost \$5
February 10 1:00
Resource Room
February 27
Ojo de Dios
Come join us as we learn how to make God's Eyes or Ojo de Dios.
Taught by Patti Triplett
Resource Room 1:00
Cost \$5



HIGHLANDS HAPPY QUILTERS

Open House
Come to our Quilter's Open House on Thursday, February 27th from 1:00 pm to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Clubhouse. Come see our artistic projects done by our local Quilters. We will show a variety of various quilting applications. A variety of quilts will be on display and for sale. A special antique hand quilted quilt will be on display. We will have quilting items for sale to support our Mission Projects. Refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you on February 27th! All are welcome to attend! Any questions, please call Sheila at 920-619-8074 or Lori at 605-323-8009.

BUNCO

Bunco is back at the Clubhouse two Thursdays again this month: Feb 6 and Feb 20. Perfect dice and counting game for beginners. Show up at 4 pm with your \$5 bucks, and you may win it back plus more! Always a good time. Both genders welcome. BYOB, light snack provided. Be sure you sign up in the Poker Room! Call Alex for questions 208-819-8064.

**HIGHLANDS DAY
TRIPPERS
TAKE A TRIP TO LAUGHLIN,
NEVADA
APRIL 7th AND RETURNING
ON APRIL 8th.**

If you're interested in going on a 2-day trip to RIVERSIDE HOTEL CASINO & RESORT in Laughlin, NV, you'll need to get a check (made out to THI) in the amount of \$130.00 per person, to Jamie by the 20th of February. The check will be held until the trip is on. We need 50 signed up and paid so funds can get paid to the bus company and the resort by the 1st of March.

Laughlin is a small gambling town on the Colorado River - a throwback to the 50s.

This sounds like a fun excursion. The fee includes the transportation and one night lodging. Meals and gambling money are from your own pocketbook. You may even win your \$130.00 back!

The website for the hotel/casino is:

<https://www.riversideresort.com/>
Check out the many amenities. Please call Jamie (309-230-0233) and get signed up - or for further information.

If you have never joined a trip with the Highland Day Trippers - it is a really fun experience, plus a great group of neighbors. Thank you Jamie for arranging this opportunity.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:30 - 10:00 AM
SATURDAY MARCH 1**

\$7 per person.

Contact Bernie Lee –
520-409-8709

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, OJ, coffee. ALL FOR \$7. Dishes and cutlery supplied. Just show up!!! No calories included. There is no sign up sheet - Bernie will be selling tickets. Call him.



**HIGHLANDS BOOK
CLUB**

American author Willa Cather is the subject of a book club discussion on February 10. Participants are encouraged to read any of her novels, poetry or short stories and come prepared to share insights and responses. The group meets the second Monday of the month at 10 am in the Resource Room. All are welcome, no sign up needed.

*Happy Valentine's
Day*



February 14, 2025



LAST PAGE

This section is a communication between the board and our residents, plus a Marketplace to list sale/rent/trade/services in the neighborhood.

• **Animal policies** are In the CC&Rs. Anyone who rents their place to someone HAS to make the animal policy clear. The QR inside this issue points to that web page. Or you can get a hard copy from the office.

• **Floor in bathrooms** - yes there was a curing problem with the shower being used too soon. It is being rectified.

DONATO: An appreciation lunch will be held on Monday, February 17 from 12 noon - 2 pm. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE POKER ROOM so we have an idea for food planning. Cards (gift cards included) will be collected in the office - if you want to offer a personal thanks.

WORKING ON SECURITY CAMERAS. Tony Bettens is doing research into this project. Sophisticated systems cost a lot of money or course. An anonymous donor gave us a substantial contribution to help fund this expense. Anyone else who wants to contribute can give a check to Diane in the office - write "security camera" in subject line.

NOTICE MAINTENANCE CONCERNS? Please report these to the office. Diane will keep a log of these issues.

DO NOT FEED 4-LEGGED WILDLIFE! It is unlawful to feed wildlife (except for birds and tree squirrels) in Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties per Arizona Revised Statute 13-2927. Violators will be reported to Arizona Game and Fish. Another thing: they pose a serious nuisance. If you notice a problem with these critters under a shed or vacant unit inform us.

RESOURCE ROOM door key pad - We've done some rekeying and there is a new lock method for the resource room. Security door will be kept unlocked and a key pad placed on the inner door. Code: posted at the clubhouse.

MARKETPLACE.....

Residents can buy/sell/items or services to other residents of the Highlands.

This section is for bartering or marketing from neighbor to neighbor in the Highlands.

If you want your listing continued or changed you must email me before our 3rd week of the month production. CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM and put Marketplace in subject line.

Hand Painted Greeting Cards: If anyone is in need of my watercolor cards, you don't need to wait for a craft show to purchase them. Just call or text me: Patti Triplett at 520-887-4120.

Drywall repairs:
Install drywall. Tape, Texture and finish.
44 years experience. Lenny Beyer
847-417-9684

**FEBRUARY ANNUAL MEETING:
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2025 • 1 P.M.**
This will be the open board meeting for February. At this meeting we announce the results of your vote for the board members, and changes to the CC&Rs.

HIGHLANDS DIRECTORY:
We print the Directory to come out in early February. Please check to see if there are changes or corrections to your listing. Owners of property here should have at least their name and address in the directory. Other details - such as email or phone number are optional.

COMMUNITY ISSUES: Brought up In Chuck's Informational meeting. Most of the input we received is that this meeting was very helpful and perhaps we can offer it on a periodic basis. The meeting was held to explain the Rental Cap vote on the ballot - and any other issues or concerns. Here are a couple of the comments:

• **Golf carts** can be driven by licensed motor vehicle drivers, NOT underage drivers - especially children. This seems obvious with the number of walkers here. This is a safety and liability issue. And **electric mobility scooters** - please BE AWARE of the automatic door on sidewalk next to the library. It could wipe you out!

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Clubhouse Rented Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
2 Groundhog Day Celebration of Life 2:00 pm	3 Pickleball 9:00 am Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Poker 5:30 pm Ping Pong 7:00 pm	4 Coffee 8:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	5 Pickleball 9 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am Gourds 1:00 pm GOLF Poker 5:30 pm	6 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Bunco 4:00 pm	7 Pickleball 9:00 am Annual Meeting 1:00pm Social Hour 4:00 pm	8 Coffee Chat 9:00 am Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
9 Bingo 2:00 pm	10 Hiking Pickleball 9:00 am Book Club 10:00 am Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Poker 5:30 pm Ping Pong 7:00 pm	11 Coffee 8:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Potluck 5:00 pm	12 Men's Breakfast 8:am Pickleball 9:00 am GOLF Poker 5:30 pm	13 HORAC 9 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	14 Valentine's Day Pickleball 9:00 am Social Hour 4:00 pm	15 Community Yard Sale Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
16 Bingo 2:00 pm	17 Presidents' Day Donato's Thank You Party 12:00 pm Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Poker 5:30 pm Ping Pong 7:00 pm	18 Coffee 8:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	19 Pickleball 9:00 am Gourds 1:00 pm GOLF Poker 5:30 pm	20 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Bunco 4:00 pm	21 Pickleball 9:00 am Clubhouse CLOSED Set-up for SALE	22 White Elephant Sale 8:00 am Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
23 Bingo 2:00 pm	24 Pickleball 9:00 am Arts & Crafts 1:00 pm Poker 5:30 pm Ping Pong 7:00 pm	25 Coffee 8:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	26 Pickleball 9:00 am Chair Yoga 11:00 am Gourds 1:00 pm GOLF Poker 5:30 pm	27 Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Quilters Open House 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	28 Hiking Pickleball 9:00 am Clubhouse Rented 4:30	
		Notes:	All Activities Held in the Clubhouse/Pool EXCEPT: Green = Resource Room Red = Off Site Activity			