



# THE HIGHLANDS FLING May 2025



## MAY EVENTS

We take a summer break with the open Board meetings. We'll see you all at the next meeting on **Wednesday, October 15.** Have a fun and safe summer.

### May Potluck

**Tuesday, May 13**

**5:00 PM—Clubhouse**

Please sign up in the Poker room. Bring a dish to pass and your table setting.  
See you there!

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Hours of Operation:

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon-Fri

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## FEEDBACK FROM CHUCK'S COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

A couple items that were brought up: PROPERTY SETBACK CHANGES might be in order - especially for small properties that want a new home installed. Chuck Ardingo welcomes feedback to this topic.

### ASSESSING CLUBHOUSE RENTAL FEES

Another concern: ARE WE CHARGING ENOUGH FOR THE CLUBHOUSE RENTAL? There are enough hidden expenses that we think a restructuring of the rental fee is in order. Replacement value of furniture, paper and soap supplies, kitchen equipment and supplies are some of these expenses. Connie Rose is collecting that info and any suggestions/comments/cost comparisons - send her way. (Via email please).

### OUR TREASURER REPORTS:

(drum roll) - We saved around 43% or at least 1k a month and often much more in the actual gas bill for pool only in a 5-month winter comparison of November of '23 to March of '24 versus November of '24 to March of '25. The solar actually gets covered this weekend to keep it from overheating the pool. The money we do spend is in the best interest of our community. This savings proves that. – Elizabeth Hinds.

## POOL SOLAR WATER HEATING VOLUNTEERS

This was a huge project that involved many volunteers that live and rent here at The Highlands. HUGE. We're talking 100's of volunteer hours. From the engineering of the steel structure to the GPS layout, build and installation of the structure, installation of tubes, installation of the mechanical system on and on. All volunteers from here in The Highlands. The company sold a quality product at a quality price, factoring in our volunteer force installing it. We need to thank them all for the success.

## VACATING PROPERTY

There are a couple things you can do for peace of mind. We mentioned, individual Ring Cameras. Also - the Oro Valley Police have a DARK HOUSE program. You register through them and they check on your house periodically. **In addition, please have any renter OR friend who will be staying at your place register at the office.** It's important for our security group to understand the comings and goings of unknown persons and vehicles. The Dark House webpage is:

<https://www.orovalleyaz.gov/Government/Departments/Police/Services/Request-a-FreeDark-HouseHome-Check>

## KUDOS! KUDOS!!

Patti Tripplett, Chairperson for the Art Committee, Sharon Dennis & Terry Wojdyla have been busy at work painting lovely artwork on large stones to WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS to the HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY for the past few years and their time and talents have been so much appreciated!! Big THANKS to Bill Lynde for helping clean up the dead tree debris at the entrance to our property. Again - it's worth repeating - Thank You to all the volunteers that helped make our solar pool heater a reality, saving us many dollars on a monthly basis! Colleen Nolan coordinates our birthday listings every month. And Carol Nadeau helps in any capacity needed to produce The Fling — from proof reading, to copying, collating and stapling. Connie Rose also has a hand in the Fling production and distribution.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, May 14**

Ed Pearlburg (the founder of the Men's Breakfast) will host the breakfast from May-Sept. The next Men's Breakfast will be at 8AM on May 14, 2025 at the Ole Mexican Grill located at 2080 W Orange Grove Rd. The sign-up sheet is located in the Clubhouse. Just FYI the restaurant does not open until 8AM. Please sign up by 5PM on May 12th so that Ed may give the restaurant an accurate headcount. There were seventeen people that attended the April breakfast.

## THE HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB

*"The Secret Life of Sunflowers,"* by Marta Molnar will be discussed on Monday, May 12 at 10a.m. in the Resource Room. This dual timeline novel includes a fictionalized account of Van Gogh's impoverished sister-in-law who introduced his artwork to the world. The public library has provided multiple copies, which are available from Valerie Day. *Please note these copies must be returned as part of the book club kit, so please do not return individual copies to the library OR to The Highlands library.* The June 9 discussion will be a reader's choice of a BIOGRAPHY. Everyone is welcome, no sign-up needed.

## BUNCO

Will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, super easy to learn and it's fun! Cost is just \$5. to play. Suzan Kane (978-317-6693) will be the facilitator. Sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

## INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

**Thursday, May 22**

Tesoro Latin Kitchen and Cantina, near the Tucson Mall. Meet at 11:15 to carpool.

## CARDS SENT

Naomi Osgood - Sympathy  
Lucy Phelan - Get Well  
Rodney McBride - Thinking of You

If anyone has cards they would like to dispose of, please contact Marilyn Staley.

## WELCOME TO THE HIGHLANDS!

**Joan Abbott**

10733 N Kilimanjaro

**David Harrington**

456 W Matterhorn

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Ed Triplett  
5/5 Donna Fritz  
5/5 Jean Jackson  
5/6 Carol Nadeau  
5/14 Rick Anderson  
5/15 Bob Wallace  
5/15 Connie Rose  
5/16 Jerry Dennis  
5/16 Reed Snell  
5/16 Shirley Tomac  
5/21 Rich Staska  
5/23 Alicia Gatti  
5/23 Susan Weber  
5/24 Bernie Lee  
5/26 Helen Keilman  
5/29 Jean Sellers  
5/30 Bill Kuhlman



## THANK YOU!

Desert Springs Independent Living would like to extend their gratitude for the 2 nights of parking that was provided on Highlands Drive. "We are truly grateful for your assistance during our parking lot resurfacing project".

## THE FLING

If you would like to receive The Fling via email, please contact Connie Rose at [crosehighlands23@gmail.com](mailto:crosehighlands23@gmail.com)

The Fling is also available on our website, <http://www.thehighlandsmhp.com/>

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

## FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS

The compliance crew has noticed brush accumulating around buildings. There once was a time when we didn't think communities could all burn down. *Please take fire safety seriously - for everyone's sake.* This includes trash and junk in carports.

## SNAKE and GILA MONSTER time of year.

We're going to be getting more of these critters displaced from the development above us.

The rattlesnake is a vital member of the food chain with a main diet of rodents - the kind that chew your wiring harness in the car. So please

don't kill them. Also a beautiful, large Gila Monster was relocated recently. Don't try to touch them or pick them up - unless you



want a very painful trip to the emergency room with a Gila Monster attached to your hand. If Glenn Hulstrand is in town (952-228-8660) he would be very glad to help you rid your worry. Otherwise, the Rural Metro Fire Department can be called to remove any of these hazards.

## WANT YOUR BIRTHDAY IN THE FLING?

There is a clipboard in the poker room/sign up area. ALSO there's a clipboard for Veterans to sign - as we approach November when we honor our Veterans.

## SUMMER FLING:

Summer – a growing number of residents remain here all summer. There still are all sorts of activities. The Fling will be published each month, but is not delivered to your home. They can be found at the office, or the Clubhouse or at our website (<http://www.thehighlandsmhp.com>) or emailed.

## MARKETPLACE.....

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

If you want a listing continued or changed please email me before our 3rd week of the month's production. Thanks. Connie

[CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM)

**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

**DONATION NEEDED - a small bookshelf** for the crafts group's reference books. Please contact Patti Triplett at 520-887-4120.

## ANNOUNCING: Friendly Volunteer Wanted:

Would you like to be a community "Welcome to the Neighborhood" greeter come fall? Tere Nuñez has done this for years - and has all sorts of info and material to pass on. She suggests it be a full-year resident. Please contact her at: 520-647-1166 or email: [tfnunez@gmail.com](mailto:tfnunez@gmail.com)

## SECURITY CAMERAS:

Tony Bettens has researched installing cameras in the park. We believe an LPR (License Plater Reader) near the entrance is the most pressing need. Residents have already donated over \$2,000 to this \$7,000 project. Anyone else wanting to donate can leave a check in the office (and write 'camera' in the subject line).

## MAINTENANCE ISSUES:

See a maintenance issue? Please contact the office. Diane can help with anything. Think we need a supply? Again, Diane has a shopping list. There's no need to purchase it on your own. In fact, you won't get reimbursed without a request form filled out.

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Hand & Foot 10:00am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Bunco 4:00pm	<b>2</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Social Hour 4:00 pm	<b>3</b>  Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
<b>4</b>  Bingo 2:00 pm	<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Coffee 8:00 am  Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>7</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>8</b> Hand & Foot 10:00am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>9</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Social Hour 4:00 pm	<b>10</b> Coffee Chat 9:00 am <b>Texas Hold'em 2:10pm</b> Clubhouse Rented 3:00
<b>11</b> Mother's Day  Bingo 2:00 pm	<b>12</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b> Book Club 10:00 am  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>13</b> Coffee 8:00 am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Potluck 5:00 pm	<b>14</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b> <b>Men's Breakfast 8:00</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>15</b> Hand & Foot 10:00am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm Bunco 4:00pm	<b>16</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Social Hour 4:00 pm	<b>17</b>  <b>Texas Hold'em 2:10pm</b> Clubhouse Rented 3:00
<b>18</b>  Bingo 2:00 pm	<b>19</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>20</b> Coffee 8:00 am  Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>21</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>22</b> <b>International Lunch 11:15</b> Hand & Foot 10:00am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>23</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Social Hour 4:00 pm	<b>24</b> Coffee Chat 9:00 am  Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
<b>25</b>  Bingo 2:00 pm	<b>26</b> Memorial Day  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>27</b> Coffee 8:00 am  Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>28</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Poker 5:30 pm	<b>29</b> Hand & Foot 10:00am Hand & Foot 1:00 pm Texas Hold'em 2:10pm	<b>30</b> <b>Pickleball 8:00 am</b>  Social Hour 4:00 pm	<b>31</b>  Texas Hold'em 2:10pm
		<b>Notes:</b>			<b>All Activities Held in the Clubhouse/Pool EXCEPT:</b>  <b>Green= Resource Room</b> <b>Red= Off Site Activity</b>	