

# Letter from The President

May 1, 2023

Dear Members,

Your Board of Directors is working diligently to keep the Highland Ranches a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

In 2023, the Board and residents dealt with an extremely rough winter with back-to-back snowstorms starting in late October and lasting well into April. We had more snow than we could move, causing roads to narrow and frustrations to run high. Together, we endured several logistical problems due to broken plows, numerous people stuck in snow drifts, and simply just too much snow for our plows to get through requiring us to call in reinforcements that included residents and contractors with a large, specialized equipment to get the Highlands dug out. Again, reinforcing our commitment to the goal of keep the roads open and roads passable, ensuring the safety of our residents.

The good news is that we made it and the snow is thawing! We are better prepared for future winters with a list of available equipment and resources that can be mobilized on short notice.

Fortunately, before the season started, we were able to update two of our old plow trucks with newer vehicles and will be selling the old ones. We were thankful that we had the extra plow trucks for rotational purposes this year, but they now need to be put to lighter use. The money from the sale of the older vehicles will be applied to the 2023 road maintenance budget.

We are still working to get a road maintenance crew onboard for 2023. The plan is to work with the information provided to the board by the Roads Advisory group and begin grading, watering, and rolling the roads in the Highland Ranches; tackling culvert cleaning in preparation for winter, and continuing to complete special projects as directed by the Roads Manager.

Your present board members, Kevin Singleton, Austin Swift, Mike Tozzi, and Roger Huff are honored to serve our community this year. Check the website for current events and to find the dates of the HRPOA Board of Directors meetings. These quarterly meetings are held at the Highlands Fire Station on the last Tuesday of the first month of every quarter. We invite all members to attend and join us in managing the Association business.

My term is completed in June 2023, and I would like to thank all the members and residents that have supported the board in accomplishing our goal to work within our budget and provide the necessary road repairs in the Highland Ranches. This year's winter was tough on both the 1-acre and 10-acre roads, and both boards will be working together, focusing their efforts on how to approach the extensive list of road repairs.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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