



Pueblos De Rodeo Road Newsletter

A Residential Community

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Director's Corner

Greetings Homeowners!

Hope your fall is off to a great start and you enjoy the cooler weather. Fall is a great season in Santa Fe. Welcome to our HOA if you are a new resident! Our planned quarterly August newsletter did not get published as our volunteer staff got busy with summer commitments. Here are some updates:

Secretary Update: After several years of excellent service, Terra Portillo resigned as secretary due to increased job workload and family commitments. Thank you, Terra! So, the Directors are searching for a new secretary. Time for a member to step up?! If interested please contact the Directors at pdrroa87507@gmail.com.

Treasurers Update: Directax continues to make progress in catching up on our bookwork and has additional reports available which will be posted on our website. HOA funds have not totally recovered from the sidewalk repair expenditures required by the city and the non-payment of annual dues by members due to the pandemic. The HOA August 31 bank account balance was \$11,312.80 and the reserve fund account balance was \$6,000.

The bank account pays immediate expenses such as maintenance of the common area, bookkeeper (treasurer duties) and secretary expenses (both independent contractors). The reserve account supplements the bank account, and helps the HOA save for and afford work such as sidewalk repair and median improvement (which will reduce long-term HOA expenses).

Next Annual Meeting and Directors/Officers Election: Saturday, March 26th, 2022.

HOA Covenants and Bylaws Update: Our apologies for not yet getting these draft documents out to HOA members. They are still a work in progress and the Directors have not settled all issues related to updating these important documents. We will continue to work on them, provide updates to members, and provide homeowners adequate review and comment time for these essential documents before they are put to a vote.

HOA Goals for the Next Year: The Directors have developed some goals we would like to accomplish in the next year:

- Revise the PDRR web pages to better reflect what homeowners are interested in and need to know
- Complete the drafting of revised covenants and bylaws and present the need for change to homeowners
- Carry on work with Directax to update our HOA accounting processes and financial transparency
- Facilitate a PDRR HOA community social event in 2022 (Picnic?)
- Continue supporting efforts to clean up and take care of HOA common areas, including accumulating funds to finish the sidewalk median project
- Encourage homeowner HOA volunteering to connect our community and make it a better place to live

We continue to look for volunteers to help with operation of our HOA. Send your interest to pdrroa87507@gmail.com.

We welcome your suggestions, questions, photographs, and ideas for upcoming newsletter features and content.

Thanks, PDRR Board of Directors

Helpful Links

SFCC Computer Skills: <https://www.ed2go.com/sfccnm/online-courses/computer-skills-for-the-workplace/> This course provides fundamental computer competencies you need to survive and prosper in today's fast-changing world. (\$115)

Computer Charity NM: <http://www.computercharitynm.org/> or call 505-983-2577. Assists low-income families and veterans by providing low-cost or free used computers. They also have many low-cost laptops and desktops available for purchase for anyone. Due to Covid limitations you must call in advance.

Tech-help Classes: <https://santafelibrary.org/tech-help-classes/> Thursdays 10am – 11pm, by appointment only. Call 505-955-6786 or email library@santafenm.gov

Free Beginners Computer Courses: <https://goadelante.org/diverseit/computer-classes/> Remote online only due to COVID. Call 505-881-8324 for details.

Digital Learn offers free courses: <https://www.digitallearn.org/> Offers free courses on computers, navigating websites, and the basics of email.

Email Basics: Free tutorials: <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/emailbasics/>
“Nextdoor” neighborhood app: <https://nextdoor.com/>. Nextdoor is a free social networking service for neighborhoods. Once you sign up, you’ll be part of the Pueblos de Rodeo Road neighborhood where you can post and receive messages, and learn about local happenings and events.

If you are interested in helping computer novices or sharing your tech expertise with neighbors, please send your interest to pdrroa87507@gmail.com.

PDRR HOA Fees Summary:

2021 annual assessment dues — \$36.75 per household

Late fee — \$10.00 (per account, if unpaid by 3/27/2021)

Santa Fe County Recorder’s Office lien fee — \$25.00 (if extended non-payment of annual assessment, HOA places lien on homeowner property, and this fee eventually must be paid by the homeowner)

Resale fee to new buyers — \$1000 (includes \$200 transfer fee, \$300 Disclosure Certificate fee, and \$500 as contribution to capital revenue)

Bill Pay: Despite having the lowest HOA fees in Santa Fe, about 35 of our 373 households have not paid their 2021 annual dues. Some owe from previous years with a total of \$7000 owed the HOA by homeowners. Delinquent fees put the burden of association expenses on the remaining HOA households, which is not fair to our hard-working neighbors. We urge you to consider paying your dues through your bank/ credit union "bill pay" process, a procedure that usually carries no fee, provides a safe and secure payment method, and provides a record for you. Please send payments to DIRECTAX, ATTN GRACIELA ROBLES, 2446 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe, 87505. However, checks must be paid to the order of PUEBLOS DE RODEO ROAD OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

If a homeowner is in a difficult financial situation and not able to pay their dues, the Board requests that the homeowner send communication to our email address pdrroa87507@gmail.com to initiate discussion of options, such as a payment plan.

Developing Resilient Yard Plantings

Yvonne Hickerson, a PDRR homeowner, works locally for native plant and conservation organizations. She endorses the planting of native, drought resistant plants that increase pollinator habitat, and the elimination of exotic invasive plants (such as Russian thistle/tumbleweed, Siberian elm, and Russian olive). She has planted natives in her own yard area!

The Xerces Society began this year to provide Santa Fe neighborhoods with free, locally grown native plants with the goals to promote native plant diversity, improve habitat for native pollinating insects, and use less water in the long-run. The provided drought tolerant plants will collectively bloom annually from spring to fall. Yvonne registered for the program last spring, and in September, she received her “water saving kit” which included a gallon sized New Mexico olive tree, and a tray of twenty-eight 4-inch potted native perennial plants of various species. These are now planted, and she is helping them get established with periodic watering. Fall is the best time for planting as the roots develop underground during the winter.

This Xerces program will continue in 2022. These are the requirements for homeowners:

- Need to have available 300 square feet or more of yard/open space for planting the array of species. You may consider partnering with an adjacent neighbor if you don't have that much space available for the full collection of plants.
- Commit the time and labor to plant/install the plants mid-to-late September (within 1-2 weeks of receiving the kits).
- Be able to periodically water/irrigate the plants as needed for 2 years to get them well established.

Participants will be contacted the summer after planting (1 year) to provide follow up information such as plant survival numbers, photos of plantings, and comments on pollinator visitors. Do not use pesticides or herbicides in the vicinity of the plantings.

If you would like to participate in this program next year, check-out the program online at <https://xerces.org/blog/new-in-santa-fe-pollinator-trail-and-habitat-kit-program>. Registration for next year's program closes June 2022. If you have questions about the program or native plants, feel free to call Yvonne at 303-710-2011.

Key Dates

Next Annual Meeting & Directors/Officers Election

Saturday, March 26th 2022

Local Calendar

Free Flu Shots. Call Christus St. Vincent at 505-913-3880 for drive thru services at the Main Hospital

Saturday, October 31

9am – 5pm. Community Day at the Botanic Gardens.

Tuesday November 2

All day. Santa Fe Local Municipal Election.

Early voting at Santa Fe County Fair Building begins Saturday, October 16.

Saturday November 6

9am – 1pm.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection. BuRRT

Happy Halloween

