

High Knob Newsletter

Fourth Quarter 2026



Welcome Fall!

Autumn is a season of transition, inviting us to slow down, find comfort in the little things, and embrace the beauty of change.

Community Manager Update

We are pleased to introduce Sarah Hash, who has officially joined our organization as our new Community Manager. In this role, Sarah will oversee our community initiatives, support our members, and foster a collaborative environment across our platforms. To share her background, professional journey, and strategic vision for our community, we prepared a formal introduction letter for our community members. We invite you to read their message and join us in extending a warm welcome.

👉 [View the Official Introduction Letter](#)

VDOT Update

VDOT has updated the timeline for the safety upgrades at the Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) and High Knob Road intersection. This project will significantly improve safety and reduce congestion by adding a dedicated westbound left-turn lane and an eastbound right-turn taper. They have updated the project timeline.

Quick Timeline:

- **Estimated start date:** Summer 2027 (advertise for construction)
- **Estimated completion date:** Spring 2028
- **Design approval:** Summer 2026
- **Begin Right of Way / Utility Relocation:** Fall 2026

Drivers should watch for temporary flagger traffic control in the area during preliminary field work. You can view the full project plans and track updates directly on the official [VDOT Route 55 / High Knob Road Project Page](#).

HKOAI

FY 27-28 Budget Meeting Outline:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming 2027-2028 budget sessions

Date	Meeting Type	Time	Location / Focus
Oct. 2	Work Session	1:00 PM	Office Conference Room <i>(Initial Discussion)</i>
Oct. 9	Work Session	9:00 AM	Office Conference Room <i>(Budget dry run & projections)</i>
Oct. 14	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Clubhouse & Zoom <i>(First draft presentation & public review)</i>
Oct. 26	Work Session	Time TBD	Office Conference Room <i>(Review of new expenses)</i>
Nov. 1	Work Session	Time TBD	Office Conference Room <i>(Review of draft 5-year plan)</i>
Nov. 9	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Clubhouse & Zoom <i>(Board vote & start 30-day community review)</i>
Dec. 7	Final Meeting	Time TBD	Clubhouse & Zoom <i>(Final community input & budget approval)</i>

Resident Input Policy: Residents are welcome to attend all sessions. However, work sessions are strictly for Board discussion; resident input and comments are limited exclusively to the regular meetings on Oct. 14, Nov. 9, and Dec. 7.

HIGH KNOB ROADWAY REMINDERS:

To keep our streets safe, peaceful, and secure for everyone, please review these important community rules:

- **Parking Regulations:** Parking is strictly prohibited on all community roadways, even if your vehicle is partially on the shoulder. All residents and guests must use designated parking areas and clearly display a valid parking pass. Your vehicle is only allowed to be parked for up to 72 hours, then must be moved. Parking passes are available for purchase in the High Knob office.
- **Speed Limits:** Keep your speed at **25 MPH** when driving through our neighborhood roads. Please reduce your speed to **5 MPH** when approaching the entrance.
- **Main Gate Security:** Our exit features "tiger teeth" traffic spikes that require cars to roll over them slowly. Crossing them any faster than **5 MPH** can cause sudden tire damage and extra wear on the gate system.

Thank you so much for looking out for one another and keeping our community a safe, welcoming place to call home!

HKUI

Water Utility Bill:

Water bills have been mailed, and are **due November 2nd**. We accept the following payment methods: check, cash, credit/debit card, and ACH. If you are in need of a payment plan for your bill, please email our office at hkui@hkoai.com with your situation.

HKUI billing is completed quarterly, with bills sent out in January, April, July, and October. Those interested in online bill payments, please email hkui@hkoai.com for enrollment information.

2027 Annual Budget Meeting:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming 2027 budget meeting.

Date	Meeting Type	Time	Location / Focus
Oct. 24	Work Session	8:00 AM	Office Conference Room (2027 Budget)

Water Meter Access Reminder:

We wanted to remind residents to help us keep the area around their water meter clear and easily accessible. Please avoid allowing bushes, tall grass, landscaping, decorations, or other objects to cover or block access to the meter and meter box.

Keeping your water meter accessible allows our staff to:

- Perform routine maintenance
- Manually read the meter when needed.
- Quickly check the meter when investigating a possible leak or unusual water usage.
- Access the meter promptly in the event of an emergency.
- Repair or replace meter equipment when necessary.

Even though meters may not need hands-on attention every day, clear access is important when an issue does arise. A little routine trimming and maintenance around your meter can help our staff respond more quickly and efficiently when you need us.

Voluntary Water Restriction:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) still has our region under a Drought Warning. Because our water comes from groundwater aquifers that are still recovering, **High Knob Utilities is keeping our voluntary water restriction in place.**

While we have had recent rain, groundwater levels can take time to recover following extended periods of dry weather. We ask all High Knob Utilities customers to continue conserving water and reducing nonessential use whenever possible. This may include limiting outdoor watering, postponing unnecessary washing of vehicles or other outdoor surfaces, promptly repairing leaks, and being mindful of everyday household water use.

Calendar of Events

- **Oct 12th** | HKUI Board Meeting (6:00PM)
- **Oct 14th** | HKOAI Board Meeting (6:00PM)
- **Oct 24th** | HKOAI Trunk or Treat Event - Click [Here](#) for flyer. 
(Clubhouse parking lot will be closed for this event starting Oct 23rd)
- **Oct 26th** | HKOAI Board Meeting (6:00PM)
- **Nov 9th** | HKUI & HKOAI Board Meeting (HKUI 6:00PM and HKOAI 7:00PM)
- **Nov 14th** | Winter on High Knob Workshop - RSVP is Required Click [Here](#) for flyer. (10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)
- **Nov 21st** | HKOAI Chili Cookoff - Click [Here](#) for flyer. (4:00PM - 6:00PM) 
- **Nov 23rd** | HKOAI Board Meeting (6:00PM)
- **Nov 26th & 27th** | HKOAI OFFICE CLOSED | Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Dec 14th** | HKUI & HKOAI Board Meeting (HKUI 6:00PM and HKOAI 7:00PM) 
- **Dec 19th** | HKOAI Cookie Exchange - Click [Here](#) for flyer. (2:00PM - 4:00PM)
- **Dec 24th & 25th** | HKOAI OFFICE CLOSED | In Observance of Christmas Eve & Christmas Day! 
- **Dec 28th** | HKOAI Board Meeting (6:00PM)

Beautify High Knob Project

Beautify HK Project Update: Progress on the Mountain!

We are thrilled to share that the **Beautify HK Project** is officially moving from the planning phase to reality! Thanks to the incredible support and input from our neighbors, **we have started ordering materials** for the first round of improvements.

Work will soon be underway to transform our entrance and community spaces into welcoming areas that truly reflect the natural beauty of High Knob.

If you would like to donate to this project, **donations should be made out to High Knob Owners' Association and submitted to the office.** For any questions about the upcoming improvements, please **contact the High Knob office today.**

Thank you for your continued support in making our mountain home even more beautiful!

Community Groups

Coffee & Bagels

Meets in the clubhouse every Tuesday at 10:00AM

High Knob Prayer Group

Meets in the clubhouse every 4 weeks on Saturday at 7:00PM
Dates: October 17th, November 14th, and December 12th.

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