

Mother's
DAY

Sunday, May 12th

LIFE ON HIGH KNOB

**One Mountain, One
Community,
One Great Place to Live!**

MAY 2024



**Water Bills
Due May 15th**

Life on High Knob is an email newsletter for residents. If you would like to share information for everyone to see in our next issue, please send it to

hkoffice@hkoai.com or call 540-635-6086.

Website: www.hkoai.com

High Knob Utilities and Owners' Association Board Meetings

High Knob Utilities, Inc. meeting will be held on Monday, May 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

High Knob Owners' Association will be held on Monday, May 13 @ 8:00 p.m. & May 27 @ 7 p.m.

These meetings will be held in the clubhouse and also by video conferencing using Zoom.

High Knob Owners' Association Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

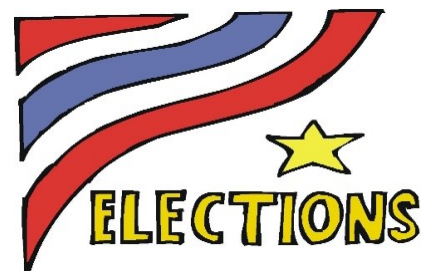


Mark your calendars! High Knob Owners' Association Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 23th at 2:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Additional information about this meeting will be sent to property owners in a forthcoming mailing.

One of the main items of business will be the election of two of the five members of the High Knob Owners' Association Board of Directors. Each position is for a two-year term.

To serve on the board, you must be a property owner in good standing on High Knob, as defined by the association bylaws. In addition, experience in business or non-profit organizations is desirable. But foremost, board members must be able to work well with others cooperatively, professionally, and positively. Good analytical and problem-solving skills are also helpful. Board members attend monthly board meetings held on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month and are

expected to be available for communication regarding association business needs. If you are interested in serving your community and would like to run for a seat on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest along with a short profile (500 words or less.) The profile will be sent to residents as part of the election packet. Submissions may be made by email to hkoffice@hkoai.com or dropped off at the office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. They can also be sent by US mail to HKOAI, 16 Windy Way, 22630. **The deadline for filing is 3 p.m. May 15, 2024.** Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.



Engage with Us: Your Voice Matters!

The HKOAI Board believes in the power of collaboration and the strength that comes from diverse perspectives. As members of our community, your input and feedback is essential to our continued growth and success.

We're reaching out to you today to invite you to be an active participant in shaping the future of our community. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your thoughts, ideas, and concerns are important to us.

Your voice matters, and we want to ensure that it's heard loud and clear. That's why we're launching an initiative to gather input and feedback from our local community members. We want to know what issues are most important to you, what initiatives you'd like to see implemented, and how we can better serve your needs.

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- **Visit or call the office:** Our HKOAI Office is open and available for you to bring your thoughts and ideas to the table. The HKOAI Staff will collect your information and channel it to the next Board meeting.
- **Bi-Monthly Board Meetings:** Attend board meetings where you can interact directly with your elected leaders, ask questions, and share your concerns.
- **Surveys (coming in the near future):** Take part in surveys designed to gather feedback on specific topics or initiatives. Your responses will help us better understand the needs and preferences of our community members.

No matter how you choose to participate, your input is invaluable to us. Together, we can work towards building a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

We're excited to hear from you and look forward to working together to make our community the best it can be. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Sincerely,
Your HKOAI Board of Directors

Excessive Piles of Brush on the Mountain

There have been several questions asked recently as to what about all the piles of brush piled up along the roads on High Knob?

Each property owner is fully responsible for the removal of the piles of brush and dead and/or cut up tree trunks on their property.

Some folks are under the misconception that High Knob property owners' association is responsible for the removal. That misconception is most likely due to the fact that about three years ago High Knob received funds from a government program. The amount was based on the number of documented hours expended by residents cleaning up the brush on their property. The government program, Firewise, contributed funds specifically for the removal as a key goal of the government program was to reduce the risk of fire.

Unfortunately, that program has not been receiving funding to support contributing to communities such as High Knob.

What can be done to help.

The board has discussed the need in multiple open meetings especially in past budget cycles. We have looked to see what it might cost to hire a professional firm to come in and remove the piles as they had done when the Firewise program helped fund the costs. The estimate based on our cost in past years was over \$20k just for chipping and it would not get rid of all the piles of brush (We learned there are limitations to what piles can be chipped up and we did not include the possible cost of cut up tree trunks). We learned that Chippers are damaged by trying to cut up old wood, it needs to be hard solid wood, not wood that has been sitting out for a year or more. Further we learned that if a pile has been sitting long enough for weeds or grass to start growing in and around it, it can have animals such as snakes within it. The chipping companies will require that the pile be moved to a new area before they would touch it to help insure there is no danger within to the workers.

Given how long many of these piles have been sitting out, it appears we will need a combination of chipping of new and the trailering of older wood to the dump in Bentonville as our only options.

Possible idea to help get the piles removed, what if we could get a company to bid doing more than your house or road? Could we get a significant break in the cost with such a large job?

To get a quote, we need to find out how big the job is, we need your help to get the information as to what needs to be removed.

If each street would find a volunteer to help coordinate two things,

1. How much wood is there to be removed and what needs to be trailered and what could be chipped. (The idea is if we get a good picture of how much we must get rid of?)
2. Would that same volunteer be willing to collect checks from each participant on a given street to cover the cost of the designated piles on that street?

As you can see the task needs your help, it takes volunteers if we are to get a possible break, due to volume of work. If you have a key person for each road who is willing to help, please ask them to send an email to the office (HKOAIVicePresident@gmail.com) volunteering and we will reach out directly to them. Our second step is to arrange a meeting of volunteers and discuss how as a group best to proceed.

We need to get the brush removed to significantly reduce the risk to our property and to our neighbors.

Again, this is just one idea on how to proceed, we would like to hear others.

Apartment above the Clubhouse available for rent

Please click the link to review

<https://matrix.brightmls.com/Matrix/Public/Portal.aspx?ID=DE-2120702138974&agt=1>

Community Events Located at The Clubhouse

Coffee and Bagels Every Tuesday – 10 AM

Line Dancing Sunday, May 12th 4PM – 6PM

Game Night Thursday, May 16th 7PM – 8PM

Pool Season 2024 - May 24 to September 2

Get Your Swim Pass!

Who doesn't enjoy soaking in some sunshine & having a swim now & then? -Where we live there are only a few months to take advantage of the fun! Our community pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day each year.

The pool is free to use for High Knob members in good standing. But no pass will be issued for anyone with delinquent Sanitary District Fees due the county. Renters can purchase a pass for \$40, cash or check. The guest fee is \$5 cash per guest.

A Pool Pass Registration Form must be completed before pool passes are issued.

You can download the form here:

[Pool Registration Form](#)

This a friendly reminder about the High Knob Pool.

Alcohol use is prohibited at the pool.

Coolers will be checked and no alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the pool area at any time.