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DECEMBER 2019

ALPOA'S GOAL STATEMENT:

Alto Lakes Property Owners Association's Purpose is to promote the general maintenance, enhancement and well being of real properties located in the Alto Lakes G&CC subdivisions and to represent the interests of the owners of these properties in matters that come before the Association.

We wish to sincerely thank all our members for your continued support in 2019. We have 1,013 members as of the first of December.

DECEMBER 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Book sale by friends of the Ruidoso Library - December 6th
- Festival of Lights Parade (Ruidoso) - December 7th
- Capitan Library Holiday Bazaar December 7th from 8AM to 2PM
- Spencer Theatre - The Nutcracker (Presented by Dali' Ballet Company)
 - December 21st (2pm & 7pm)
 - December 22 (2pm)
- ALG&CC Christmas party - December 13th
- ALG&CC New Year's Eve Candlelight Dinner and Dance
- Santa's Helpers (This is one of the organizations that we support with a donation)
 - December 6 and 13 from 5 to 7 PM
 - December 9 & 16 from 3 to 7 PM
 - December 4, 7, 11, and 14 from 8 AM to 6 PM-
 - Delivery date is December 18th

UPCOMING ALPOA EVENTS

- Annual Membership Drive for 2020 – Watch for your mailout in January. Dues remain at \$25.
- ALPOA Semi-Annual Meeting Thursday February 4, 2020, 4:30 PM in the Sierra Card Room.
 - We will have complimentary wine and beer, along with a Chautauqua presentation by Tiffanie Owen, who does a program about school teachers in early-New Mexico.
- Valentine Dinner and Game Show Thursday February 13, 2020. More details to follow.

CURRENT ALPOA PROJECTS

- Entrance sign at the corner of High Mesa and French in progress. To be double sided and lighted.
- Restroom / pavilion / observation deck at Outlaw tennis / pickleball complex. In discussion phase.

PROPERTY OWNERS TAKE NOTE

- To full timers and part-time residents: Alto Lakes G&CC and ALPOA are asking everyone to be part of an informal Neighborhood Watch. Don't be politically correct, too busy, uncaring, or not nosy. Please watch your neighbors' homes on your block. If you see anything that seems odd or unusual, call the Sheriff's office. They will be happy to check things out. With strange vehicles, get the color, make, and possible license number. Watch out for Porch Pirates. If a package sits for a while on the porch, at least contact the homeowner or take the package inside until they arrive home.
- Homeowners can help themselves by not announcing they are not in residence: do not hang chains across the driveway; do not leave Christmas decorations on the front door in May; open the curtains/blinds and use timers to turn on and off various lights in the house. Make sure all the doors are locked. Cancel the newspaper. Neighbors can help during the winter months by driving into the driveway and leaving tire marks and walking around the house as if someone is present. If you see someone drive up to the house across the street walk out on to the porch and watch what are they doing and stare at them until you are satisfied all is well.
- Be proud to live here. **Mother Earth needs your help.** We are being overrun by uncaring people who think nothing of tossing beer bottles, beer cans, soda cans, cigarette butts, plastic food cups and bags and other trash from Hwy 48 all the way into Outlaw. Do a **Random Act of Kindness** and pick up trash on your property or while out walking. Carry some grocery bags and a grabber and pick up at least parts of your block. Get some friends to drive a cart while picking up trash. And if you do walk your dog, pick up after it and take the baggie home and dispose of it rather than leaving it along the road. It would be neighborly not to let your dog go poop on other people's property.
- **Message from ACC** – With the growing season coming to an end, now would be a great time to have your front yard mowed, trees trimmed, and any weeds, thistles and dead trees removed. You and your neighbors will appreciate the well-groomed look of our neighborhoods, and it reduces fire danger to our properties.

ALPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Ongoing Directors

- Barbara Edwards
- Jim Edwards
- Thresa Holmes
- Cathy Mackay
- Dedra Mergele
- Marcy Oglesby
- Barbara O'Leary
- Gracie Rheingans
- John Stern
- Shelley Stern
- Roy Webb

Welcome to Incoming Directors:

- Herbie Marchbanks
- Carol Marchbanks
- Sonny Pool

Thank you to Outgoing Directors for your six years of service

- George Holmes
- Susan Holmes

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALPOA FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2019 AND WISH THEM ALL BLESSINGS IN THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

2018 ANNUAL REPORT:

- Total Boxes Given – 3,592 (1 box per month per client family)
- Individuals Served - 11,283
- Current Statistics
 - 30%-40% of recipients are children
 - 21% seniors
 - 16% grandparents raising grandchildren
- ***WE ARE A 501-C ORGANIZATION FUNDED TOTALLY BY DONATIONS AND GIFTS**

LOCATION:

138 SERVICE ROAD, RUIDOSO, NM 88345 575-257-0682
HOURS OF OPERATION – M-W-F 12-4PM

ALPOA'S monthly board meetings are held in the Spencer room at the Alto Country Club on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 3:00 PM. They are open to any ALPOA member. Stop by if you have a question, input, or just want to see what goes on. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on projects/activities, etc., that ALPOA might undertake.