

The Highlands: “A Gated Community”

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Access to The Highlands is available through any of the three entrance gates off Dove Mountain Boulevard. The Main Gate is centrally located between the North and South gates and is staffed by a Gate Attendant, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year. The North and South gates allow resident entrance only with an electronic “responder” and provide unrestricted exit. The gates are one of the reasons many residents live here. They help maintain our privacy and make it more difficult to access our community than a standard community.

Although not foolproof, the gates do deter criminal activity and enhance resident safety. Our policy prohibiting solicitation and/or canvassing of any type protects our residents’ privacy from outside intrusion. Our gates also restrict through traffic to residents and guests and the 25 mph speed limit provides a safer environment for biking, walking and other activities while reducing the likelihood of accidents. This is clearly a beautiful thing particularly if you’ve ever lived outside a gated community and dealt with crime and/or solicitors. There’s no guarantee you won’t be the victim of crime in a gated community, but it is significantly reduced from a non-gated community. The gates only act as a deterrent, not a foolproof solution. We encourage all of our residents to use good safety practices such as keeping homes locked when away, vehicles locked when parked outside and not in use, keeping valuables out of sight and garage doors down when no one is around and more.

The Highlands Bar and Grille and the Golf Course are open to the public. Many events hosted at the Association club house are open to public access day and/or night. We do not restrict entrance for these exceptions. We also have many suppliers, repair people and landscape people that provide services to our residents. These services are to be coordinated with the main gate by the resident and these same visitors are asked to leave through the Main Gate as well.

As a gated community our home values tend to retain their value better during market downturns. Also our general community appearance is more uniform to help maintain our market appeal.

Our gated community is not meant or designed to be a secure campus or fortress. The cost of having that type of security would be prohibitive. Of course, there is a cost associated with providing security staff and maintenance for gates and fences. Every effort is made by the Board and Association committees to keep our community safe.