

President's Message

Call for candidates - a Directorship position on the RECOA Board

A brief period for self-nominations is now open for a Temporary Director position on the RECOA Board. Only owners in Voting Group 1 are eligible for this position. Voting Group 1 includes Eagle Ridge homes, Highland Ridge homes, The Falls, Eagle Springs, and Scenic Ridge neighborhoods.

A [Candidate Form](#) has been posted on the RECOA homepage. Email the completed form to Janet Skaggs at skaggsRECOA@gmail.com or to Liz.Lopez@eagle-crest.com -or- deliver to the Eagle Crest Management office at 8300 Coopers Hawk Drive. The deadline for accepting self-nominations is **Wednesday, August 10th at midnight.**

This is a rare opportunity for RECOA owners in Voting Group 1 to serve on the Board of Directors for a short stint, now through the November election. The next few months are a very busy time for the RECOA Board. Our activities will include:

- Reviewing and voting on recommended campaign rules and election procedures
- Monitoring summer and fall vendor schedules and performance
- Reviewing the Level 1 Reserve Study in detail
- Participating in the 2023 Budget cycle meetings
- Approving the 2023 Budget
- Preparing for the Annual Meeting in November
- Monitoring the November election for new Board Directors

Notifications

Creekside Owners –

We received notice that the vendor has started pressure washing and prepping units within Creekside for painting. We have requested a schedule and will get this out to owners as soon as possible.

General Announcements

New Call to Report Dead/Dying Trees - Owners in Managed Neighborhoods are requested to report dead or dying trees in their neighborhoods to Eagle Crest Management (ownerservices@eagle-crest.com). All owners are invited to report dead or dying trees in Master Common areas. Please provide the following information for each tree:

- Unit address (or closest address)
- Description of location, relative to unit address (i.e. SW corner of property)
- Species
- Height/size

Owners of custom single-family homes are responsible for the removal of dead or dying trees and shrubs on their property. A form is available on the RECOA website which can be used for an owner to request permission from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to remove a tree. Click [here](#) to access the form.

This reporting helps RECOA keep our communities looking their best and helps us stay "Fire Wise." Click [here](#) for more information about RECOA's Community Wildfire Protection Program. Thank you for taking the time to send this important information.

Department of State Land (DSL) Sales Update – Per the Oregon DSL webpage, the application to purchase parcels in the Cline Buttes Tract has been withdrawn by the Thornburgh Development group. Click [here](#) for a link to the DSL webpage. Under “Properties open for review or comment,” click on the link for “Cline Buttes Tract – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.”

Water Feature Safety – It has been observed that children are playing in the water features in the Trail Creek and Creekside areas. For the children’s safety and the maintenance of these man-made water features, it is requested that they not play in these waters. Wildlife (frogs/tadpoles/ducks) must not be removed or disturbed.

Mail Delivery – As you may have heard, our previous mail carrier retired and RECOA mail is now being delivered by a new carrier. Our new carrier has 20 years of experience delivering mail but it will take some time for them to familiarize themselves with the unique layout of our mailboxes. Please be patient and look for your mail later in the day as our new carrier learns the layout.

Committee News

Communication Survey – How well is RECOA communicating with owners? We want your feedback. A new survey will be available to owners next week.

Community Wildfire Protection – For those not aware, we had a potentially serious situation on July 19th, when two golfers happened to be passing by and saw smoke and flames at the base of a juniper tree near Eagle Crest Blvd. and Widgeon. One ran to the closest home and found a hose with the nozzle attached and the other called 911. Fortunately, the tree was limbed up and the PulsePoint app alerted other residents in the area. The cause is unknown but the Redmond Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief suspects careless disposal of smoking material.

CWP is currently working with the Architectural Review Committee to develop a memorandum of understanding to support extending the home ignition zone from 15 feet to 30 feet. CWP is also composing an extensive list of common questions and answers regarding partial owner reimbursement to offset a minimum investment. This is a golden opportunity where owners can participate in a grant program that benefits them directly! More details will follow as CWP continues to work closely with Ross Huffman of the Sisters ODF office.

CWP is continuing the ladder fuel reduction effort which will include the mowing of tall grasses that were thriving from spring rains and are now drying out in the heat, resulting in increased fire hazard. Also, owners need to be conscientious with their bark installations to be in compliance with a standing Architectural Review Committee directive to keep the bark 18 inches away from home foundations, decks and enclosures.

Be sure to check out the new [Wildland Urban Interface website](#) that is the official guidance for your wildfire risk rating. This rating will have a direct impact on our future defensible space and wildfire mitigation here in Eagle Crest.

FINALLY, the Ridge at Eagle Crest has been awarded a grant that will benefit some homeowners and vacant lot owners directly without any RECOA funding. This grant does not apply to managed neighborhoods. The [Firewise USA component of Senate Bill 762](#) involves a total of \$800,000 of which we were awarded \$75,000 by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

This grant is for fuel reduction and maintenance of defensible space in the home ignition zone (HIZ) of single-family residences and grass/brush mitigation and tree limb removal on vacant lots for a total of potentially 150 owners that want to participate. Contact Joyce Baker at cwp@ridgeowners.org for more information.

Friendly reminder...we are in wildfire season! Please ensure your garden hoses are connected in case a fire breaks out near your home. It's also a good idea to have your car ready (gas tank full/battery charged) in case of an evacuation.

Social Committee - Thanks for attending our "**First Chance Summer Dance**" on June 21st. It was wonderful to see our community enjoying an opportunity to party. Here's a video memory of the event. Click----> [VIDEO](#)
Watch for our "**Last Chance Summer Dance**" on September 20th.