



# Ridge Newsletter



## 2021 THANK YOU

### THANK YOU COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A big “THANK YOU!” to all owners who took time in 2021 to volunteer on RECOA Committees. Some are staying, some are leaving, and all have played an important part in making sure the wheels keep turning. They include:

Don Rodich (Chair), Bridgit LaBelle, Jeff Anderson, Eric Hofeld, and Ruth Mulligan on the RECOA Finance and Contracts Committee.

Mike Keller\* (Chair), Joe Buglione, Joe Kiblinger, Dave Nielsen\*, Kim Grieve\*, Al Baker, Claude Mallegol for the Maintenance and Oversight Committee (MOC). Mike is retiring as Chairperson, we appreciate his commitment to keeping projects on track and being responsive to owner needs!

Ellen Nelson\*, Laurie Larson\*, Adelia Hofeld\*, Cindy Phillips\*, and Bob Carleton\* for the Communications Committee.

Joyce Baker (Chair), Mike Mulligan, John Lewis, Tom Soeten, Bob Bloom, Rich Gilmore, Georgia Hill, Rick Hill, Rick Hurd, and Mitch Elenich for the Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Committee. Thanks to former Chair Mike Mulligan for all you’ve accomplished!

Robert Sharpe (acting Chair), Butch Henry, Mike Mulligan, Larry Budd, and Chuck Spry for the Utility Committee.

Nick Mausen (Chair), Ann Bayless, Carol Charubin, Frank Charubin, Bobbi Hardcastle, Jim Hardcastle, Joseph Kosanovic, Donna Papadimos, Spiro Papadimos, Jack Newman, Lexie Bakewell, Debbie Marcum, Mary Ann Morice, Susan Newman, Vikki Opie, Pat Mausen, Cindy Timm, Tince Timm, Bruce Watkins (Vice Chair) and Shawn Watkins for the Social Committee.

Betty McKittrick, Mike Fetrow, Janet White, and Jim Parrinello for the ad hoc Election Rules Committee. This committee’s work has been completed.

Jim Cox and Jana Barraclough for the Sports Center Advisory Committee.

Leslie Brown for the Emergency Evacuation Plan committee (still under development).

OUR APOLOGIES if we’ve missed anyone, please let us know so we can make sure they are recognized!

and finishes his term having identified and received funding for ten major projects for 2022... an outstanding accomplishment!

Mike’s focus will turn to a few personal commitments, and then I think you’ll see him once again on the golf courses and in the Sports Center gyms. If you see Mike out and about, please thank him for his incomparable commitment and accomplishments over the last decade of RECOA volunteering. On behalf of the RECOA Board, thank you Mike. Job well done!

### Mike Keller

For at least ten years, Mike has served as a volunteer on the RECOA Storm Water Committee and then the Maintenance and Oversight Committee. The last two years Mike has been Chair of the MOC, leading MOC in their statement of work which includes a full menu of “soup to nuts”. Mike has brought his twenty years of Air Force experience, civil engineering education, two decades of public and private agency road building and storm water abatement, and regulatory expertise to bear on the large number of projects at RECOA that fall in the MOC bailiwick: roads/culverts/ditches and all drainage, trails and paths, landscaping and groundskeeping, water features, Memorial benches, building and structures inspection and repair ... you get the picture. Mike has been a silent force behind all the efforts that keep RECOA looking so good. As a project manager and leader, he is first rate. As a communicator and motivator, he excels. It has been a plus that he is even keeled and a straight shooter. RECOA has been extremely fortunate to have Mike providing oversight and vision for this beautiful Association. He will be truly missed.

Mike is resigning from the MOC this month

## Ridge At Eagle Crest Owners Association Board of Directors 2021-2022

Janet Skaggs	President
Robert Sharpe*	Vice Pres.
Linda Ficere	Secretary
John Leszar	Treasurer
Monty Knittel	Director
Rick Phelps	Director
Linda Nielsen	Director

*\*Welcome to new directors!*

# Maintenance and Oversight

## Projects completed in 2021 included:

- A new walking path along Nutcracker Drive
- West Ridge Overlays in Desert Sky and Highland Meadow Loop
- Over half of the walking/biking trail system was overlaid
- A New Portable Speed sign was purchased. Thank you for your participation in making the roads on the Ridge safer. “Life is Good at 20 MPH”—please keep the roads in our Neighborhoods safe by continuing to drive at 20 mph.
- Forest Green Roof Replacements have been started
- Eagle Creek Deck Replacement
- Managed Neighborhoods had extensive tree removal completed
- Continued roadway shoulder, ditch and culvert improvements to address stormwater runoff

**REMINDERS:** Plan to stay home if we get a heavy snow or ice event.

Watch out for those ice dams on your roof and knock down icicles if they form.

Driveways and walkways, at home or away, can

have black ice which makes these areas very slippery. Walk and drive cautiously.

Remember, when the snow starts to fall, check your address sign. Clear it of snow, if needed. If you cannot see your address sign, then Emergency vehicles cannot see it!



## A MESSAGE FROM RUDOLPH: DON'T FEED THE DEER!

Well-intentioned people often feed deer without realizing the myriad problems that human interventions such as feeding can create. Artificial feeding concentrates wildlife, causing the spread of disease and parasites and easier take by predators, like cougars and coyotes. Feeding will invite more deer (and maybe even predators) to your property and encourage them to stay. Concentrating deer in human-settled areas can also lead to an increase in vehicle collisions and conflicts between wildlife and pets. Every year, we see seemingly healthy deer perish because they have been distributed the wrong foods for their diet. Their diet requirements actually change with the seasons and are best met by native forage. Deliberately feeding deer may inhibit digestion and lead to death by starvation or infection. Feeding deer is dangerous and harmful to deer and people alike—don't do it!



# CALLING VOLUNTEERS

'Tis the season to make your voice heard! The holidays may be over but RECOA work never ends, so please consider volunteering for a RECOA committee.

We need owners for all of our standing committees. These include:

Maintenance and Oversight (MOC), Finance and Contracts (FCC), Utility, Community Wildfire Protection (CWP), Communications, and Social.

We also need volunteers for our newer groups: Grounds Maintenance, Rules Review, and Emergency Evacuation Plan. Grounds Maintenance will

monitor the condition and needs of our common areas, Rules Review will

consider our community standards and how to apply them, and Emergency Evacuation Plan involves addressing community safety in an emergency. Stay tuned as we will provide more information about these "ad hoc" committees on the RECOA web site soon!

Descriptions of the RECOA standing committees are on the RECOA website at: [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org).

RECOA depends greatly on its committees to manage every aspect of Association business, and participating is a good way to stay current on projects and needs. If you have questions or want to apply, please contact or send your statement of interest to Board member Linda Nielsen at [LNielsen.RECOA@gmail.com](mailto:LNielsen.RECOA@gmail.com).

## Want to Volunteer?



**We need**

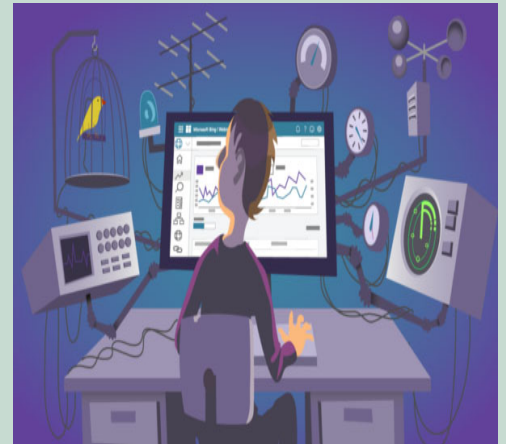
**YOU!**



## THANK YOU RECOA WEBMASTER

Eagle Crest Management has primary responsibility for managing the RECOA web site ([www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org)) but for the past eight years they have been assisted by owner Joe Kosanovic, known to many of us as the RECOA Webmaster. Some also know him as a darn good amateur magician.

As webmaster, Joe worked a different kind of magic by updating information, organizing content, and adding needed features. He is also responsible for creating a number of videos, including one on the RECOA Home page which provides a welcoming introduction for new owners.



This Fall, Joe shared that he will be leaving as webmaster. Our loss is the broader community's gain since he is currently the President-Elect for the Redmond Rotary Club.

Joe, we wish you the best in your new role and thank you for all you've done to make our website and community better! Now if you could only make those cows disappear...



# CWP

Joyce Baker, RECOA Community

The Ridge at Eagle Crest is designated as a High Threat Wildland Urban Interface and is a certified Firewise Community with a definitive program for ongoing grass/brush management, tree thinning and trimming and noxious weed removal and suppression. CWP volunteers tallied approximately 2500 hours during 2021 with the goal of targeted fuel reduction and defensible space maintenance on the 230 acres of Common Area within the RECOA Community.

At this writing, the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program via Deschutes County is pending RECOA approval. This program allows for fuel mitigation on 77.13 unirrigated acres of the Challenge and Ridge Golf Courses adjacent to residential homes which will give a shaded fuel break for home defensible space. An additional 13.54 aggregate acres on the high terrain upslope from Highland View Loop adds another 75 foot buffer of fuel treatment. Deschutes County would be the contract manager and CWP would provide “boots on the ground” oversight for the contract duration.



## 2022 FIRE FREE EVENT

The Community FIREFREE Event is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The CWP special focus for 2022 is “The Year of the HIZ” (home ignition zone). During FIREFREE, owners are encouraged to define and accomplish a 30 foot defensible space protective bubble around their homes. Landscape bags of debris and loose larger branches can be placed along the roadside for collection by CWP volunteers and paid contractors. Last year more than 1500 landscape bags and approximately 600 cubic yards (after chipping) were removed from the home ignition zone. A Discretionary Fuel Reduction Grant of \$4400 was received by CWP to expand our FIREFREE program this year to encourage vacant lot owners to participate.

The Greater Redmond Community Wildfire Protection Plan is scheduled this year to be updated in coordination with Deschutes County. This is one of seven plans that Deschutes County maintains on a five year update cycle. This official document is an unequivocal statement of the wildfire threat to our community.

Please email the Community Wildfire Protection Committee at [cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org) if you would like to volunteer with our group and are able to participate in direct support for the safety and well-being of our community.