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Ridge Newsletter

Road striping improves safety, lowers speeds

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I trust this message finds all of you well and recovered from the recent eclipse event. Thank you to all of you that participated in the planning and organizing of activities within the resort and the awareness of having additional guests for this event. Thank you to the Northview Staff for their communication and execution of the plan for monitoring during the week-long event.

This year's RECOA Director Focus has been on our 20 mph initiative. As you recall, we have posted numerous messages and flyers, installed and monitored the speed sign and installed additional striping on the roadways. We have received numerous compliments and one concern

regarding the installation of the yellow center-line stripe on many of major roadways. The observation has been a consistent reduction of speeds on the roadways that have receive the new



stripe. Additionally, the new striping adds clarity to the roadways and provides a framework for directing traffic safely through the roadways. Keep the comments coming, it seems this has been well received and is a result of your commitment to improving safety within our neighborhoods.

Finally, we will have elections this fall for three director positions. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers. If you have experience serving on similar boards or have served in our committee and want to have the opportunity to serve on the Board, please contact Owner Services and they will assist you with the application process. Thank you in advance for your interest.

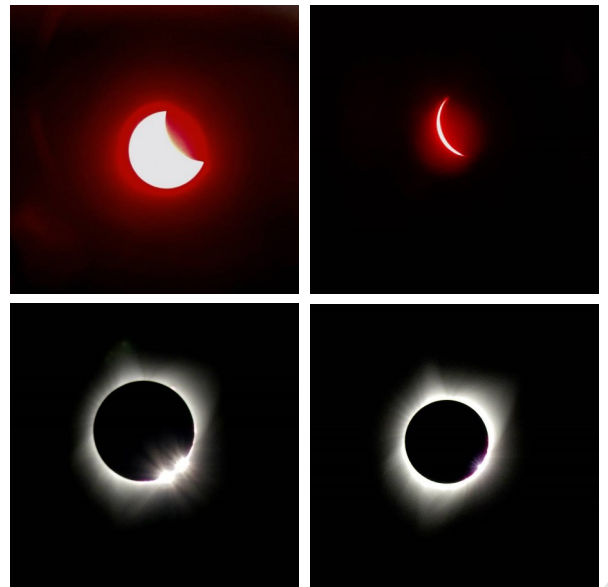
Eagle Crest experiences total solar eclipse

On August 21, 2017, a once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse crossed the continental United States, and Eagle Crest residents and guests were lucky enough to be in the path of totality. For about 20 seconds, the moon's shadow crossed the sun at 10:22 a.m., resulting in a total eclipse of the sun. Eagle Crest resident Ron Klein captured the eclipse on camera from his home in the Ridge at Eagle Crest, and shared his photos of the phenomenon, including his shots of the sun's corona, the "diamond ring" effect, and the chromosphere.

Photos by Ron Klein



Left: Ron and Linda Klein view the celestial event with their eclipse glasses from their deck at home in the Ridge at Eagle Crest. Right: Ron's photos were taken with an iPhone through the solar scope on his telescope pre-totally, with totality photos taken on a DSLR on a tripod in burst mode. The "diamond ring" effect, also known as Baily's beads, is seen before totality as the moon's rugged surfaces allows beads of sunlight to shine through in some places (as seen in bottom left photo of quadrant).



Monitor irrigation system for a healthy landscape

*Dave Wydra
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Greetings Ridge Residents! The “Dog Days of Summer” are past us, yet the forecast is for at least two more weeks of hot and sunny weather! Extended periods of hot, dry temperatures with low humidity can take its toll on nearly everything; people, pets, wildlife and plants are all affected to some degree. Among those mentioned, plants are most susceptible. Especially the plants in your landscape, which for the most part probably are not native to our climate. High temperatures and low humidity are the obvious factors, but increased solar radiation (due to higher elevation) and poor soil conditions can also play a part in plant stress. Your landscape irrigation system is crucial to the success of your landscape, and can be the difference between a lush, inviting home exterior or a constantly problematic yard riddled with dry spots in your lawn and wilted, dying trees and perennials.

Native plants, non-native plants and turf grass are dependent upon an efficient, operational and properly programmed

irrigation system. A plugged nozzle or sprinkler that isn't rotating will quickly cause dry and draught stressed areas in your lawn. Typically, lawn issues can be rectified easily enough and will recover in a week or two, depending on severity.



Landscape plants however, are usually not so quick to recover from periods of drought stress, if they recover at all. Depending on the type of irrigation it may be more difficult to perceive and diagnose issues until it is too late. It can be obvious if your overhead irrigation (i.e. rotor or spray sprinklers) are not working simply because of the absence normal moisture levels in landscape beds. Drip irrigation, though more efficient in most cases, can be onerous at best when it comes to maintenance and repair.

Oftentimes one simply cannot tell that a buried emitter has become clogged until the plant becomes wilted. If the problem is noticed relatively soon and repairs are made, recovery is likely. If the problem remains too long, partial or even total loss of foliage can occur. The best way to see if your drip emitters are still operating correctly is to simply scrape away the soil from the base of the plant (a few inches deep is usually sufficient) to see if the soil is moist.

Even if there are no signs of an issue, its generally good practice to inspect operation of your irrigation zones once a month. Doing so may uncover unknown issues that could potentially lead to loss of turf or landscape plants. If you are unsure how or unable to perform such inspections, I highly recommended that you contact an experienced professional to assist in the upkeep of your landscape investment. During extended periods of high temperatures, simple monitoring of your irrigation system can prevent unsightly landscapes and costly replacements of valuable plant materials. Alert and attentive care are the key to a beautiful and successful landscape!

IMPROVED COOPERS HAWK ENTRANCE



In 2016 the Maintenance and Oversight Committee (MOC), along with Land Effects Landscaping, developed a new design for the Cooper's Hawk Entrance. Many of you have already seen the final product. What you may not notice is the improved irrigation and drainage that was incorporated into the plan. Evergreen plantings, plants with all season interest, Fire-Wise and Water-Wise plants were used. Sustainability and the maintenance impacts were also considerations in the final design. The RECOA MOC members hope that you enjoy the new look!



A few messages from your HOA management team



NVCS Owner Services

Start thinking about winterization now

If you are a snowbird or a non-resident homeowner, now is the time to start planning for harsh winter weather. A few questions to ask yourself would include:

1. How will I make my home appeared occupied while I am away?
2. Can pests enter my home through exterior vents or the fireplace?
3. Who will keep an eye on the property? Who can I call if there is any issue while I'm away?
4. How will I prevent ice dams and frozen pipes?

If you have any questions about how to prepare for winter weather, please reach out to your HOA management team for more ideas. Our offices are located at 8300 Coopers Hawk Drive, or we can be reached at 541-548-9300 or by email at ownerservices@eagle-crest.com.

Leash rules apply to cats, too

Many owners may be unaware, but pet regulations at the Ridge at Eagle Crest apply to *all* members of your furry (or feathered) family, not just dogs! Page four of the RECOA Policies and Procedures states that while on the owner's property, household pets shall be kept indoors, leashed, or under complete control of the owner at all times. While off the owner's property, pets can be exercised only when accompanied by their owners, and then only on a leash, one end of which is held in the owner's hand. This means that all cats are to be kept indoors, or let outside on a leash only. While you may not think your cat is doing any harm, we've had many complaints about cats killing quail, entering homes and garages, and defecating on common and private property. Please respect your neighbors and keep your cat indoors.

Owners are responsible for ordering guest and renter passes

Don't forget to order guest passes for your vacation rental guests before they are scheduled to arrive at Eagle Crest. When your renters show up at the Sports Center without the appropriate identification, this creates a difficult situation for staff and a negative experience for your guests. This summer, we've noticed that many owners property managers are failing to order guest passes online at guestpass.eagle-crest.com. This simple online form takes only minutes to complete and will spare us and your guests many headaches, and yourself a potentially negative review!

New phone? Keep us in the loop!

Most non-resident owners know to update their mailing address with us so that their dues billing statement reaches them at their new home. We also keep phone numbers and email addresses on file so that we can communicate with owners about a myriad of issues. Thank you for sharing your new phone number or email address.

Creating wildfire defensible space is everyone's duty



Above: approved bark is 18in. from home, with gravel
Below: dangerous bark mulch is up against the home



The Community Wildfire Protection Committee



The Ridge at Eagle Crest is vulnerable to damage from a wildfire event near or on the resort. It was only last August that a wildfire broke out in Deschutes River Canyon where Eagle Crest townhomes and owners on Thunderbird Ct. were evacuated. Luckily, firefighters were able to contain the fire from the ground and air before it began to spread through the resort. The Ridge at Eagle Crest is now recognized as a **Firewise Community** because of the reduction of flammable trees, shrubs and ground cover done on common areas and around our homes since 2010. Our community is more resistant to wildfire, but creating and maintaining defensible space is an ongoing endeavor.

Bark or mulch ground cover has been the most common cause of fires on the Ridge from material laid too thick (greater than 2 inches) or an errant lit cigarette/cigar tossed on the ground. The Ridge Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Program requires that flammable bark or mulch **not be placed within 18 inches** of a home foundation, decks or other structures. The Redmond Fire and Rescue notes that this standard is a minimum space where no combustible materials should be found. If planning to refresh your yard with bark or mulch, make sure you or your landscaper knows of this requirement to help make your property a safer place to live. For more information about the Ridge CWP Program and other helpful resources, go to www.ridgeowners.org, click on **Association Info, Committees**, then **Community Wildfire Protection**.



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**OREGON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

DON'T FEED THE DEER!

Well-intentioned people often feed deer and other wildlife without realizing the problems feeding can create:

Artificial feeding concentrates wildlife, which leads to the easier spread of disease and parasites and easier take by predators, like cougars and coyotes, potentially luring those predators to your property. Artificial feeding can cause deer to become habituated to humans and aggressive towards them. Feeding will invite more deer and to your property and encourage them to stay. Concentrating deer in human-settled areas can lead to an increase in vehicle collisions and conflicts between wildlife and pets, and it impacts habitat and native areas by encouraging excessive grazing.

Every year, ODFW also sees seemingly healthy deer die because they have been fed the wrong food by well-intentioned people. 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. For more information, visit ODFW's web page at www.dfw.state.or.us or call your local ODFW field office or ODFW Headquarters at 800-720-ODFW (6339).



Hey Ridge Residents!

Ever wonder what's under those **"Green Lids"** in the yard?

Ever wonder what an extended power outage does to your water and sewer service?

Ever wonder if you are responsible for a broken water or sewer pipe?

Answers to some of these questions concerning your water and sewer service and equipment are posted on the RECOA website front page and under Association Information/Committees/Utility Committee.

Your RECOA Utility Committee