



Ridge Newsletter

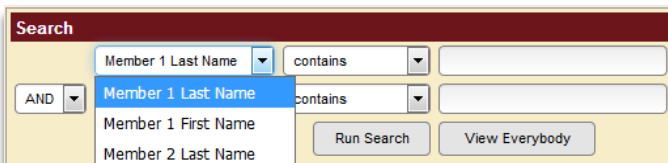
Tips from the Webmaster—member directory navigation

Joe Kosanovich, RECOA Webmaster

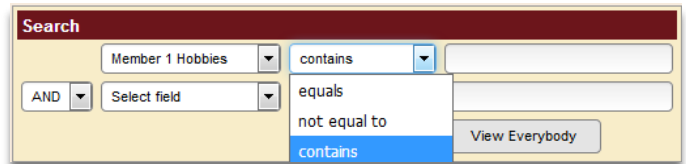
My previous Ridge Newsletter article pertaining to our RECOA website (www.ridgeowners.org) detailed member access. This article will describe some terrific features available with the Member Directory.

To open the Member Directory, you first have to log-on to the website. (Non-members without a password cannot view our member directory or other RECOA confidential proprietary documents.) Once you're logged on, you should see your name after the 'Hello' in the upper left side above the word 'HOME'. Next, move your mouse arrow down to hover over 'Owner Resources', then click on 'Member Directory'. At the top of the directory you will see a search frame. To search for a member, enter member's last name, click 'Run Search' with 'Member 1 Last Name'.

To search for member by first name, click arrows beside 'Last Name' to reveal drop-down menu options. Keep in mind that every member's profile may contain a searchable second member in their profile.



You can also run a search for a variety of filters, such as streets or hobbies. To find members who like to golf, enter golf into the search box, filter by 'Hobbies', click 'Run Search' and discover all members who have listed golf as a hobby.



Additional filtering can be achieved by clicking on the 'contains' menu. You can run a search of all members living on your street or knitting as a hobby, pickle-ball, fishing, bridge, etc.

After running a search, click on the 'View Everybody' to return to the complete member directory. On the left hand side of the member alphabetical listings, you can click on a member's profile to view additional information.

Note: Not all RECOA members are available for viewing in the member directory. Unless you specify otherwise, your details will be shown in our online directory which, as previously mentioned, is only viewable by people who we have approved and are logged into our website. Click on 'Your Profile' to edit your personal information.



Send your questions to webmaster@ridgeowners.org.

Spring news from the Maintenance and Oversight Committee

Ruth Mulligan, Maintenance and Oversight Committee

Here is a broad view of what your MOC will be working on this quarter. Culverts & Ditches will be inspected for damage and debris. The culvert and ditch location maps will be updated for accuracy. The Committee has reviewed the budgeted projects for 2018 and will be working with Northview Community Services (NVCS) to begin these projects. The new walking path along Nutcracker Drive is at the top of



this list. The path will provide safe access to the Cooper's Hawk mail kiosk and connectivity to adjacent walking path.

Slower driving means safer roadways in our Community.

Please keep your driving speed down to 20 mph.

Thank you from the Maintenance and Oversight Committee.



SPRING IS THE SEASON FOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION

Ron Klein, RECOA Community Wildfire Prevention Committee

June is the start of the Summer wildfire season, but Spring is the time to create or make improvements to defensible space around our homes and lots. Ridge Owners should take time to look around their property to determine what can be done to better defend against a wildfire.

Establish defensible space by pruning or removing flammable trees like junipers and shrubs, long dry grasses, pine needles and dry leaves away from your home, deck, roof and gutters. Especially look for juniper, pines and other evergreens growing against your house, over the roof, and under the eaves. Look for woody shrubs that lead a path to your home or deck or under a tree.

Bark mulch too close to homes and decks also is a wildfire hazard. Last Fall, the Ridge Board of Directors approved a directive that all "...bark mulch may not be installed within 18

inches of foundations, decks, or enclosures." Homeowners are required to be compliant with this policy by September 1, 2018. Go to the Ridge Owners website home page at www.ridgeowners.org for a link to the bark mulch policy.

In May, everyone on the Ridge will have an opportunity to participate in the **FireFree Event, starting Wednesday, May 2 to Sunday, May 13.** During this time, Owners may deposit flammable limbs and other wildfire hazardous yard debris street-side along your property. This material will be picked up and disposed of at no charge to the Owner.

Only eligible flammable plant debris, including evergreen limbs, sage, rabbitbrush, bitterbrush, leaves, pine needles and other woody plant materials, will be picked up. Cut limbs and small trees into sections no longer than 4-feet. Smaller qualifying plant debris must be placed in heavy duty 30-gallon **paper** lawn and leaf bags and placed separate from the limb pile on your property, next to the street.

No grass clippings, plastic bags, sod, rocks, household garbage, potting soil, flower planter debris, or other debris unrelated to reducing the wildfire hazard will be picked up. Please keep your plant debris free from these contaminants.

To learn more about how to prepare your home for a wildfire event, go to The Ridge Owners website at www.ridgeowners.org. Under the **Association Info** dropdown menu, go to **Committees** and then click on **Community Wildfire Protection**. There you'll find the Ridge Wildfire Protection Program document and additional helpful information about creating defensible space around your home or on your lot.

Community Wildfire Protection Committee members also will be available to perform on-site visits to answer Ridge Owners' questions about meeting the defensible space standards around their homes. Appointments may be arranged by calling Ridge Owner Services 541-548-9300 or emailing cwp@ridgeowners.org.

“Going local” for food in Central Oregon is easy as pie

We might have a short growing season here in Central Oregon, but finding food grown or raised near Eagle Crest is easy all year long.

So the next time you want farm fresh eggs, grain-fed beef, or lettuce without a passport, buy locally. To help, here's a starter list of places within an hour's drive of Eagle Crest or as close as your computer.

MARKETS AND PRODUCE STANDS

Schoolhouse Produce (Redmond)

1430 S. W. Highland. Organic and non-organic produce, as well as a large selection of local products. Local honey, meats, coffee, draft kombucha, soups.

Farmer Johns Produce (Tumalo)

64678 Cook Ave. Bend address but located in quieter Tumalo about 12 mi. south of Eagle Crest. Tumalo's only green grocer featuring sandwiches, soup, organic and local produce. Fresh daily breads, cakes, and farm eggs.



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Elder Law talk April 10th

RECOA Communications
Committee



The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that again this year there will be a presentation on the topic of Elder Law. The topic had overwhelming attendance and support last year, and is something that is of great importance for anyone, and particularly many of us dealing with our own aging. The event will take place on **Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm.** at the **River Run Event Center.** This event is free and open to the public. You are encouraged to attend.

This year the presenters are Oregon attorneys Lisa Bertalan and Corey Driscoll of the firm Brinich and Bertalan LLP in Bend, Oregon. Lisa, who has practiced law since 1991, specializes in estate and tax planning, guardianship and conservatorship, probate and trust administration and elder law. She created and co-chairs the Central Oregon Elder Law Council, and has served on the state Elder Law section executive committee, as well as the Department of Justice Elder Abuse task force and long term care Advisory Committee. Corey Driscoll also focuses on estate planning, trust and estate administration, and elder law.

Some of the topics covered will be: estate planning, probate, conservatorship, guardianship, powers of attorney, advanced directives, wills, and trusts. Information about planning for the potential of chronic illness and long term care, and how that may affect assets. Will be included, as well as Oregon laws related to elder abuse. Lisa Bertalan has drafted bills that are now law to protect seniors from financial and physical abuse.

Why should you “pick it up” ?

Dog poop carries contaminants. Bacteria and diseases from pet waste can be transmitted to people and other pets. Bacteria, parasites, and pathogens in dog waste can contaminate soil and get washed into waterways.

It's just gross. Would you like to see and smell piles of feces on a daily basis? Or accidentally step in a pile, tracking it into your car or home? No? Then be considerate. Picking up after your dog is the polite and responsible thing to do.

It's the rule. In the RECOA Policies and Procedures, dog owners are expressly required to clean up after their pets. Dog bags are cheap, portable, and available on walking paths.

Be a good pet ambassador. There is always some 'pushback' from individuals or community groups who don't want dogs allowed in venues around town, including parks. Some will even lobby to get rid of current dog parks due to the overwhelming number of owners who refuse to clean up after their dogs. Likewise, pet-friendly businesses struggle with guests who won't do the polite thing and pick up after their dogs—a disgusting sight for other guests to see and smell, and a reason to stop allowing pets. Be a good ambassador for dog owners; pick up after your dog, immediately and consistently.

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Richards Farmstand (Sisters) 411 W Cascade Ave. Good location in Sisters and a short walk from there to Sisters Coffee for that latte. Produce and fruit locally and from other areas in Oregon and Washington.

Locavore Market (Bend) 1841 NE 3rd St. Easy access but an easy to miss building, set your GPS. An indoor farmers market open all year. In addition to locally grown vegetables find frozen beef, chicken, pork, buffalo, and even yak meat from a variety of local ranchers. One of the best sources around for local meats in smaller quantities.

Newport Market (Bend and Sisters) 1121 Newport Ave. Employee-owned and a landmark in Bend for over 27 years, Newport market sells some local produce and has a generous assortment of Oregon beers and wines. In Sisters, they acquired **Melvin's Market** which has some local produce and meats, and also a good selection of wines.

Pono Market (Bend) 63595 Hunnell Rd. Not far from Les Schwab, check them out while you get your snow tires on/off. They describe themselves as a “butcher shop and deli luncheon” and explain on their web site how animals are “raised sustainably on our farm in Central Oregon”.

FARMERS MARKETS (JUNE-SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER)

Redmond Farmers Market. Tuesdays, 3-6pm, Centennial Park. Small market featuring local producers and some crafts.

Bend Farmers Market Wednesdays, 3-6 pm, Brooks Alley. Downtown Bend farmer's market featuring both local producers and some farms from the Willamette Valley. Lines start forming before 3pm, so arrive early.

Northwest Crossing Farmers Market (NW Bend) Saturdays, 10-2pm, Northwest Crossing retail area. Smallish market in a big development offering fresh produce, locally-raised meats, fresh eggs and cheese, and handmade items.”

Sisters Farmers Market Fir Street Park, Fridays, 2-5:30 pm. Small market, offerings vary.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Central Oregon Locavore centraloregonlocavore.org Web site promoting “local food and farmers for the health of our community.”

Local Harvest www.localharvest.org/bend-or Features lists of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) options and farms by geographic location. There are many in the area and at least one that delivers year-long.

Food4All www.food4all.com Web site connecting buyers directly with sellers. Buyers must join (free) and pay a small fee per order to help support the web site.

Agricultural Connections agriculturalconnections.com Web site to buy directly from local farmers and ranchers featuring organic food producers from Central Oregon and the Willamette Valley.

LISTINGS COMPLIED BY THE RECOA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Golf weather is just around the corner



It's never been a better time to purchase a golf membership at Eagle Crest Resort. With three courses to choose from and weekly opportunities for fun competitive games with our men's and women's clubs you'll find a golfing home right in your back yard. Now for a limited time we have a promotion for you—the resident Eagle Crest owner—to become a Gold Member for the special price of \$1,999 (a \$301 savings). This special offer also includes complimentary range balls so you can practice all you want and pay absolutely nothing extra (bye bye \$6 buckets). So we welcome you to plug into membership and meet new friends, experience great golf and maybe improve your game. Some restrictions do apply; \$1,999 special gold membership offer is available for residents of EC who have not been a

member for the 2017 or 2016 seasons. These gold memberships are valid from the date of purchase through 2/28/19.

Sneak previews coming in 2018. We want to offer EC residents the opportunity to see and purchase newly released and received merchandise at a promotional special offer. Fresh off the UPS delivery truck are the latest and greatest Footjoy golf shoes. The #1 shoe in golf and on the PGA Tour and you'll be able to have first pick. Now through March 15th, bring in your copy of the RECOA Newsletter to receive 20% off any pair of shoes in stock at the Ridge Golf Shop (sorry, no additional discounts may be applied).

PGA Junior League at Eagle Crest is entering its fourth season this year. Boys and girls aged 7-13 are welcome to join this youth golf program, which practices

weekly with PGA pros Kevin Story and Tam Bronkley and plays in 6-8 team matches around Central Oregon. For a \$149 registration fee, players will also receive two team jerseys with numbers, t-shirt, hat, and bag tags. Practices are slated to begin in April, with the final league match to be held in mid-June. Parents, if you are interested in learning more, please join us for an informational meeting March 22nd at 5pm at Greenside Café, or contact Kevin Story, PGA 541-504-3877; kevins@eagle-crest.com.

Also coming soon, the next installment of Eagle Crest Golf Academy. Join the Eagle Crest Golf Instructors for an overview of the upcoming Operation 36 programs on Thursday, March 15th at 6pm at Greenside Café. Learn how our proven Operation 36 platform can jump start your passion to play better golf.

Eagle Crest Community - You're Invited
Put on your boots and mosey on over to the...

Cowboy & Cowgirl HOEDOWN

MARCH 20, 2018

**Eagle Crest
Convention Center**

6:00 until 8:30

\$10.00 per person

10 and Under \$3.00



Hoedown Music by "LONG TALL EDDY"

CASH BAR (no BYOB) - POTLUCK DINNER

Bring Chili or Soup or Salad or Dessert

Please RSVP at: www.ridgeowners.org
This All-Eagle Crest Event is Sponsored by RECOA Social Committee



**Come check us out for
lunch!**

**For a limited time, buy one
sandwich and get the second
sandwich half off.**

**Come on down and check out our
selection of draught beer too!**

Located in the Ridge Golf Shop

**Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily,
to-go orders welcome 541-548-9591**

***Please bring in this newsletter to
receive discount (Expires 4/30/18)**