

QUARTER I — 2020

# Ridge Newsletter

## Letter from the RECOA President

**Leslie Brown  
RECOA President**

**I**t is an honor to have the privilege of being on the Board of Directors and to become the President of RECOA. It is a wonderful community, filled with a diverse array of talented people. We share a commitment to make life as good as it can be on the Ridge.

In the first year as a Board Member, it was very exciting to work on the Transparency Initiative. We want to make it easier for people to understand what is going on and participate in the direction we are headed. As a first year President, it is particularly opportune to seek your input before making policy changes. To keep this principle up front and center, Delayne Giardini, the new Vice President, has agreed to be the champion of this initiative.

Rick Phelps is now the Treasurer and has deep industry and non-profit experience. He is quickly coming up to speed on RECOA's financial affairs. We have a big year ahead with a full audit and a full review of our reserve funds.

Linda Ficere is taking on the role of Secretary. She brings a keen eye

for process details and will be part of the team looking at ensuring confidence in the balloting process.

We are also fortunate to have Jack Newman remaining on the Board, ensuring that we retain organizational knowledge. Glenda Edwards will bring a fresh new voice to the Board and her wide array of talents.

In these first few days of leadership, I am so impressed with spirit of the outgoing Board members Butch Henry, Norm Knott, Don Rodich and Merle Irvine who have reached out to make this transition easier.

We are closing 2019 with the challenges that accompany transitions. In the first few days, we have acquired property insurance for the three managed neighborhoods. With that work – begun and shepherded by our predecessors - concluded, we are now able to complete the budget process and set dues for 2020. For those neighborhoods that will see increases, we are mindful of that burden and also aware that your investment in your community must be maintained. We commit to ensuring that your dollars are spent wisely.

At the Annual Meeting we celebrated the accomplishments of

our volunteer committees, the backbone of our community. As we look towards 2020, there are many opportunities to be involved shaping our future. Sure, some of it is work. It can be a labor of love and fun. I look forward to meeting many of you at the various forums and Committee meetings. Let us know what is working. Let us know what is not working. We want to hear your ideas and concerns. Let's build our community – One conversation at a time.

- Leslie

Ridge At Eagle Crest  
Owners Association

Board of Directors  
2019-20

Leslie Brown      President

Delayne Giardini      Vice Pres.

Linda Ficere\*      Secretary

Rick Phelps\*      Treasurer

Glenda Edwards\*      Director

Jack Newman      Director

Vacancy - Voting Group 2

\*Welcome to new directors!

# Attention volunteers: RECOA needs YOU!



**Leslie Brown**  
**RECOA President**

The Ridge At Eagle Crest (RECOA) depends on its volunteers to maintain and enhance our community. All of our committees can use more volunteers. Today that is especially true for Communications, Community Wildfire Protection, Finance and Contract, Maintenance and Oversight, and the Utility Committees. To express your interest, please go to [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org) > Committees. You will find the mission and the Committee contact information on each Committee's page. The Committee Chair will be looking for your name, address, and background. One simple e-mail, one paragraph, and you can make a difference at Eagle Crest.

With the **higher insurance costs** affecting our Forest Green, Forest Ridge and Creekside neighborhoods, we want people with insurance background and from these affected communities to join our expanded Insurance Committee to work on potential solutions. This will be a concentrated effort over the next few months. We will be setting up an e-mail for the Insurance Committee, but for the interim, you mail e-mail Leslie at [cjfm@netscape.net](mailto:cjf@netscape.net).

During the last election cycle for the Board of Directors, there was some interest in possibly revising our **election and ballot counting procedures**. If you are interested in assisting with that review, please contact Linda Ficere at [ficerellc@icloud.com](mailto:ficerellc@icloud.com).

Many hands make for light work. Our goal is to have fun, make a difference, and make friends as we volunteer for our community.

## SNOW REMOVAL

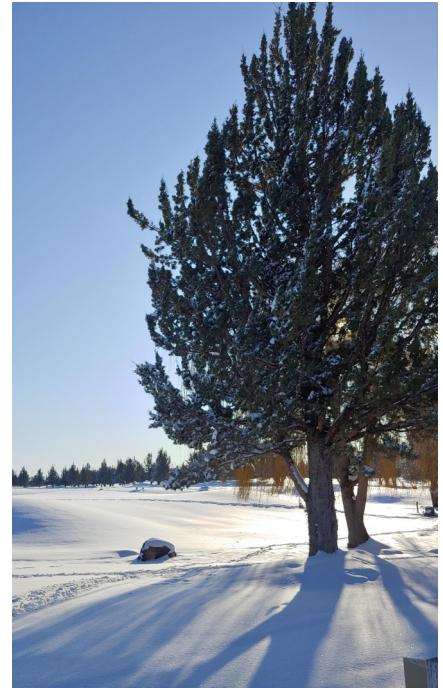
With winter on the way the Eagle Crest Management team wanted to remind owners of the snow removal process on the roads.

Your Maintenance and Oversight Committee has identified main, secondary and third priority roads. These maps can be found on the RECOA website.

After an accumulation of 1.5 inches of snow is on the roads and the snow is continuing to fall the snow plows are called out.

The plows start with all the main roads first and continue to make sure they are clear before moving to the 2nd and 3rd priority roads.

Please remember to help your neighbors and stay safe this snowy season!



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You are Cordially Invited

All Eagle Crest Community Event

# Don't Let it Snow

## Winterfest

EAGLE CREST CONVENTION CENTER

Tuesday - December 10  
5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Carved Ham & Turkey Provided  
Bring a favorite Holiday Potluck Side dish or Potato or Salad or Dessert

15.00 per person  
Children 12 and under \$5.00

LIVE MUSIC BY: HELLER HIGHWATER

Open Seating ★ Cash Bar (no BYOB)

PLEASE RSVP AT - [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org)

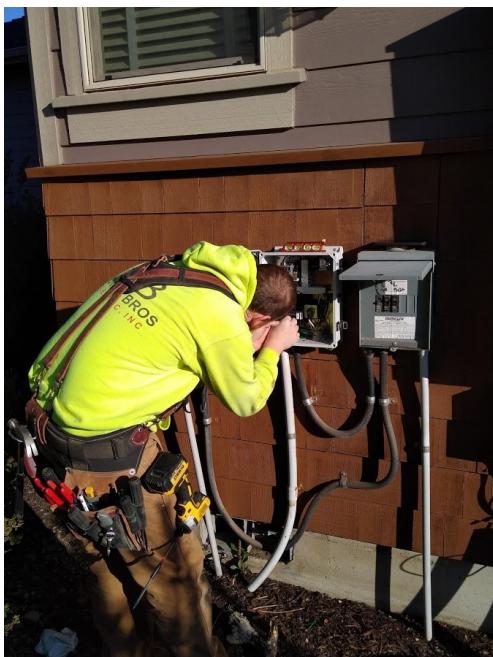
# Ridge owners: is your sewer able to pump?

**RECOA Utility** an investment that goes far in **Committee** protecting our water supply from this risk. But much remains to be done to

Last spring, RECOA's Utility Review Committee sponsored town halls on the risks of an extended power outage and RECOA's plan to make our water and wastewater systems more resilient. Mark your calendars -- we will be holding another town hall on February 25, 2019, at 6 pm at the RiverRun Event Center (1730 Blue Heron Drive). At this town hall, we'll provide a progress report on our community's Resilience Plan and discuss the Committee's upcoming review of Oregon Water Utilities' costs and rates. We hope to see you there!

The Ridge's water and wastewater systems rely on electrical power to operate water and wastewater (sewage) pumps, the wastewater treatment plant, and a host of other equipment that enables water to flow into our homes, and allows wastewater to be moved out. Central Electric's power supply to Eagle Crest could be interrupted by wildfire, a major storm, an earthquake or other event. The risk of an extended power outage is more than a matter of inconvenience -- it could lead to serious health and safety problems.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Oregon Water Utilities has completed



A new control panel is installed by Gowdy Bros.

Gowdy Brothers Electric of Redmond has been hired to replace the control panels, and this program is right on schedule and budget. Already, Gowdy has replaced 46 septic control panels benefiting 172 owners in these neighborhoods.

RECOA urges owners of single, custom homes to upgrade their septic control panels by 2023. At the town halls last spring, we presented three alternatives for these owners to upgrade their septic systems. If you missed one of our forums, please find information on our web page at [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org). Pay particular attention to the FAQs for owners of single custom homes and the Alternatives handout. We're off to a good start - over 40 single, custom home systems have been upgraded so far. In February's upcoming town hall, we will be seeking your advice on alternatives for pumping your septic tank once your panel has been upgraded. Each of the pumping alternatives has its pro's and con's, and we'll look forward to your views before decisions are made.

RECOA's Utility Committee looks forward to working with you to make our community more resilient. Your questions and comments are always welcome - send us an email at [utility@ridgeowners.org](mailto:utility@ridgeowners.org).

New educational videos are live on RECOA's Community Wildfire Prevention website at [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org)

This winter, when it's too cold to play outside, grab a warm beverage, bundle up, and visit the CWP webpage to find many informative ways to learn now to better prepare for a wildfire event.



# Emergency generator project well underway

## Oregon Water Utilities

Oregon Water Utilities' (OWU) water system uses pipelines, valves, a storage reservoir, booster pumps, electrical equipment, electric motors, and wells to serve its customers. Many important components rely on electricity to keep water flowing. During a utility electricity outage, water stored in the reservoir (tank) maintains system pressure, however these tanks can only hold a limited amount of water. Backup power sources are required to keep the water system running during extended power outages lasting several days caused by natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, ice, and wind storms.

In 2017 OWU and The Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners Association (RECOA) Utility Committee developed a plan to provide an alternative power supply to improve the reliability of the water system by installing diesel powered generators, fuel tanks and electrical upgrades. The water system resiliency project has now been completed and the facilities are ready for use. Fixed generators were installed at two critical locations including a booster station and a well. A transportable generator with trailer was purchased that can be moved to power the three other wells in the system. Electrical equipment was added at well and booster sites to take power from these generators. These generators are run and tested monthly to ensure they are ready for a power outage event. A

5,000 gallon storage tank was installed that holds sufficient fuel to run the facilities for ten (10) days until it can be resupplied. With the RECOA Utility Committee's assistance, OWU has been added to the Deschutes County emergency fuel allocation plan, putting OWU in the priority queue to receive fuel in a regional power outage event. A fuel transfer trailer was purchased to transport the diesel from OWU's fuel tank to the generators and transport re-supply fuel to OWU's fuel tank.

The cooperative relationship between OWU and RECOA resulted in thorough planning that has significantly improved the reliability of the water supply to the Ridge at Eagle Crest community.

## MAINTENANCE AND OVERSIGHT (MOC) COMMITTEE NEWS

### Separation of vehicle and pedestrian traffic along Red Wing Loop

This activity will include an expansion of the traffic and pedestrian island in the area of the put-put course and the golf cart drop off point. Additional signage will be placed in the area to alert drivers to stay left of the tree. The project is being undertaken by RECOA and the Golf maintenance group. Until this is completed, please stay left of the tree. If you do not stay left, you will be on the walking/biking path and not the roadway.

### Plan and Prepare for WINTER cold and snow

The MOC has reviewed the snow protocol



with the HOA management staff. They will be sending out additional information to the community.

#### 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!
- Don't forget to keep the fire hydrants in your area clear of snow and debris.
- Check on your neighbors.

**The 2019 Speed Radar studies** have been posted to the RECOA web site. Go to Committees then down to the Maintenance and Oversight tab.

#### **"Life is Good at 20 MPH"**

Thank you for your participation in making the roads on the Ridge safer.

#### **Please continue to drive at 20 mph.**

*Thank you, the Maintenance and Oversight Committee*