



**THE RIDGE**  
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# Ridge Newsletter

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## Message from the RECOA President



**ELECTIONS...**No I'm not talking about Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Trump or the local Sheriff for that matter. I'm talking about our local RECOA Board of Director positions. This fall, elections for all 3 groups will be

contested. I encourage you to throw your name in the hat should you have the desire to volunteer for your neighbors and our community here at Eagle Crest and serve on the Board. Information regarding the elections and how to apply will be available from our Management Team, so look for that soon.

I would also like to thank Genevieve Herrera for her work and dedication to all of the Eagle Crest family for many years. Her work ethic and contagious smile

will be missed around the HOA office and at the meetings. Thank you to Liz Lopez and Larry Holscher for stepping up and taking on their new roles within the HOA Management Team. Also, thank you to Scott Pickertt and Curt Heimuller (Northview management) for providing the support to the staff and "Senior Management" that is necessary during these transition periods. We are in good hands and look forward to the challenges and opportunity of the future.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't say something about football. I trust all football fans will enjoy this fall, enjoy sharing with neighbors and following your favorite team(s).

Have a great fall season here at Eagle Crest.

~ Butch Henry, RECOA Board President

## NVCS announces recent staffing changes

There have been some staffing changes within your HOA management group (Northview Community Services aka NVCS). Please welcome Liz Lopez and Larry Holscher to their new positions on the team.

### **Liz Lopez—RECOA HOA Manager**

Liz joined the NVCS team in December 2013 as the Owner Services Manager. Prior to coming to Eagle Crest, Liz managed HOAs in Sunriver and Bend for two years. She also served as our Operations Manager and has recently accepted the position of HOA Manager for RECOA.

While originally from California, Liz attended middle school and high school in Central Oregon and resides in Bend with her husband Nick and daughters, Faith, Joyce and Jesy. Liz enjoys spending time with her husband and kids, running and traditional archery.

### **Larry Holscher—Operations Manager**

Larry joins us from Aperion Management Group where he worked from April 2014, after spending the previous 5 years in the hospitality industry in Hawaii and at the Seventh Mountain Resort in Bend.

Larry grew up in Northern California and attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA where he played baseball and received a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science. While living on Maui, Larry met his wife, Rachel. The two moved to Bend to be closer to their families and to start one of their own. In January 2016, they welcomed the birth of their first child, daughter Leah.

# After the Eagle Crest wildfire event: Lessons learned and risks avoided

At about 2:30p.m. on Saturday, August 27 a wildfire broke out along the Eagle Crest River Trail across from Cline Falls State Park. Winds pushed the fire up river threatening Eagle Crest homes and condos along the canyon rim. Deschutes County Sheriffs Department called for an immediate evacuation of residents on Thunderbird Ct., townhomes on the rim, the Sports Center and part of the Resort golf course.



The Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center responded with the Redmond Fire District, sending engines, three helicopters and two single-engine air tankers to the scene. Thanks to the quick-response air and ground attack, the 5.5 acre fire was stopped at the

top of the canyon rim. A mop-up team on Sunday put out hot spots and cut down dangerous trees.



This wildfire event could have been much worse. But it reminds us that Eagle Crest Resort is in wildfire country. It also reminds us that as resort owners, resort guests, and resort service personnel, there are ways to reduce the risk of a wildfire starting and there are ways to reduce the risk of wildfire damage.

Efforts are continuing on 220 acres of Ridge common area to establish more space between junipers, limbing-up junipers and removing flammable shrubs out from under junipers. Owners also are taking steps to create defensible space around their homes and on their lots. The Ridge is a safer place because of these actions.

In 2014, the Ridge was certified by the National Fire Protection Association as a **FireWise** Community. It recognizes the effort that has been done on the Ridge to reduce the risk of wildfire damage. But the efforts need to continue. The Ridge is a FireWise community, but it needs to become a **FireWiser** Community.

*~from the Ridge Community Wildfire Prevention Committee*

Learn more about wildfire protection by going to [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org). Click on **Association Info, Committees**, then **Community Wildfire Protection**. There you'll find a photo gallery of the Eagle Crest Wildfire, Ridge Community Wildfire Protection Program document, information on creating defensible space, a fire-resistant plant guide and the Deschutes County Plan, Prep, Go evacuation guide.

# Community Wildfire Prevention Committee wins Project Wildfire award

On June 15, 2016, Deschutes County Forester, Ed Keith, presented a 2016 Project Wildfire Award to members of the RECOA Community Wildfire Protection Committee and Northview employees who provide administrative support to the Committee.

The team included: Ron Klein, Rick Hill, Eric Hartwig, Tony Adrian, John Gilsdorf, Dave Palmer, Mike Mulligan, Gerry Griggs, Jack Mumford, Rick Ashton, Marv Kaplan, Butch Henry, Paul Whitaker and Becky Weeks. Northview employees Liz Lopez, Susan Rook, Ryan Williams and Tom Brakefield support the CWP in its endeavors and were included in this team award.

This dedicated team of CWP Committee Members and Northview Employees, work to make our community safer from a wildfire. Here's a little info about their 2016 work:

- ◆ The team led a FireFree event in May that offered curbside pick-up of flammable yard debris. About 495 cubic yards

of flammable debris was collected.

- ◆ The team, along with the Communications Committee, presented an Eagle Crest Wildfire Protection Forum in April. Sixty-eight people attended.
  - ◆ Since 2010, the Committee has acted, with Board approval, to reduce fuels on 220+ acres of RECOA commons. In October 2014, the Board approved new, more stringent, standards for the RECOA Commons. The team applied these new standards to 35 acres of RECOA commons in 2015 and 47 acres in 2016. The team logged over 400 volunteer hours for this effort.
  - ◆ The team was essential to The Ridge being named a Firewise Community in 2014.
  - ◆ The team works to ensure The Ridge maintains this designation annually.
- Serving on the Wildfire Protection Committee is rewarding and fun. If you



would like to join us or want more information on the Committee, please contact us at [cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org).

If you would like to participate in volunteer work projects on the RECOA commons, please send your name and e-mail address to the Committee so they can notify you when a work party is scheduled (usually a 2-3 hour commitment).

## New USAA discount available to Ridge policy holders

Recently, USAA announced that they are extending a fire peril homeowners discount to their insurance policy holders that live in one of 102 active Oregon Firewise Communities. The Ridge at Eagle Crest is a Firewise Community.

USAA policy holders, living in the Ridge at Eagle Crest, are eligible to receive a discount on their homeowners or rental property insurance premiums. The discount is applied when a policy is renewed or a new policy is issued. The amount of the premium discount averages about 5%.

The Ridge was recognized as a Firewise Community in 2014. In Spring 2014, the Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners (RECOA) Board authorized the Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Committee to pursue a Firewise Community designation. The Committee successfully

earned the designation. This designation must be renewed annually. The Ridge has met the renewal requirements for 2016 and the CWP Committee expects to file renewal documentation establishing this by the end of August.

At the Ridge, the Board sponsors a two-week event where it pays for pick-up and removal of flammable debris that Owner's take out of their yard. Also the Board contracts to reduce ladder fuel from RECOA Common Areas and reduce fuel along our emergency ingress/egress routes. These activities increase defensible space around our homes and our community. Now, if you have a USAA homeowners policy, they can save you a little money too!



*~from the Ridge Community Wildfire Prevention Committee*

## Eagle Crest's golf courses are **ONLY** for golfing

We live in a beautiful recreational area with an abundance of activities and amenities to enjoy within Eagle Crest. We have swimming pools, trails, restaurants, and golf courses. The three courses at Eagle Crest that we have the privilege to play on are the Challenge, The Ridge, and the Resort. These courses are for the enjoyment of those who have paid to play golf.

Please do not use the golf course for hiking, walking your dog, fishing, swimming, or collecting bullfrogs in the golf course ponds. Also, please do not use the rough area to dispose of dead plant materials. All these unapproved activities are considered trespassing, but can also pose a potentially dangerous liability. Eagle Crest Director of Golf, Ron Buerger, has instructed golf employees and marshals to require unauthorized people to leave the course. If needed, the local sheriff may be called in to handle those unwilling to follow these rules.

So, if you haven't paid a greens fee to play golf, please stay off the golf courses. Thank you for your cooperation.

*~ from Northview Golf Management*



The Silver Leaf Market located next door to Niblicks & Greene's has received a makeover and expanded selection, thanks to new ownership.

New owner Haseeb Shojai knows the meaning of convenience and friendly service. Now open seven days a week—Monday thru Thursday, 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Friday and Saturday until 11:00 PM, Sunday until 9:00 PM—Silver Leaf Market offers a broad range of items, including a huge wine selection, popular local craft beers, fresh produce, grocery sundries, bread, milk, snack foods, ice cream, and more. Stop in to check out the improvements and say hello to Sammy behind the counter, ready to serve all Eagle Crest residents, guests, and visitors with a smile. Call 541-526-5009 for more information.



Get **\$3.00 off**  
your next meal of \$10  
or more.

Coupon must be presented  
at time of purchase.

Discount does **not** apply  
on alcohol purchases.

Expires 12/31/16



Call ahead orders welcome!  
541-548-9591

# Autumn Fest

An Eagle Crest Community Event

Tuesday - October 4th

EAGLE CREST CONVENTION CENTER

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

\$7.50 at the door - Kids 10 & under Free

POTLUCK (to serve 12)

Bring a main dish, comfort side, green salad or dessert

CASH BAR (please no BYOB)

LIVE MUSIC by BURNIN' MOONLIGHT

*Americana / Bluegrass / Blues Music*

CARD BINGO played during the band's break.



Visit [www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org)  
for more information and to RSVP

## Oktoberfest

EAGLE CREST  
RESORT

JOIN THE FUN AND MAKE SOME MEMORIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

4-8 PM AT THE EAGLE RIDGE SPORTS CENTER

\$10 Admission includes pint glass and first pour!

*Kids are FREE*

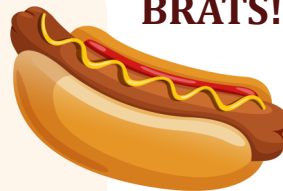
Tickets are sold at the gate.

ID REQUIRED for all alcohol purchases—must be 21 or over

Questions? Call 541-923-9627



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# Upcoming Speaker Forums

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

## Jarold Ramsey

Jarold Ramsey grew up on a ranch north of Madras which was the site of an Indian camp. This is the root cause of his lifelong interest in native artifacts and Archaeology. The focus of his presentation will be the homesteading and railroad building of Central Oregon.



**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Loren Irving

Loren Irving lives locally in Bend and will speak upon the famous explorer John Fremont. The mapping of the Oregon Trail was Fremont's assigned mission by the U.S. Congress. The expedition made Fremont and Kit Carson the most famous people in the United State for their excerpts in national and international papers.



Presenters will speak from **7:00PM to 8:00PM**  
Question & Answer Session to follow  
Forums are held at the River Run Event Center  
**1730 Blue Heron Drive**

## SWIC needs you!

The Stormwater Improvement Committee (SWIC) is looking for volunteers who are interested in joining their committee, especially if you are willing and able to serve as secretary to the committee. If interested, contact SWIC at [swic@ridgeowners.org](mailto:swic@ridgeowners.org).

## Please help us protect our water features and ponds

The Ridge at Eagle Crest has many beautiful water features to be enjoyed by homeowners and visitors alike. While we hope you enjoy the pretty picture and sounds they make, these are man-made features and not meant to be walked in, biked through, or swam in. While Eagle Crest's ponds, creeks, and lakes may appear to be naturally-occurring, they contain expensive equipment that can be damaged by such activity. Unbudgeted expenses for the repair or replacement a torn pond liner or a clogged pump could be passed onto the homeowners in those neighborhoods. So please, enjoy the water features, but don't walk in them or ride bikes through

them, or allow children to play in them. If you rent your home or lend it to friends and family, please share this information with your home's visitors.

Thank you, Northview Community Services

