

RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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from the **RECOA Board President**

Living in the Eagle Crest community is a wonderful experience. But often the governing documents that exist to guide our community and create conformity are also a source of concern for some. For example, the ARC guidelines were developed to maintain the quality and visual integrity of our community. To do this the guidelines control what changes or additions we may add to the exterior of our properties. Examples of changes that require ARC approval prior to implementation include: changes in landscaping, changing home paint colors, removing trees or shrubs, changing exterior lighting, adding a deck, pergola or awning. The benefit of this is a controlled environment that increases our home values, and maintains the beauty of our neighborhoods. The down

side of our rules and regulations are that some may feel restricted in what they can change on their own property or they make changes without approval. The process to submit your project is simple and many questions can be answered by emailing or calling Owner Services.

The best advice I can give is to ask before proceeding with changes in your landscape or the outside appearance of your home.

The Architectural Review Guidelines are available on our website at www.ridgeowners.org along with the other Governing Documents, but should you have questions, call Owner Services @ 541-548-9300.

Have a wonderful Spring season. *Mick*

Eagle Crest Garage Sale a Big Success

Congratulations to all of our Eagle Crest Homeowners! You should be very proud that we were able to donate \$1,024.76 to the Ronald McDonald House in Bend from the proceeds of the sale of the tables from our recent Upscale Indoor Garage Sale. We also want to thank our friends and neighbors for their purchases as well as the many shoppers from outside of our resort. Buyers were lined up at least an hour before our doors opened and many said they had a great time, loved the venue, and loved everything they purchased. We are planning to schedule our next sale for September 2016 as many of our snowbirds have said they would also like to participate. With the many suggestions we received, we hope next year will be an even greater success! Thank you very much!



Linda Bender and Karla Beesley delivering the check to the Ronald McDonald House from our Eagle Crest Homeowners.

from the
Maintenance and Oversight Committee

Memorial Day weekend represents “Opening Day” for the visitor season on The Ridge. All four task forces of the Maintenance & Oversight Committee, with the support of our NV Management services, are operating at full momentum initiating this year’s scheduled projects. MOC calendars are available to all homeowners on the ridge owner website.

Structures & Amenities have begun this year’s home exterior painting schedule. A special focus on new solar lighting for the E.C. Blvd. entrance is in process. The BLM west ridge trail construction project is set for 2016. At homeowner request for additional benches along the hike/bike paths, the committee is developing a memorial bench donation program.

Landscape & Water Feature projects have included winter clean up of fallen leaves and ornamental grasses as well as turf aeration, thatching, fertilization, and edging. Irrigation and water features are up and running. Pre emergent weed spraying will be followed by tree feeding and pest protection. The Highland Creek Trail water feature has benefited from extensive creek and pond repair. The Eagle Creek neighborhood improvement projects will continue in late Spring, early Summer.

Roads & Paths have begun annual street painting. All culverts and ditches have been inspected and repair and clean up plans are underway. Scheduling for street crack sealing, slurry coating, and paving are in place and implementation as begun.

Watch for the updating of traffic and directional signage. Winter road cinders were collected during road sweeping and will be recycled on BLM access parking areas.

Septic & Water services provided by CBUC include the evaluation of septic system function and regular pumping. West Ridge fire hydrant painting is scheduled for completion this year.

Enjoy the Spring Season and the maintenance projects designed to continue and enhance the quality of life we enjoy in our neighborhoods here on the Ridge at Eagle Crest.

Fire Prevention Sliding Glass Door Window Clings



The Maintenance and Oversight Committee is delighted to announce the availability of Fire Prevention Sliding Glass Door Window Clings. This item can be picked up at the North View Homeowner Services Office. Please take advantage of this free opportunity to warn visitors and renters of the very real danger of mulch fires when cigarette butts are deposited in this most flammable material.

[Mulch Fire Footage](#)



The Neighborhood Garden

OSU Master Gardener, Ruth Mulligan

Caring for flowers in hanging baskets

Summer is the time to enjoy hanging baskets of flowers. Fuchsias, geraniums, petunias, impatiens and tuberous begonias grow beautifully in hanging baskets and graciously spill their color over the sides. With a little care, they'll bloom for you all through the summer and into the fall, according to Ross Penhallegon, horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Remember that plants in hanging baskets depend totally on you to give them what they need to grow and to stay healthy,

First, hang them in the right place. Fuchsias and tuberous begonias like shade, or partial shade. Petunias and geraniums flourish in full sun, and impatiens prefer a cool, partially sunlit location. Then make sure they are out of the wind and that the baskets are on a watering schedule so they will not dry out.

Remember to feed and water the baskets regularly. It is best to water at least once a day during most of the growing season, and perhaps twice during the hottest days. Check moisture in the hanging basket simply by poking your finger deep into the middle of the pot. If the soil feels dry, add enough water to dampen all the soil and drip out of the bottom of the basket.

Add any well-balanced soluble fertilizer, such as 5-10-5, or a good organic fertilizer, such as compost tea, at least once a week to the water to keep new flowers and foliage coming.

To increase the life and blooming time of your hanging plants, remove blooms after they begin to fade. If you prune the vine, the cut will create a new vine or branch to grow and produce flowers. With care and good pruning, baskets will produce flowers until frost.

If You Don't Want to Sow It --- Buy It!

Annual Redmond Garden Club Plant Sale
Perennials, annuals, herbs, ground covers, and more

Friday, May 15, 8a.m. to 6p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 8a.m. to 3p.m.

3688 SW 34th Street. in Redmond



The Garden Tips for May: A few are listed below; however, a complete listing is available at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/sites/default/files/Horticulture/documents/GardenTipsAprMay.pdf>

- ◆ Repair or change your sprinkler system to be more efficient.
- ◆ Mid-April through May is the best time to dethatch and aerate your lawn. Follow with a fertilizer application to stimulate rapid recovery.
- ◆ Now is the time to manage your weeds when they are small. Remove by hand, mechanically, or chemically. Do not allow them to flower and go to seed.
- ◆ Protect your plants and crops from frost by using row cover or “walls of water”.

Hiking in Central Oregon

The weather is warming up and it's time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful landscape of Central Oregon. Hiking is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to do that. All you need is a good pair of boots or shoes and you are on your way. Here is a list, compiled by Oregonian travel writer, Terry Richard, of 10 of the best hikes in Central Oregon.

10. Crooked River National Grassland:

The grasslands are heavily grazed by cattle (in some areas) and have a busy off-highway vehicle area, but it also has some gorgeous hikes, including Gray Butte and the prominent ridge top pinnacles you see north of Smith Rock when driving U.S. 97, as well as Juniper and Haystack buttes.

9. Crooked River, Chimney Rock section

This is a gorgeous section of the Crooked River, just upstream of Prineville. It is best for camping and fishing, with only a short trail to Chimney Rock for hikers, but is too pleasant to not have on this list.

8. Cove Palisades State Park

Central Oregon's main camping and boating state park near Culver has a worthy trail (Tama-lau Trail) to the top of the plateau from the Deschutes River Arm campground. You can also make a hike along the rim above Lake Billy Chinook between the four driving viewpoints on the east side of the reservoir's cliffs.

7. Whychus Creek

This creek runs from high in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area to join the Deschutes River below the town of Sisters. Spring hiking in the drainage basin is best in the Deschutes Land Trust's Whychus Creek Preserve or on the Ochoco National Forest/Crooked River Grassland Trail to Alder Springs. But who knows, this year the trails should be open very early in the high country.

6. Oregon Badlands Wilderness

A designated wilderness about 20 miles east of Bend, the Badlands' easiest get acquainted hikes is outside the wilderness boundary, along Dry River Canyon just north of U.S. 20.

5. Cline Buttes Recreation Area

This is a relatively new trail system, developed by the BLM in the lands between Bend, Redmond and Sisters. Drive the county road south from the entrance to Eagle Crest Resort to find the two main trailheads for hikers.

4. Deschutes River, Steelhead Falls section

A short trail leads to a big river waterfall on the Deschutes. Find the BLM trailhead parking on the southwest side of Crooked River Ranch.

3: Crooked River, Otter Bench section

This relatively new BLM hiking area and trailhead parking lot is on the northeast side of the Crooked River Ranch. Drive the ranch roads downstream on the bench above the Crooked River as far as you can go, then get out and walk.

2. Deschutes River, Scout Camp section

This is another relatively new (at least the upgraded parts) hiking area on BLM land that is accessible from the Crooked River Ranch. It's downstream from Steelhead Falls

1: Smith Rock State Park (of course)

This popular day use park packs in the visitors and needs no introduction to anyone who has explored central Oregon before. The main trails are either up and over Misery Ridge, or the newer full loop of the park's main pinnacle ridge.



Owner Responsibility

As the weather gets better and we prepare for the summer season, we find ourselves thinking of ways to share our wonderful resort way of life with others. Getting those children and grandchildren here, maybe doing that long awaited family reunion or just reacquainting with old friends you haven't seen in a longtime. Eagle Crest is really a great place we'd like to share with others. Whether family, friends, houseguests, invitees or lessees we have many descend on our community all through the year. And if any of them will be staying with you or at your property for any of that time, now is a good time to consider your responsibilities as a host and property owner in the Ridge.

One of the lesser known Articles in our Covenant and Restrictions document-or CCRs-is 14.5 Lessees and Other Invitees—and with a title like that no wonder it doesn't garner much attention. But this article is an important tool that helps us to maintain the quality lifestyle and high standards we have come to expect and sometimes take for granted. In essence, this article requires that anyone—family members, guests, contractors, and lessees (think vacation rentals)—shall comply with ALL the restrictions and regulation of Owner's use just like we do! And we as owners are the one's responsible for obtaining that compliance—even if we're not here! Owners are responsible for failure of compliance, just as if the violation had been committed by the owner himself.

Sounds like a tall order, but when you put it into perspective and plan for it, it can be easily done.

In fact, it's the way we live here on the Ridge and an important way we share our respect for each other. It's mostly simple things like following rules about parking, driving, using facilities and common areas, avoiding offensive, unlawful activities and loud late night parties, minding your pets...and, yes, putting out the trash in the right way! There are obviously many ways to accomplish this...we do it by continually harping at our kids and have even made up humorous reminder cards like you might find in a motel for our friends. If you have vacation renters then you may want to develop a more comprehensive list that might be signed as part of your contract. However you choose to do it, it's still YOUR responsibility as an owner. Because if the "you know what" hits the fan...you'll be the first to know about it!!

If you'd like more information on this topic, contact Genevieve Herrera or any of our Board Members. We'd be glad to talk with you!



Fire Safety

Smoke Detectors

FYI...

A homeowner shared the following information.

The Redmond Fire and Rescue Department will come to a home to replace the battery in a smoke detector that is mounted way too high for a person who might not feel safe climbing a ladder to change out the battery by him- or herself.

Her single-level floor plan at Creekside Village has one smoke detector that is mounted on the wall, approximately 14 feet high.

The homeowner provides the battery and that Redmond Fire and Rescue will install the battery, a service paid by our tax dollars.

TO CONTACT:



Unexpected Fire Hazard

With the warm, sunny weather and summer approaching, concerns about fire become an issue. The CWP committee have been doing their best to get the word out and help homeowners make their properties as “fire-safe” as possible. We are all aware of the dangers of cigarette butts carelessly dropped in the bark, but something you may not have thought of. Those pretty suncatchers we like to hang from trees or on our decks, can actually be a fire hazard. A fire recently happened on the Ridge and the Fire Marshall determined that it started from a glass ball that dropped from a suncatcher and landed in the bark. The sun was magnified through the glass and heated up to spark a flame. Although not common, there are instances of fires being started by glass (especially clear) objects such as crystals, glass bottles, and paperweights. Just something to be aware of living in a place with so much sunshine!



Car Lovers “Cruise-In” at Eagle Crest

Every Thursday

In the parking lot of Brassie’s/Silver Leaf

4pm to 6pm



Classic Car ❖ Sports Car ❖ Hot Rod ❖ Custom ❖ Motorcycle ❖ Truck

BRING IT!

Nothing to bring? No Problem.

Bring yourself to link up with old friends and to make new ones.

All car/motorcycle enthusiasts welcome.

For information call Ron @ 541-550-9934 or Jerry @ 541-526-1361

NO RULES * NO PRIZES * NO FEES * JUST FUN!!