

ECM Notifications

LANDSCAPING – Bluestone Gardens and Landscape will begin turning on irrigation the week of April 17th. At that time, the water feature in Eagle Creek Neighborhood will be activated for the season. Unlike other water features on the Ridge, the Eagle Creek water feature requires neighborhood irrigation to be on before it can be activated.

Committee News

Community Wildfire Protection - FIREFREE Yard Debris Collection in The Ridge

- **WHEN:** The annual Ridge Owner opportunity for fuel reduction and creation of good defensible space in your Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is scheduled for April 22nd – 30th, during which time roadside placement of **prescribed** yard debris and collection bags is allowed. Subsequently, a **“Two Sweep”** collection and processing (to include on-site materials chipping) of the roadside material and bags will occur from May 1-12 (see more info on the “two sweep” process below).
- **WHY:** The threat of wildfire in our community is real!
- **WHAT:** Follow CWP and ARC guidelines to create defensible space around your home or vacant lot by pruning or removing highly flammable trees and shrubs. Clean gutters and collect dry leaves, cones, grasses, and pine needles (email CWP [mailto: cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org) for HIZ information).
- **HOW:** As a Ridge Owner you can be a major contributor in this annual FIREFREE event. You will need to place your **prescribed** yard materials (including 30-gallon bags, if used) on the roadside in front of your home or lot between April 22 and April 30.

Prescribed Materials: Limbs and small trees (less than 6 inch diameter) must be cut no longer than 4 feet and can be piled along the street. Smaller yard debris like leaves, dry grasses, pine needles and smaller woody debris must be placed in heavy duty 30-gallon paper landscape bags next to the street (these bags can typically be purchased at retailers such as Lowe’s or Home Depot). Please, no grass clippings, plastic bags, sod, root balls, garbage, or planter debris as those cannot be chipped, **will not be picked up, and will be the owner’s responsibility for disposal.** All debris must be on the roadside by April 30, with **no exceptions!!**

This year, we will be using a “Two Sweep” collection and processing approach. A contractor will be coming through your neighborhood **one time** for roadside collection beginning May 1. Initially a pick-up sweep of the 30-gallon bags for placement in the “staged” dumpsters will occur. This will be followed by a pick-up sweep of the prescribed materials for on-site chipping. This final “sweep” will be completed on Monday, May 8th. On-site chipping operations will then occur from May 9 - 12.

MORE INFO: Dumpsters: From May 1-9, large dumpsters will be located on the west side of the Cinnamon Teal/Merlin intersection and at Oxbow Loop near the mail kiosk. If the roadside debris in your neighborhood has already been picked up, Ridge Owners will still have the opportunity to dispose of additional materials by taking them to a dumpster from May 1-9. Please, no plastic, garbage, root balls, etc.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN FIREFREE AND MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Finance and Contracts Committee Meeting – April 19, 10:00 am, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr.

Community Wildfire Protection Committee Meeting – April 20, 2:00 pm, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr.