

## ECM Notifications

**RECENT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES** - Several thefts from unlocked vehicles at Creekside occurred in the last week. Fortunately, some stolen items have already been recovered.

It's quite possible your stolen items could be returned and so, If you experienced a theft, please contact the Deschutes County Sheriff's office at their **Non-Emergency Dispatch number - 541-693-6911**, as soon as possible. Let them know that your loss occurred at Eagle Crest, and reference Deputy Sheriff Ryan McNee, as he investigated the thefts last week.

### **REMEMBER THE BASICS**

- Do not leave valuables or personal identifiable information in your vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors at all times.
- Call 9-1-1 if you hear or see someone attempting to enter your vehicle.

**Current FireFree Event and Trees on RECOA Common Property** - As has been publicized extensively, RECOA is holding its annual FireFree collection event from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. This event provides collection services for flammable yard debris garden cleanup material.

All owners should be aware that this event does not grant permission for the trimming, topping, limbing or felling of any tree on RECOA common property. All such work needs to go through our Community Wildfire Protection Committee.

The penalty for unauthorized work on trees on RECOA common property is \$1,000 per tree.

**Mulch** - This is the time of year when many of us are installing mulch and so we would like to remind homeowners about mulch application around your homes. Outdoor fires at Eagle Crest Resort have begun in **Bark Dust** or other **Flammable Mulch**.

The Architectural Review Committee Policies and Guidelines (5.01.06) and the Ridge Community Wildfire Protection Program (RCWPP) provide guidance in the application of mulch next to your home foundations, decks, or enclosures. Ember showers from a wildfire, discarded smoking materials, and other sources can ignite dry bark mulch.

Bark Mulch may not be installed within 18 inches of foundations, decks, or enclosures. Please advise your Bark Mulch vendor to apply the material in accord with the guidelines provided by the RECOA Association.

If you have bark mulch around your home or recently had bark mulch applied around your home, please have the bark pulled back 18 inches so that you meet our guidelines.

**Sports Facilities Visioning Committee Update** - We have had a great response to our survey question! If you have not yet responded, there is still time! Your input is welcomed until Tuesday May 9, 2023. Please tell your friends and neighbors to send us their response to the survey question below:

***What improvements in the Eagle Crest sports centers and recreational opportunities would you like to see?***

Please email your responses to: [scadvisorygroup@ridgeowners.org](mailto:scadvisorygroup@ridgeowners.org)

**Motorized Use of BLM Land Abutting Eagle Crest** - On Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> a group of eight or nine motorcyclists rode at considerable speed on BLM land directly alongside the RECOA fence line on the West edge of the West Ridge before riding up Cline Butte.

The BLM land between Barr Road and Cline Falls Highway is not open for motorized use and so these motorcyclists should certainly not have been riding there. In fact, this group intentionally cut fences to gain access to the area.

These trails are frequently used by RECOA homeowners, on foot, often with their dogs as well as on bicycle and so we wanted to make you all aware of this potential hazard.

The BLM are already aware of this incident, and they are extremely eager to identify the people concerned. So, if you witness any similar incidents, please send the full details to the BLM. The contact at BLM is Daniel Shaneyfelt who can be emailed at: [dshaneyfelt@blm.gov](mailto:dshaneyfelt@blm.gov)

### **Committee News**

**Community Wildfire Protection** - FireFree Yard Debris Program Continues Through May 9<sup>th</sup> Please place your debris on the roadside for pickup that will occur between May 1 and May 8<sup>th</sup>. You can also drop off debris at two dumpsters by May 9<sup>th</sup>. One will be located at the Corner of Cinnamon Teal and Merlin Dr. and the other will be up near the mail station on Oxbow Loop.

**Trail Creek and Creekside Water Features** - reminder that they will be turned off Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> to dry in preparation for moss and algae spraying on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The water features will be turned back on shortly after spraying.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Maintenance and Oversight Committee Meeting** – Wednesday May 3, 8:30 am, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr.

**Communications Committee Meeting** – Tuesday May 9, 1 pm, Zoom only. Zoom link will be available on the ridgeowners.org web site.