

President's Message

Current President - Several homeowners referred to the President's Message in the last eBlast, indicating the message was missing a critical piece of information... the identification of the current President.

Janet Skaggs is serving as the RECOA Board President, August 11 – November 18, 2023.

I'm embarrassed that I forgot to put that in the last eBlast. I'm out of practice creating President's Messages, so please bear with me.

Now then, on to RECOA business matters. **This is a call for candidates.**

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Would I be correct in stating that many of you feel that RECOA is experiencing lots of problems? How would you like to be part of the solutions?

There is no doubt that there are dozens (hundreds?) of RECOA homeowners who could bring objective, non-partisan, fresh thinking to this community, and this is your opportunity to step forward. There are five Director positions to fill on the 2024 Board. Those terms of service begin on November 18th, 2023, when the annual election results are announced at the Annual Meeting.

The fabric of the 2024 Board could change significantly if enough independent thinking homeowners are elected. With this election, you have a chance to reflect the desire of all homeowners who want and deserve Directors who focus their energies on the business of the association.

On another level of volunteering, every RECOA Committee needs new blood, new energy, new ideas. Our committees do diligent research and discuss a wide range of business issues in their purview. Committees bring thoughtful recommendations to the Board in an effort to maintain and enhance our communities. Volunteering to join a committee is a rewarding experience and you can make a profound difference in this role.

And so, I appeal to you to consider being part of the solution. Become a candidate for the Board or join a RECOA committee. For more information about how to participate or what these commitments entail, please contact any current Director and we'll make time to meet with you. We could even schedule a "RECOA 101" class, if enough of you are interested.

For every owner who has served or is now serving as a Director, thank you for your commitment.

For every owner who has served or is now serving on a RECOA Committee, thank you for your commitment.

In closing, allow me to offer my personal perception on what RECOA is experiencing, by sharing an adage I heard loggers say during my decade working in Weyerhaeuser's western Washington woods.... "I've seen sicker dogs get well."

This association can and will heal with your help. Participate in any way you can. Help this community be the best it can be.

Thank you.

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Committee News

Help Needed - The Communications Committee is looking for an owner volunteer with audio/video and IT experience to assist in resolving issues related to virtual Board Meetings. We are looking for recommendations in hardware and software configuration and/or process improvements. This would be a temporary assignment. You do not need to join the committee. If you are willing to help or want more information, please email cc@ridgeowners.org. **If we do not get a volunteer homeowner for this task, we may have to spend homeowner funds to hire a contractor.**

Community Wildfire Protection Committee - Just a reminder to all residents – we are entering the “**peak period**” for our regional wildfires and Fire Season will be with us until late October. CWP would like to remind all that we need to be prepared for a wildfire at all times. We encourage you to review the following two documents that are attached to this e-blast, see links below:

[Personal Wildfire Action Guide](#) & [Project Wildfire](#)

Social Committee - Social Events – mark your calendars!

1. In September, save the date of Thursday, September 14, 2023.

As the end of summer draws near, plan to attend the **Eagle Crest Country Roundup** outdoors event, sponsored by the **RECOA Social Committee**. Pre-registration details are coming soon, so check the RECOA bulletin boards and the RECOA Website Homepage.

This is your opportunity to enjoy an outdoor social event at the soccer field on the Resort-side of Eagle Crest. It's a **Bring Your Own Everything** (BYOE) event which has proven to be highly successful in the past. There will be musical entertainment by **Reno and Cindy**, favorites on the local music scene.

Come any time after 5 pm. Two hours of music starts at 5:30 pm. You'll be dancing on the grass at this event.

For something new, there will be a **Conestoga Wagon and a team of horses!** The cost for a hay ride will be additional to the event registration fee, and is payable separately to the Wagoneer, so bring some cash to make this memory.

In addition, several local car clubs have been invited to bring their autos in for a **Show and Shine**. Auto enthusiasts, come on over!

All homeowners are invited to attend - make new friends, dance to music, take a wagon ride, and check out some vehicles. No dogs, please, as those are the soccer field rules. Join in for a “last chance for a summer dance” celebration.

P.S. This event is subject to weather and fire conditions... cancellation is possible.

2. In October, save the date of Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This is the firm date, folks.

Have you heard of the **Dark Skies Initiative**? Learn more about this world-wide effort to minimize light pollution that has adverse effects on health, safety, and well-being of all life.

Dr. Bill Kowalik, the Oregon Board President of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), will give an informal talk at the **River Run Event Center, from 7 – 8 pm**. Dr. Kowalik will provide information on the mission of the International Dark-Sky Association.

All RECOA homeowners are invited to this **free speaker forum**. It will be especially interesting to star gazers, birders, and life-long learners.

Donations to the not-for-profit Oregon Dark Skies organization to support their work are appreciated.

Come before 7 pm and enjoy a no-host beverage or small appetizer at the **River Run Taphouse** next to the Event Center. There you can socialize and check out the amazing views of the Deschutes River from their patio.

A Message from Eagle Crest Management

Central Spray – Will be spraying infected trees in Desert Sky and Creekside neighborhoods next week for tent caterpillars.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

RECOA Board of Directors Meeting – August 24th, 10:00 am, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr. & Zoom