



# The Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners Association Quarterly Newsletter

## Election 2023 Call for Board of Directors Candidates

The RECOA annual meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2023. Board of Directors will be announced at the annual meeting. This year five of seven Board positions are up for election.

Term lengths for each are indicated below. They include:

- **Two open positions from Voting Group 1 – One position is a 2-year term and one position is a 3-year term.** Voting Group 1 is defined as “single-family residential homesites with custom or semi-custom homes,” specifically: Eagle Ridge homesites, Highland Ridge homesites, The Falls, Scenic Ridge and Eagle Springs.
- **One open position from Voting Group 2 – This position is a 3-year term.** Voting Group 2 includes the Creekside, Forest Greens, Forest Ridge neighborhoods.
- **One position from Voting Group 3 – This position is a 3-year term.** Voting Group 3 includes the Homesteads of Desert Sky, Vista Rim, Highland Parks and Eagle Creek neighborhoods.
- **One open position for At-large – This position is a 2-year term.** Any RECOA owner is eligible.

Please consult the Bylaws for information on board member duties. They are located in the Governing Documents [Section 4.7 of the RECOA By Laws](#). More information can be found on the RECOA web site ([www.ridgeowners.org](http://www.ridgeowners.org)) under RECOA Information/Board of Directors or by emailing Janet Skaggs at [skaggsrecoa@gmail.com](mailto:skaggsrecoa@gmail.com) or Mike DiTullio at [mike.ditullio@eagle-crest.com](mailto:mike.ditullio@eagle-crest.com)

## The New RECOA Website is Coming Soon

We are in the final testing and polishing stages of the new RECOA website. The plan is for the new website to have everything as the old one, with improvements. The new website will continue to use the current [ridgeowners.org](http://ridgeowners.org) domain. Our goal is to go live with the new website this fall.

If you have any questions about the new website, please contact our webmaster at [webmaster@ridgeowners.org](mailto:webmaster@ridgeowners.org). Our webmaster is a volunteer RECOA homeowner. We want to thank him for all the time and effort that he is putting into the new website development.

### 4th Quarter 2023

#### Featured Articles

- Election 2023 Call for Board of Directors
- New RECOA Website
- Play it Safe
- Cast Your Vote
- Wildfire Protection Committee Newsletter
- Vacant Lot Wildfire Protection-2024
- Dark Sky Speaker
- Eagle Crest Country Roundup

# Playing it Safe!

Our community offers residents and visitors many ways to enjoy RECOA common areas, from exploring paved paths to lounging in grassy areas near water features. Whether it's strolling through neighborhoods or riding bikes, here are some reminders to avoid problems and keep everyone safe.

**Helmets protect kids.** According to Oregon helmet law (ORS 814.534) any child under the age of 16 must wear a helmet when riding a skateboard, scooter, roller skates, or bicycle in a public place. Please make sure kids are protected before they venture out to explore.

**Wildlife is for watching.** Whether it's deer or ducks, bunnies or bullfrogs, wildlife should be enjoyed at a distance and left alone. Feeding wildlife, chasing, or catching critters, and removing aquatic animals like frogs and crawdads from creeks and ponds is strictly prohibited.

**Mind the edges, tree roots, and other hazards.** Portions of paved paths have abrupt edges that can become a tripping hazard if not seen. Always take care when enjoying paved paths and give pedestrians the right-of-way. If you are on a bike or cruising along on a motorized skateboard, hoverboard, or scooter, slow down before passing others and call out to let them know you are coming up behind.

**Play in pools, not water features.** Ponds and creeks may look inviting but rocks and other surfaces can be slippery and the algae treated water is not suitable for people or pets. In the future RECOA will be placing safety signage around water features in the Creekside and Vista Rim areas to remind everyone these are not play areas.

**Roads aren't for everyone.** Bikes are permitted on roads but skateboarding and in-line skating are only permitted on paved paths. Operators should take extra care when operating these on roads, especially in higher traffic areas.

**Leash your pet.** It's tempting to let pets run free, but this is not permitted in RECOA common areas. Instead, explore public lands like the Cline Buttes Recreation Area adjacent to our community where there are a variety of trails and pets can run off leash.

Over the past year some conflicts have arisen from people asking fellow owners or visitors to comply with RECOA rules. If you see behavior that violates standards, please note the date, time, location, and what you observed and report it to management by using the Owner Complaint Form [RECOA Owner Complaint Form](#) or by email to: [ownerservices@eagle-crest.com](mailto:ownerservices@eagle-crest.com). Or call Management at 541-548-9300 – Option 4.

# Prepare Now to Cast Your Vote

Five new Board of Directors will be announced at this year's Annual Meeting. Every owner's vote counts! This year we will again use Simply Voting electronic voting.

## **This is how it works:**

For households **with** an email address on file with Eagle Crest Management (ECM), you will receive an electronic ballot at your primary email address on file with ECM. Instructions on that ballot will indicate how to vote electronically. You will have a unique code provided to your household for tracking purposes. You will need that unique number in order to access the electronic voting site. No one at RECOA will know that number, so your participation and vote are secret.

For households **without** an email address on file with ECM, you will receive a hard copy ballot at your mailing address on file. Instructions on that ballot will indicate how to vote via phone call to the Simply Voting number. You will have a unique code provided to your household for tracking purposes, and you will need that number in order to cast a vote by telephone. No one at RECOA will know that number, so your participation and vote are secret.

## **In order to vote, it is very important to have your contact information up to date. How do you do that?**

Eagle Crest Management maintains the primary distribution list for RECOA information, including electronic voting information. This is the contact information associated with your HOA accounting profile.

There are 2 ways to verify or update your contact information.

1. Contact Eagle Crest Management and provide them your e-mail address or
2. Log into the Eagle Crest Management owner portal [https://frontsteps.cloud/CaliberWeb2\\_ECM](https://frontsteps.cloud/CaliberWeb2_ECM) , and select the Profile menu.

For help or questions, contact Eagle Crest Management at [ownerservices@eagle-crest.com](mailto:ownerservices@eagle-crest.com) or

(541) 548-9300 – Option 4.

# FIRE RISK PROTECTION

## Fire Risk and Protection

The tragedy and losses of the Maui wildfires and smoky skies over Oregon are a reminder of the constant fire danger present in our own Eagle Crest community. Concern about smoking and fire danger was recently brought to the Rules Review Community (RRC) and shared with the Community Wildfire Protection Committee (CWP).

We are deeply aware of the risks of fire here, among them are discarded cigarette butts and smoking products which have been the main cause of past residential fires on the Ridge.

RECOA Policies and Procedures address this concern with the following:

“Fire Danger: Fire danger is a constant concern in this dry climate. Cigarette butts or any other burning materials must be completely extinguished and carefully discarded in an appropriate trash facility. Owners who rent their properties are required to place an approved “cigarette butt chimney” on their decks. No fireworks are allowed anywhere within The Ridge Planned Community. For the safety of owners, guests, and our wildlife as well as preservation of the community’s natural beauty, please abide by this policy.” (Source: Association Policies and Procedures for Use and Enjoyment of the Ridge at Eagle Crest by its Owners, November 2022, page 4, Fire Danger. RECOA Policies and Procedures(2).pdf (ridgeowners.org).

CWP and Ridge owners have invested significant time, money, and work to prevent wildfires and limit risk. **Please help by taking all the precautions you can to keep the Ridge a safe place, including:**

- Providing approved “cigarette butt chimneys” as indicated or needed.
- Creating a personal wildfire action plan for your home.
- Becoming familiar with the Ridge’s evacuation map and information, including printing a copy of the map and access information, and keeping it readily available. If you rent, post a copy in your rental unit. (Source: Microsoft Word - EC EVAC-ACCESS OPTIONS MAP AND NOTES 9-10.docx (ridgeowners.org).

## VACANT LOT WILDFIRE PROTECTION TREATMENT IN 2024.

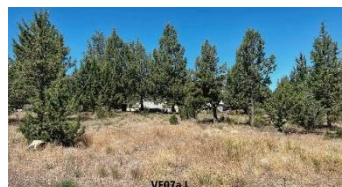
This article is the first in a short series of messages relating to our overall Wildfire Protection activities. This article is general background for us all but a specific “Heads Up” to our Vacant Lot Owners.

Your Community Wildfire Protection Committee continually works multiple elements of the Wildfire Protection equation. RECOA has been working with owners of vacant lots since the adoption of the Mandatory Fire Abatement Program in 2013. As fuels increase on vacant lots over time it is periodically necessary for owners to mitigate the risks of wildfire by making their properties fire resistant. It has been nearly five years since we last requested prescribed treatment on the Owner Vacant Lots on the Ridge. So, this is a specific message for those of us who currently own a vacant lot on the Ridge. In 2024, the Board will be requesting recurring, mandatory wildfire protection treatment on the few remaining Vacant Lots.

Today, there are approximately 53 vacant lots remaining on The Ridge at Eagle Crest (38 West and 15 East Ridge). These properties are in need of Ladder Fuel Reduction and Defensible Space improvement to reduce wildfire risk for Ridge properties.

On behalf of the Board, Owners of affected lots will be receiving in the coming weeks further information from the Community Wildfire Protection Committee (CWP) on what’s needed for treatment requirements, planning, and implementation options. The Board will be requesting treatment in 2024 with completion by 15 June 2024. Thanking you all for your continuing support of the Ridge Community Wildfire Protection Program (RCWPP) and your communications.

Forthcoming questions may be directed to [cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org)



These Pictures show examples of an estimated Heavy Task load (H) and a Light Task load (L).

# Dark Sky Speaker Forum

Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

According to the International Dark-Sky Association, “light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally. Light pollution disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and blocks our view of the universe. When we over-light, fail to use timers and sensors, or use the wrong color of light, we can negatively affect many parts of our world, including migratory birds, pollinators, sea turtles, and mammals, including humans.” In fact, according to the American Medical Association, “Recent large surveys found that brighter residential nighttime lighting is associated with reduced sleep times, dissatisfaction with sleep quality, excessive sleepiness, impaired daytime functioning and obesity.” The Ridge at Eagle Crest is happy to announce an informational speaker presentation from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). Dr Bill Kowalik, IDA Oregon Board President will speak about the organization and their mission, which “is to preserve Oregon's magnificent dark skies and to diminish light pollution for the health, safety, and well-being of all life.” Dr. Kowalik has had a 35-year career as an earth scientist and will talk about why reducing light pollution is important and some simple, easy ways to help diminish light pollution at an individual and community level.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm at the River Run Event Center, 1730 Blue Heron Dr. on the Eagle Crest Resort. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase prior to the presentation. If you have not had a chance to visit River Run, this will be a great opportunity to sample a beverage or two and enjoy the magnificent view of the Deschutes River. You might even receive a free light bulb!

The RECOA Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the  
Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners' Association

## **RECOA HOA Contact Information**

*Eagle Crest Management – Owner Services (541) 548-9300,  
option 4 – [Ownerservices@eagle-crest.com](mailto:Ownerservices@eagle-crest.com)*



An Eagle Crest Resort Community Event - Y'all are Invited

# EAGLE CREST COUNTRY ROUNDUP

September 14<sup>th</sup> - Resort Soccer Field  
Entry at 5:00 - Music 5:30 to 7:30

Entertainment by:  
**Reno & Cindy**



**ADMISSION - \$10**  
**Kids Under 12 Free**

**"Tailgate" format:**

**Bring your own everything**  
**(Snacks, Drinks, Chairs, etc.)**

**What you bring in, you take out!**

**Sorry - Leave Your Pets at Home**  
**(Soccer Field Rules)**

**"Conestoga Wagon Rides"**

**"Car Show & Shine"**

Please sign up  
on RECOA  
website or  
scan QR code

