

### **President's Message**

**SADLY**, I must begin this eblast by highlighting two areas of continuing vandalism in our community

Last weekend ECM and I received multiple communications about cows coming onto RECOA property from BLM grazing land and causing extensive damage to homeowners' gardens. I have seen the damage cows can do to expensive and much-loved landscaping and so can certainly appreciate how upset those homeowners were.

After speaking with the rancher and inspecting our property it became clear that the cows came in solely because RECOA's fences had been damaged in multiple places, apparently to make it easier for hikers, bikers and dog walkers to cross our fence lines. In one case our fences were cut within a hundred feet of an existing gate!

RECOA is now going to have to spend homeowners' funds to repair this willful damage. Given that these fence cuts seemed to be on well-worn trails it seems to me that this damage was not done by short term visitors but rather by people who live here.

I would ask all our homeowners to respect our common property and our neighbor's gardens by not altering or damaging our fences in any way. If you see any damage or alterations to our fences, please report them promptly to ECM.

We are also seeing continued interference with irrigation control boxes on RECOA property. Some person or persons are deciding to repeatedly switch off entire areas of irrigation or drastically reduce run times. Again, we are having to spend homeowners' funds to continually check on our irrigation controls. Ultimately, we may even have to pay for new control boxes that can be locked.

The most common complaint I receive from homeowners is that our HOA dues are too high. These types of vandalism place a financial burden on all of us and take money away from projects that could enhance our community.

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A MOTOCROSS TRACK** - Thanks to a vigilant homeowner I was directed to a current planning application to construct an off-road vehicle track at 7505 NW Eagle Dr. This location is about a third of a mile from the boundaries of Eagle Crest with Goshawk, Tanager and Nutcracker Drives being closest.

According to the planning application the track would be used by two-wheeled electric, gas, and hybrid motorized motocross related vehicles.

The planned use of the track would be an average of 2 days per week during the months of Oct through March. Primarily on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am-4pm for groups. Also, on select weekdays for private one-on-one trainings between the hours of 10AM-3PM. During the months of April to September group training would occur on Weekdays and Weekends between 6-9PM.

If you have any opinions on the impact of the noise and dust arising from this planned track, then you should place them on record with the Deschutes County Planning Department.

The proposal has been referred to a Hearings Officer for a decision and the next public hearing is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6pm.

Comments may also be submitted to the Deschutes County Planning Department by email to: [Caroline.House@deschutes.org](mailto:Caroline.House@deschutes.org) referencing files 247-22-000812-CU and 247-22-000813-SP.

Full details of the application can be found at: <https://www.deschutes.org/cd/page/247-22-000812-cu-247-22-000813-sp-homan-outdoor-motocross-track>

### **General Announcements**

**SPORTS CENTER ACCESS CARDS** - Eagle Crest Sport Centers introduced a new access system in November 2022. All homeowners were asked to apply for the new access cards and unaccompanied guest passes.

As of March 1, 2023, the old owner card system was discontinued.

We urge owners wanting to use the sport centers this summer to complete the application as soon as possible. Owners may fill out the application at either the Ridge or Resort Sport Centers. Photo identification will be required. Must be the actual titled owner to apply for the new access cards. The process includes taking a photo of owner. Photo of owner must be taken before access cards will be distributed. Card processing may take up to 7 days, owners should not plan on getting the cards on the day they apply.

Owners needing **Unaccompanied Guest Passes** must complete the application process. No unaccompanied guest access will be given without completing the new sport center access system.

For questions contact the Ridge or Resort Sport Centers. Application may be filled out at any time. **Photo hours: Sunday through Friday 8 am to Noon, or by appointment. (No Saturday calls or photos please)**

Please Note:

Association regulations will apply to the number of cards issued per property. Multiple ownership properties will need to predetermine designated card holders.

Properties used as vacation rentals will need to register with the Eagle Crest Express Pass Program.

**ASPHALT MAINTENANCE** - Crack sealing will be done July 25th through the 27th on the roads listed below. Please note this is crack seal only, we will e-blast the seal coat schedule when we receive it.

Bitterbrush Court	crack seal application	263
	seal coat application	11,889
Juniper Glen Circle	crack seal application	1,210
	seal coat application	54,729
Sundance Ridge Court	crack seal application	192
	seal coat application	8,613
Sundance Ridge Loop	crack seal application	1,232
	seal coat application	61,317
William Lyche Drive	crack seal application	1,806
	seal coat application	147,519
Bunk House Lane	crack seal application	140
	seal coat application	22,419
Desert Sky Loop	crack seal application	879
	seal coat application	56,313
Forest Ridge Loop	crack seal application	78
	seal coat application	15,264
Highland Meadow Loop	crack seal application	719
	seal coat application	81,999
Split Rail Lane North	crack seal application	117
	seal coat application	9,666
Split Rail Lane South	crack seal application	49
	seal coat application	14,301
Sundance Lane	crack seal application	89
	seal coat application	19,971
Village Loop	crack seal application	54
	seal coat application	55,800
Highland View Loop (from overlay down to east stop sign and William Lyche)	crack seal application	19,865

## Committee News

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – The Communications Committee has compiled a FAQ on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Check it out here [ARC FAQ 1 dated 7-17-2023.pdf \(ridgeowners.org\)](#)

**COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE** - Your Community Wildfire Protection Committee (CWP) wants to update you on our current Ridge Community Wildfire Protection Program (RCWPP) work plan and provide a timely reminder of some actions you may want to take given that we are now in the 2023 Fire Season currently projected through mid-October this year. Please, note the following:

**Current Program Operations.** 1 July 2023, we are currently in the 2023 Fire Season. Consequently, effective 27 June 2023, we have curtailed any of the on-going grass-bush management wildfire protection treatment activity planned for the identified, unirrigated areas of the Challenge Golf Course. In coordination with Eagle Crest Golf Maintenance, we plan to resume this activity on/about 15 October 2023 when conditions permit. We completed Ridge Course 8 & 9 treatment and had treated Challenge 1 through 10. We thank all adjacent Owners for their helpful communication and cooperation.

**Useful Tips for Fire Season Readiness.** Here are some items to consider:

**Situation Awareness** and alert information from the Deschutes County Sheriff Office of Emergency Management. Sign Up for the alerting e-mail messages at **Deschutes Alerts System** at [www.deschutesalerts.org](http://www.deschutesalerts.org) **These are time critical alerts on current emergency situations and evacuation planning/direction from the County Sheriff's Office.**

**Understand the Evacuation Levels managed by the County Sheriff's Office and have a plan and Go-Bag with potable water in place.** Level One (Get Ready), Level Two (Get Set), and Level Three (Go Now).

**Half Tank Fuel Rule.** When your vehicle fuel tank is at 50%, FILL THE TANK. This will allow maximum flexibility if you/ choose or are directed to evacuate in a time-urgent situation.

**External Hose Bibs.** If you have extra hoses recommend that you connect them to your external hose bibs so that they may be used if necessary.

Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation. Questions, contact CWP at [cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org).

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

We welcome your participation! Please join us for the following meetings:

**FINANCE AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE** - July 19, 10:00 am, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - July 26, 3:30 pm, 7555 Falcon Crest Dr.

**RECOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - July 27, 10:00 am, 755 Falcon Crest Dr.