

## DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE 2023 RECOA ELECTION?

**Please read! There is an opportunity to re-vote if you choose to.**

Homeowner input indicates that several are confused about how to use the write-in feature and how to successfully vote for both positions in Voting Group 1.

**But first, if you have voted and received confirmation of acceptance, and you are happy with the votes you cast, read no further.**

Others, please continue reading.

**In Voting Group 1 the “Write-In” feature is to be used to select a candidate for the second Open Board Position.**

- Those who voted by telephone and were unable to provide a write-in name, suggestions on how/where to vote electronically are found below. Re-voting will be made available beginning today Tuesday 10/31/23.
- If you have voted, but now wish you could vote differently, re-voting has been made available beginning today Tuesday 10/31/23.
- If you have voted but didn't know how to use the “write-in” feature, re-voting has been made available beginning today Tuesday 10/31/23.
- If you are in Voting Group 1 and didn't know how to cast a vote for each of the two positions, an option to re-vote will be made available beginning today Tuesday 10/31/23. **The “Write-In” feature is to be used to select a candidate for the second Open Board Position.**

### How to participate in a re-vote

1. A new email message from Simply Voting on Monday, 10/30/23. It will come from the same email address as your ballot came from:

**Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners Association** <vote@simplyvoting.com>

2. Follow the instructions to vote, or re-vote, electronically. Your **new vote will** delete your previous vote.

3. For homeowners who don't have a personal computer, here are some places that provide computer access to the public. To vote, you will need your unique **Elector ID** and **PIN** provided by Simply Voting, and this URL address to put into the browser of the computer <https://theridge.simplyvoting.com/>

- The Eagle Crest Management office (Monday through Friday, 8 am – 5 pm) until November 16<sup>th</sup>. No cost.

- Deschutes Public Libraries (if you have a library card it's easy and only subject to the availability of their computers; without a library card there are a couple of extra steps to take). No cost.
- Some printing businesses. Example, Postal Connections in Redmond, the cost is approximately \$3-4 for 15 minutes of use.

Or ask a family member, friend, or neighbor to use theirs.

The voting deadline has not changed. Voting closes on November 16, 2023, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time.

**Remember, as already stated above, if you have voted and received confirmation of acceptance, and you are happy with the votes you cast, your vote will be counted.**

## **President's Message**

**From Janet Skaggs**

### **ELECTION UPDATE:**

#### **Re-voting is an option for all homeowners now.**

Due to having multiple authors and confusing communications provided to homeowners, it was suggested to the Board that an entirely new vote be scheduled. Although our RECOA Attorney indicated the existing instructions and communications would stand if the vote was challenged, the BOD Secretary and I pursued the possibility for homeowners to re-vote with Simply Voting. We learned on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> that Simply Voting would be able to support a re-vote opportunity, at no additional cost.

Simply Voting sent a message to all homeowners on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> advising that the opportunity to re-vote was available.

Then an Election eBlast was sent to all homeowners on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, but it was unfortunately sent out while the text was in-work and without approval. The wording on that eBlast may have confused homeowners, yet again.

To that end, let me indicate that all homeowners can participate in the re-vote option. The deadline to vote or re-vote hasn't changed. The deadline is Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 pm Pacific time.

In every Voting Group ballot and for every term position, a "write-in" section is provided. To use the write-in feature, click next to the "write-in" section and then type in the name of your choice.

Homeowners who don't have access to a computer, you cannot provide a write-in name using the telephone. In order to provide a write-in vote, you must vote electronically. Please look at the eBlast dated 10/31/23, which provides locations where you can access a computer.

**In Voting Group 1**, in the section for the 2-year term, you can vote for a candidate whose name is provided on the ballot by checking their name, or you can vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot by checking the "write-in" section and providing the name of your choice. The person you write-in must be a homeowner who lives in Voting Group 1.

**Also In Voting Group 1**, there is a 3-year term position to fill. In this section of your ballot, use the "write-in" section of the ballot since there are no announced candidates for this position. Provide the name of your choice (the name of anyone who lives in Voting Group 1 can be put here, including any of the announced candidates who you didn't vote for in the 2-year term section of your ballot).

**And additionally in Voting Group 1**, your ballot has a separate section to vote for a Director-At-Large position. In this section you can choose between the name of the announced candidate provided on the ballot or a write-in. A homeowner residing in any Voting Group can be indicated as your write-in choice in this section.

**In Voting Groups 2 and 3**, there are no candidates listed in the section for a Director from your specific Voting Group. Your only option to vote is by using the write-in section provided on your ballot. In this section, provide the name of any homeowner who lives in your Voting Group.

**Also in Voting Groups 2 and 3**, your ballot has a separate section to vote for a Director-At-Large position. In this section is the name of the announced candidate as well as a write-in section. Vote as you choose.

Homeowners, when you have finished the entire ballot, including your vote for the Director positions in your Voting Group, the At-Large Director, and your vote on IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604 Resolution, submit your ballot.

A re-voted ballot will replace your original vote ballot.

### **DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR A CANDIDATE?**

If you'd like to ask a question of one of the announced candidates, two ways are available.

1. Candidate email/phone info has been added to the "Candidate Information" on the Board Election Information webpage.
2. A new form is available to submit a written question. You can find the new form in the "Candidate Information" section using a live link titled: Ask the Candidate a Question Form.

Thank you to the homeowner who suggested a form be provided! We love suggestions!

### **TRANSPARENCY REGARDING BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS:**

Homeowners can now see Board Meeting documents on the new RECOA website, a few days prior to each Board Meeting. A trial was conducted for the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and it worked very well.

Thank you to the RECOA Webmaster for this success!

Where do you go to see the documents for a coming Board Meeting?

In the **Calendar** section of the new website, go to the **List** tab. Find the BOD Meeting event and click on the Board Meeting text.

Once there, a section called **Documents for the Meeting** is provided with live links to all the documents the Board has in their packet, with the exception of confidential documents.

The ability for homeowners to access the same information used by Directors in their meetings was requested long ago. It's now in place and I encourage homeowners to familiarize themselves with the documents Directors will be working with each meeting.

Another sincere "thank you" goes to the RECOA Webmaster for making this a reality!

### **ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER:**

All homeowners are invited to attend The RECOA Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 1 pm. The meeting location is the Eagle Crest Conference Center across from the hotel on the Resort side (1522 Cline Falls Rd, Redmond OR).

On the agenda will be recognition of our RECOA Committees (all volunteers), a review of 2023 RECOA accomplishments, announcement of the 2023/2024 election results, and new Board Directors will be seated. The meeting is open to all RECOA residents and there will be time for owners to address the board.

Please note: the Annual Meeting will be in-person attendance, only. Much to my dismay, I've learned the Conference Center is not set up with the equipment needed to provide Zoom attendance.

Regarding refreshments, ECM made an error in a previous eBlast... there will be no coffee and snack service at the Annual Meeting. Why was this decision made by the Board President and Secretary? To save ~ \$1000 +/- catering costs for the minimum beverage and snack service offered.

Also, please eat before you come to the meeting. Part of the contractual agreement for use of the Conference Center, is that if catering is not chosen for the event, outside food and beverage is not allowed.

### **ECM Notifications**

**Tri County Paving** – Is scheduled to lay rock down later this month on the shoulder of roads where asphalt overlay occurred earlier this year.

**Road Striping** – Unfortunately road striping will not take place this year. There were plans to stripe roads that were recently overlaid and also plans to stripe several roads where paint has faded. They will all be done next year when the roads are clear from cinders.

**Fall Clean Up** – In managed neighborhoods, Bluestone Landscaping has completed the irrigation blow out in preparation of winter and has begun their fall clean up. This includes raking leaves and trimming of shrubs. During the first two weeks of December there will also be tree trimming and stump grinding by 4 Brothers Arborists in several managed neighborhoods.

### **Committee News**

**Get acquainted with your neighbors.** RECOA has a Voluntary Member Directory on the website. This is an excellent way to connect with your friends and neighbors in our wonderful Ridge community. This information is password protected and only visible to RECOA owners. **Join now – See the attached flyer for more information.**

**The new Operating Document Library is now available on the RECOA website.** This is a new repository for Committee approved and Board approved processes, guidelines, and agreements that are used for RECOA day to day operations. This library is intended to offer consistency, efficiency, and transparency for non-confidential RECOA documents. You can locate documents with a word search, sort by category, and filter for Board Approved documents. Check it out: [Operating Documents Library](#). You can find the link under Association Info or Documents and Forms on the main menu. We are still building this new library and will add more documents as they become available.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

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

**Rule Review Committee Meeting** - November 7, 2:00 pm, Zoom only

**Architectural Review Committee Meeting** - November 8, 9:00 am, 7555 Falcon Crest Drive

**Utility Committee Meeting** - November 8, 1:30 pm, 7555 Falcon Crest Drive

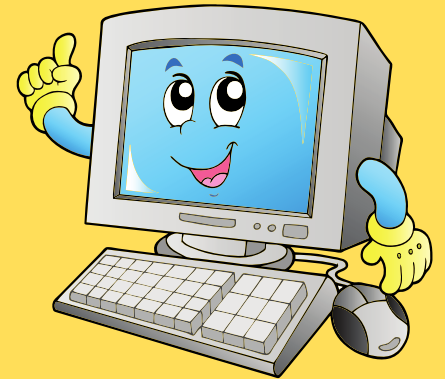
**Community Wildfire Protection Committee Meeting** - November 9, 2:00 pm, HOA meeting room

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# Join Now – RECOA Member Directory

## GET ACQUAINTED WITH NEIGHBORS


RECOA has a **Voluntary Member Directory** on the website. This is an excellent way to connect with your friends and neighbors in our wonderful Ridge community. This information is password protected and only visible to other RECOA owners.



## IT'S EASY TO DO – HERE'S HOW

The **default** will “Hide” your member information. To make your information visible to other RECOA members, you must **select “No”** under Privacy in your profile. Log-in to RECOA website, select “My Account”, then select “Privacy”. Choose the “NO” button.

## PERSONALIZE YOUR SHARED PROFILE

You have a profile, now make it your own! In the “Edit Profile” menu, you can add a photo, change your display name and “tell us about yourself”. Go to your Profile Account then select “View Profile” under your name. Select gear icon  Edit Profile.

## REMEMBER TO CHANGE THE DEFAULT

Don't forget, you must select **“No”** under Privacy in your account (<https://ridgeowners.org/account/>) to make your information visible to other RECOA owners.

**Now check out others in the Member Directory at**  
**(<https://ridgeowners.org/members/> QR Code->**

