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Gold Ridge Forest

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**Saturday, July 13
1:00 PM @ the Lodge**

Board of Directors 2024

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VP/Secretary – Bill Simonson

Finance - Mark Weiner

Greenbelt - Chris Soule

Recreation – Jack Mermod

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From our President

Thank you so much to everyone who made it out to our pool party. I and all the other members of the Board had so much fun seeing so many members and their families out there having a good time. Our annual meeting will be coming up July 13 at 1:00PM, if you can make it out, please do and we look forward to seeing you there.

The board has been focusing much of its effort into trying to move forward with our updated CCR's. This is not an easy project, and we want to hear as much feedback and involvement from the members as possible, so we can attempt to create a final product that everyone is happy with. Below in this newsletter, you'll find a CCR update written by Director Mark Weiner, which summarizes some of the work that has been done by the board so far. If possible, we would love to see you at the CC&R workshop meetings where these discussions are being had so we can hear your valued input.

Respectfully,

Jack Mermod, President

Refreshing our CC&Rs

In our March 2024 newsletter, the board explained the current status of our community's covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&Rs"). We last restated this key governing document in 1995 and the current board believes it is responsible to repeal and replace our CC&Rs. With a special meeting on April 16, 2024, the board has begun a series of public meetings to review every line and provision of the proposed CC&Rs used in the 2023 member-wide election. Thus far, three two-hour meetings have been held and more are being planned. Some of the proposed provisions have been the subject of considerable discussion. These issues include:

1. Residences used as short-term lodging rentals. Consensus is emerging that it's not appropriate to outright ban the practice, but that the rules of El Dorado County should apply and that short term lodgers should not have access to the swimming pools and tennis courts unless accompanied by a member as guests. The recreation access for short term lodgers is already restricted by our Recreation Area rules.
2. Security fences. Consensus has emerged that none of the new proposed rules relating to security should be construed so as to allow members to build fences on or around properties for security purposes.
3. Management company. Many homeowners' associations contract with an HOA management company to perform the services necessary to operate a successful HOA, such as collection services or handling of member complaints. Gold Ridge has never operated with an HOA management company and instead directly hires employees to perform the necessary services, while relying heavily on the volunteer board members to perform services. While the board is not currently considering hiring an HOA management company, some members believe it is wholly inappropriate to ever have Gold Ridge hire such a company. The issue is whether our CC&Rs should impose a restriction on a future board of directors from making a decision on whether to contract with an HOA management company by requiring an affirmative vote from the membership and if there is to be such a vote what the minimum number of member votes for approval should be. No consensus has emerged on this topic so far.
4. Architectural approval. The first three meetings have not yet touched on what should be the rules for approving property improvement plans, such as plans for a new residence on a vacant lot or substantial modifications to current residences. When this subject is addressed, the issue will be whether improvements must be approved by the board for architectural and aesthetic harmony with our communities existing design and aesthetic or to rely primarily on county construction and building standards.

More special CC&R meetings will be scheduled over the coming months. These forums provide an opportunity for members to learn about the operations of the Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association.

Greenbelt Update

In early May, there was Greenbelt clearing work done in parcels C – 12, C – 16, and C – 17.

This work had a heavy emphasis on reducing ladder fuels, reducing competition between trees, and removing flammable debris from the forest floor. The board is currently discussing and planning some hazard tree projects for later this summer, as well as additional tree projects in the recreation area, and disc golf course.

The board is waiting to hear if there will be any grant funds available this year. If we are able to obtain some grant funding that additional projects will be possible for this year.



Recreation Update

The pool is now open seven days per week, from 9 AM to 7:30 PM. If you would like to use the pool, please make sure you have an updated key fob so you can access the gate.

The board is considering forming a recreation improvement committee. The idea of this committee is that it would help identify improvement projects that the community would want in the recreation areas, as well as identify and prioritize necessary maintenance so we can keep our recreation area in the best shape possible committee members would assist the board by researching projects, obtaining bids, and organizing occasional work parties. If you would be interested, please send an email to the office and we would greatly appreciate any help we can get.

Thank you.



Gold Ridge Forest POA 2024 POOL HOURS

May 25th – September 8th, 2024
(Open 7 days/week)

Large Pool-Daily-Lap Swim: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Large Pool-Daily Open Swim: 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Small Pool-Daily-Open Swim: 9:00 am – 7:30 pm

Please help GRF accurately track pool usage by using FOB for every member entering, close gate for next member to enter with FOB. **You must re-program your FOB with the new system** installed in August 2023. Contact the office with any questions/concerns.

Any other inquiry-please contact GRF
Via phone @ 530-644-3880, or email grfoffice1@gmail.com



FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

COME HELP SAVE YOUR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL FROM SHUTTING DOWN!

WE NEED YOU!!

Fire Safe Council Secretary Needed!! Only 1-2 hours a month!

Do you have time to attend a meeting once a month and prepare minutes during the meeting or after? We need someone to step up and join us. Agenda and minute templates make it super easy plus we record each meeting if you don't catch it all. Or you can just ask for clarification during or after the meeting.

Other volunteers needed!!

Emails and social media posts to our residents? This takes a bit more time. Candidate would work with Chairman. Use of Constant Contact can be taught to willing person. Social media would be posts to Facebook Fire Safe Council and GRF Community Chat pages.

Come help with **Dumpster Day on June 1st**. Get outside and meet people from our community. Laborers and others needed.

To keep the Fire Safe Council going we need your help!! The Chairman (that's me) can't do it all and will be retiring from this position on June 30th if we do not get some help or a new Chairman willing to put in hours.

Closing down would mean:

1. No more grant funding to keep our greenbelts clean and to work on our roadways. We brought over \$300,000 in funding to the Greenbelt cleanup in the last 3 years plus 55 acres of greenbelt work completed for free.
2. No more educational events.
3. No more free dumpster days.
4. No more participation with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council.

What does losing the council mean to you? Think about it and please come help!

