

Gold Ridge Forest

Your Association Newsletter

June 2020

**PLEASE VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION!!!
Although the candidates are currently on the Board,
GRF must reach quorum for a valid election. IF NOT,
the election ballots will have to be mailed again and
cost the association hundreds in postage and
supplies!**

President's Message Joan Fuquay

Welcome to Summer 2020! We are living through historically unusual and unsettling times that call for creativity and, in some cases, life-changing solutions. We are impacted by a new way of life that requires patience and vigilance and cooperation.

Let me first address the issue of the GRF recreational facilities, specifically the pool. Barring any new regulations, we are planning to hopefully open by the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The scheduled deck work had been delayed. We are in the process of hiring and training pool attendants and creating rules and regulations that comply with evolving state and local mandates due to the COVID virus. We are very mindful of protecting our members and the association from harm, so please be patient with any temporary rules we may have to put in place.

We want to remind you that the pool is for our membership, immediate family, and guests accompanying the member. Please review the Recreation Rules found under Policies and Rules on the goldridge.org website, specifically section (II), Specific Rule, # 2.

The opening of the other facilities will be discussed at the next board meeting on June 24, 2020. That meeting will be held at the lodge. We will do our best to comply with COVID restrictions by distancing and cleaning and masks are up to the attendee discretion.

There seems to be some confusion as to committees that have "CC&Rs" in their names, and the tasks assigned to them.

**Next Board
meeting -
Wednesday,
June 24th
7:00 pm at the
Lodge-following
safe distancing**

Board of Directors

President
Joan Fuquay

VP/Secretary
Architecture
Marie Zandona-Harger

Finance
Kevin Monsma

Greenbelt
Dominique Smith

Recreation
Bob Ritzman

About two years ago the CC&R *Revision* Committee was formed for the specific task to review and update those over 25+year old documents. I am pleased to say that committee has completed that task. It will be dismissed after the board has had time to review the changes and needs clarity about recommended changes from the committee.

The other committee is the Compliance Committee, which has recently been re-activated. The Board approved the members of that committee and has combined it with Architecture Review Committee. The stated goal of the committee is to "assist the Board in fulfilling the Board's responsibility to enforce the CC&Rs...promote community safety and preserve property values." The committee has presented the board with a list of their committee's responsibilities and priorities for approval. Their primary focus is on education, fire safety, and responding to complaints. They do not go around the community with a clipboard, nor do they ever enter any property without notice and permission. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board's CC&R Director based on the current CC&Rs and CC&R Committee Rules. They have no authority and are responsible to and serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The duties of the Architecture Committee are to assist the Board with considering and acting upon the proposals and plans for improvement submitted by homeowners to the Board. In addition, the Committee assists the Board with carrying out all other architectural review duties. The Committee makes recommendations based on the current CC&Rs and Architectural Rules.

So far, we have tackled 3 areas of the GREENBELT. The going is slow, but we are getting there. Our current focus is on fire safety and how we can accommodate the new state rules and inspections.

By now you should have received your ballots for directors on the Board. In spite of the fact that we only had two volunteers nominated for the two positions, it is important that you vote and return your ballots to ensure a quorum. The unfortunate result of a lack of a quorum is that we will have to go through the very expensive process of mailing them again. Did I say very expensive? Yes, several hundred dollars! So the stamp is already on the return envelope, so please vote and return the ballot.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS BEGAN JUNE 1st 2020

Don't forget! June 27th is dumpster day!!

The Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council will be hosting two dumpsters from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm (or until full). Coffee and donuts available in the morning and BBQ, snacks and drinks from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

- Two green waste only dumpsters and chipper will be available to GRF residents only at the Club House parking lot. (Leaves, brush, branches)
- One pick up load per customer - Check back later in the day. If not full, we will allow for additional loads.
- Bring proof of GRF residency (POA bill, PGE with address....)
- No plastic bags (Paper leaf bags- ok) If you bring in plastic we can empty into the dumpster.

Important!! This is a matching funds grant so please be sure to fill out the paperwork when delivering and let us know the hard work you put in. All working hours by our residents count as dollars to match the funding it took to get the dumpsters here. You do a great job!!

As always, thank you all for taking fire safety seriously!! We sincerely appreciate all the great work we have seen many residents doing.

If you have any questions feel free to email GoldRidgeForestFSC@yahoo.com or call (707) 888-9331.

The upcoming Board of Directors Election has two positions open for election for terms expiring for the current Finance Director, Kevin Monsma and the current Vice President/Secretary/CC&R Director, Marie Zandona-Harger. Both are eligible to run for a second consecutive two-year term 2020-2022. After the election the newly formed Board of Directors will determine all offices, (President, Vice President, Finance, Greenbelt, Architecture, CC&R) which will be announced at a later date.

Save the Date!
Saturday, July 11th Annual Membership Meeting
at the Lodge.
Board of Director Election Results to be Announced.



Gold Ridge Forest is accepting applications for part time seasonal pool staff.
Application Deadline is June 24th. Interviews TBD.

The goal is to open the pool on Saturday, July 4th, 2020.

Contact the office to request an employment application.

Phone 530-644-3880

Fax 530-644-0845

office@goldridge.org

4101 Opal Trail, Pollock Pines, Ca 95726



Greenbelt Update Dominique Smith

GRF has completed clearing the following Greenbelt Areas:

C-12 Between Amber Trail and Zinc Dr.

C-13 Between Zinc Dr. and Zircon Dr.

C-14 Between Zircon Dr. / Zinc Dr. / Mica Ct.



NOTICE OF DUTY TO REMOVE AND ABATE WASTE, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL BY JUNE 1, 2020.

Dear El Dorado County Property Owner,

Your property is included on the Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection list for 2020.

This notice is being sent as a courtesy reminder of your responsibilities as a property owner for fire hazard reduction and creation of defensible space. The El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection criteria and deadlines are included in this letter. Please read this notice carefully.

Please check our website for postings of community meetings regarding this notice:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement>.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION and DEFENSIBLE SPACE DEADLINE - JUNE 1

In accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09, improved parcels and designated unimproved parcels located in unincorporated El Dorado County are required to perform fire hazard reduction and defensible space clearance of at least 100 feet from all habitable structures by June 1 of every year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Once El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program staff begins conducting defensible space inspections, failure to meet the Vegetation Management Program requirements may result in citations, fines and/or forced abatement for noncompliance.

HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

- "Sample" Inspection Form (Cal Fire's Notice of Defensible Space Inspection) - Included with this letter is a sample inspection form which lists the criteria that will be assessed on properties during defensible space inspections.
- Wildfire is Coming. Are you Ready? Flyer - Defensible space requirements and home hardening information for property owners.
- ReadyforWildfire.org - Online resources to prepare for wildfire.
- Start Neighbor to Neighbor - If there is a concerning property in your neighborhood, start by talking to the property owner or collaborating with existing efforts through Fire Safe Councils. They may already be working with the property owner to resolve the issue. Inviting a neighbor to learn more about fire hazard reduction and defensible space often yields the best results.
- El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils - Learn about fire safe activities occurring in your community <http://www.edcfiresafe.org>.

El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) - Complete a burn permit application by calling 530-621-7501 or online at: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit>

For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website at www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement or call 530-621-4663.

Sincerely,

John Wilcox

John Wilcox, Administrative Analyst

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NOTICE OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION

A fire department representative has inspected your property for fire hazards.
You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine.

Owner/Tenant:		Inspection Address:	
Inspection No. <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="text" value="3"/>	Inspector Name:	Contact Number:	No Violations Observed <input type="checkbox"/>

CHECKED BOXES INDICATE VIOLATIONS

Zone 1 / Within 30 of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):

- ☐ **A.** Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(4) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- ☐ **B.** Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc. pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(6) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- ☐ **C.** Remove all dead and dying trees, branches and shrubs or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings, pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(5) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- ☐ **D.** Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- ☐ **E.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(1) and BOF General Guidelines item 1.
- ☐ **F.** Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to or below combustible decks, balconies, and stairs, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4).
- ☐ **G.** Relocate exposed wood piles outside of Zone 1 unless completely covered in a fire resistive material, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3).

Zone 2 / Within 30-100 feet of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):

- ☐ **H.** Cut annual grasses and forbs to a maximum of 4 inches in height, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(B).
- ☐ **I.** Remove fuels in accordance with the Fuel Separation or Continuous Tree Canopy guidelines (see back), pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 4.
- ☐ **J.** All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of ten feet (10 feet) clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(C).
- ☐ **K.** Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels shall be removed. Loose surface litter, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches, shall be permitted to a maximum depth of three inches (3 in.), pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(A).

Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone / Within 100 feet of all structures or to the property line (Refer to illustration below):

- ☐ **L.** Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation, pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 3.

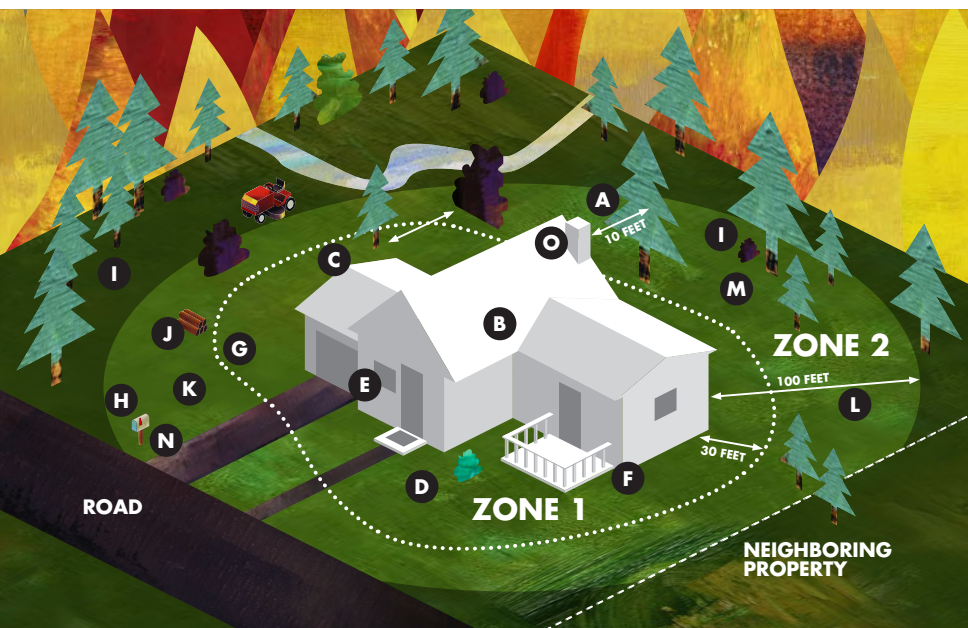
Other Requirements:

- ☐ **M.** Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have ten feet (10 ft.) of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional ten feet (10 ft.) around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(c)(1).
- ☐ **N.** Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4" min. size) and readable from the street or access road, pursuant to 2013 CFC § 505.1.
- ☐ **O.** Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, pursuant to 2013 CBC § 2113.9.2.

COMMENTS:

IMPORTANT

All violations marked must be addressed by the owner/tenant within 30 days of the inspection date.
A reinspection of the property will occur after the 30-day compliance timeframe.



KNOW THE LAW BE FIRE SMART

100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE IS REQUIRED UNDER THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) 4291. CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE CHAPTER 7A REQUIRES CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR HOMES IN WILDLAND AREAS. BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE YOUR HOME IS COMPLIANT WITH THE LAW.

READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG/THELAW

WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

HARDENING YOUR HOME

Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile ahead of a wildfire. Prepare (harden) your home now before a fire starts.

Priority list for building or remodeling with ignition-resistant* materials:

- Roof (Above all else your roofing is the most important hardening feature)
- Eaves and Soffits
- Walls
- Decks
- Patio Cover
- Fencing

Other priority activities:

- **Vents:** Cover and protect all openings.
- **Windows:** Protect against blow-outs and install dual-paned windows.
- **Rain Gutters:** Screen or enclose.
- **Chimney:** Cover outlets with non-combustible screens.
- **Garage:** Have an accessible fire extinguisher.
- **Driveways:** Ensure access to your home complies with local fire codes.
- **Water Supply:** Get multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach all areas of your home.

*Visit ReadyforWildfire.org/hardening-your-home for detailed information on ignition-resistant building materials and all home hardening activities.

VERTICAL SPACING

Eliminate opportunities for a vertical "fire ladder" by:

- Remove branches beneath large trees for a 6 foot minimum clearance.
- Create proper vertical spacing between shrubs and the lowest branches of trees by using the formula shown.

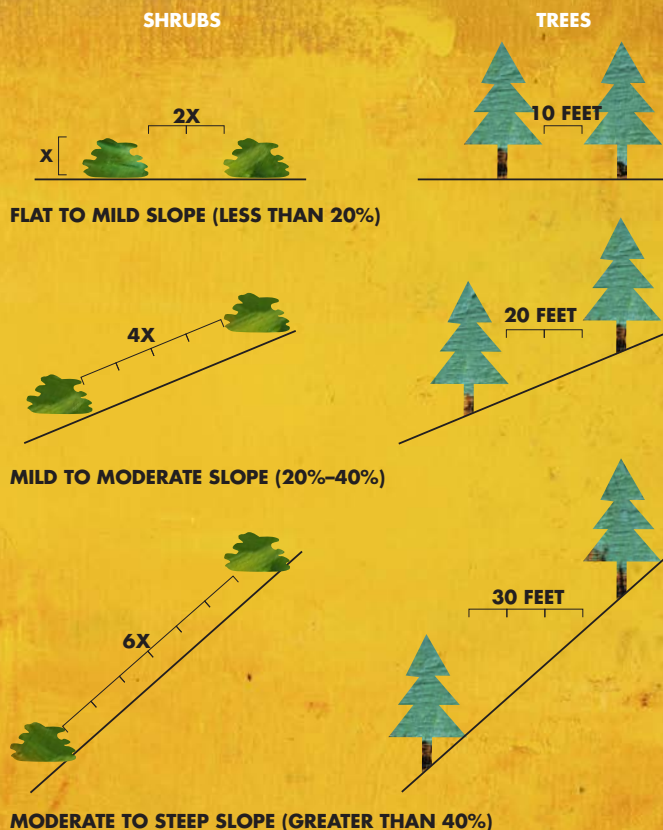


HORIZONTAL SPACING

The spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is crucial to reduce the spread of wildfire. The spacing needed is determined by the type and size of the shrubs and trees, as well as the slope of the land. For example, a property on a steep slope with larger plant life will require greater spacing between trees and shrubs than a level property that has small, sparse vegetation.

Fire-safe landscaping

Fire-safe landscaping isn't necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. Fire-safe landscaping uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home.



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