

Gold Ridge Forest

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September 2019

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 25th
7:00 pm at the Lodge

Presidents Message Joan Fuquay

Welcome to fall!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pool staff for a successful swimming season. We are pleased to add the extra weekend pools hours so you can cool off and get more water exercise while the weather permits. We had a lot of learning experiences and overall our emphasis on customer service and cleanliness led to a relatively peaceful and enjoyable summer for all in attendance. We will now be concentrating the off-season efforts on polishing up our staff and pool policies in order to provide an even more pleasant experience next year.

We have a new board (almost) and lots of work ahead of us. Our first order of business, under the direction of finance officer, Kevin Monsma and his committee, is to prepare both the operating and reserves budget for 2020. We have major issues to consider, not the least of which is fire safety and the greenbelt.

Our board is once again lacking a volunteer member. It is very important to all members to have as much representation as the CC&Rs require. If you have the time, energy and spirit of cooperation to join us, please send or email a letter of intent to the office, as we will follow up with interviews and an appointment at the next board meeting.

Speaking of fire safety, we now have our very own Fire Safe Council under the direction of Sherry Hawk. While this group is not an official branch of the Gold Ridge Property Owner's Association, we have agreed to cooperate to support our community's fire safe programs. The Council meets at our lodge the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. They will be distributing information on fire safety, keeping up on new legislation, and applying for grants to aid in our community forest clean up.

Monthly Meetings Held at the Lodge:

Second Tuesday
Gold Ridge Fire Safe
Council
7:00 PM

Fourth Tuesday
CC&R Committee
6:00 PM

Fourth Wednesday
Board Meeting
7:00 PM

2019 Board of Directors

President
Joan Fuquay

Finance
Kevin Monsma

Greenbelt
Dominique Smith

Recreation / Greenbelt
Bob Ritzman

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I want to update you on a few projects ahead for the next year. The budget is the urgent project on our agenda. We have the Bylaws update project to continue before sending to you for a vote. The new version is complex and is not easily compared with the original document. This project is necessary because of all the new laws since the 1990's version. We will wait until the 2020 new state law update to present it to you.

According to the CC&Rs, the intentions of the governing documents "...are for the purpose of *enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of Properties...*" There seems to be some controversy regarding the "extreme" and "unnecessary" rules regarding privately owned property. They are promoting the elimination of all contents of the CC&Rs other than that which applies to recreation facilities and common areas/greenbelt. I have recently spent several hours reading the document in depth and find it flexible, responsible and in the best interest of the original intent. I would encourage those who are concerned to read the document and understand that the rules were developed within the guidelines of those aspirations. We have a committee charged with the task of bringing the CC&Rs current with state laws and changing conditions since the 1990s. When this project is completed, the document will be submitted to the board, then the attorney, followed by adoption through approval of the majority of the membership.

I would like to thank Joan Scheppelmann for effectively taking on the task of communicating with the membership. You have probably seen several emails regarding association activities. But wait, that is not all! Later this month, thanks to Joan, we will be launching a brand new easier to read and navigate replacement website. Her efforts are also making it easier to communicate about fire safety. Thanks so much, Joan. You are a wonderful asset to our community.

Chain saws are abuzzin' this time of year. Please make sure your project is approved by the board and your equipment is fire safe.

Enjoy the fall cool-off and beautiful colors.



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## Board of Directors Vacancy

One board position remains vacant, please send an email to [office@goldridge.org](mailto:office@goldridge.org) or deliver a letter of interest for appointment to the board to the GRF Office @ 4101 Opal Trail, Pollock Pines, CA 95726.

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**Gold Ridge Forest Extended POOL HOURS
Saturday and Sunday thru September 29th.
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed Monday – Friday**

Pending weather conditions, usage and staffing.

**Gold Ridge Forest Members and Guests
Must be current with homeowner's dues to use facilities.
Key FOB#, name and property address will be checked by attendant.
No more than 5 guests per member.**

Attention all Property Owners:

Please make a plan for clearing your property if you have not already.

Contact El Dorado Disposal /Waste Management to request additional green waste cans.



Deterrents for Bears in Trash



- 1-Please do not put out cans until early morning on the day of pick up
- 2-Freeze leftover food scraps to neutralize odor
- 3-Spray bags inside the can and the outside of the can and lid with ammonia
- 4-Attach a metal hasp to keep lid closed, El Dorado Disposal will allow this and drivers will get out of the truck to unlock lid.
- 5-Purchase Bear Proof trash can from El Dorado Disposal, or online at Home Depot or Walmart.

If your neighbors have been picking up the mess that is spread to their property, please note: the trash is not only unsightly, it is also a health hazard and attracts animals, insects and vermin.

Thank you all in advance for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

GOLD RIDGE FOREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

By Sherry Hawk

Dear Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners:

You may have heard through various emails that a Fire Safe Council has been established for the Gold Ridge Forest Community and surrounding area recently, but if you haven't this will be great news to hear!! Our mission is to make our community fire safe through roadside vegetation management, greenbelt clearing, establishing evacuation plans and encouraging homeowners to contribute by clearing their own defensible space and evacuation plans.

To get started we are working with many agencies who have offered assistance to take us where we want to be. We begin with our assessment plan and move on to applying for grants to help us fund this effort. Just as important is making sure we are all educated on what we can do for our own property and safety. We want to be able to deliver important items to you, such as, educational materials, resources to help you in your defensible space effort and meeting dates as we would love to hear your input. We also may offer some opportunities to work together as a community, through events, fundraisers and volunteer clean-up days. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the GRF Lodge.

The Gold Ridge Forest POA is working very closely with us and you may receive "Fire Safe" information from them from time to time. We sincerely appreciate their help, but as they have promised to each property owner, they are not legally allowed to share their contact list with third parties.

So, we ask you to send your emails and street address so we, the Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council (GRFFSC) can communicate with you directly to keep you updated, educated and informed. Please take a moment to send us your email address and mailing address so we can send important messages that you do not want to miss. You can send your information by email to GoldRidgeForestFSC@yahoo.com or mail your information to Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council or GRFFSC c/o Sherry Hawk, 6706 Onyx Trail, Pollock Pines, CA 95726.

Please include the following:

First and Last Name

Mailing address

Email address (if applicable)

Gold Ridge Forest property address (optional)

Phone # (optional)

Please write - I authorize Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council to send communications to the contact information I have provided.

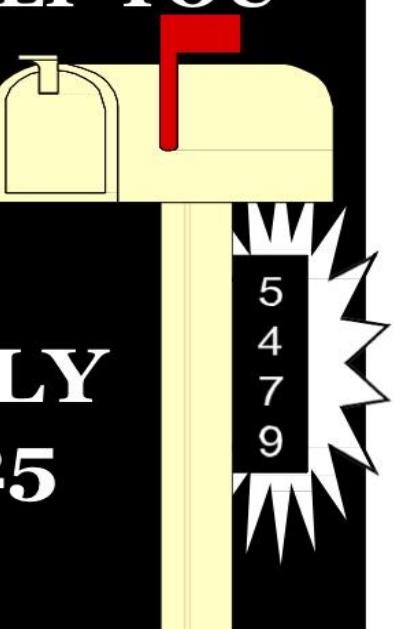
We cannot do this alone, but as a community we can do great things to become Fire Safe!

**IF THEY
CAN'T
FIND YOU**

**THEY CAN'T
HELP YOU**

**ONLY
\$25**

**REFLECTIVE
ADDRESS
MARKERS**



**GOLD RIDGE FOREST
FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
FUNDRAISER**

FEATURES

- **Highly Visible Day or Night**
 - **Reflective Material on Both Sides**
 - **Fade Resistant, Last for Years**
 - **Pre-drilled Holes**
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**ORDER YOUR
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
TODAY.....**

**IT MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE
OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE.**

Up to 5 numbers

**For more information call (408) 859-9581 or email
GoldRidgeForestFSC@yahoo.com**



If They Can't Find You - They Can't Help You!



When emergency responders are called to a given location, there may be a delay in response if crews are unable to see the address from the street. As everyone in this area knows, GPS locations are not always accurate. The few extra minutes it may take to locate your address could cost you your home — or your life.

EMERGENCY ADDRESS SIGN FUNDRAISER FOR THE GOLD RIDGE FOREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Funds will be used for community wildfire prevention education

Sign details: 6" X 18" .063" aluminum covered with green reflective vinyl
3" Reflective vinyl numbers on both sides
Fire resistant when mounted onto a metal post.
Will last for years unless someone runs over it.

Cost: Cost for one sign with up to 5 numbers on both sides = \$25.00
Cost for a metal post = \$5.00

For more information, call (408) 859-9581 or email GoldRidgeForestFSC@yahoo.com



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address (including city and zip): _____

Email Address: _____ House # wanted on sign _____

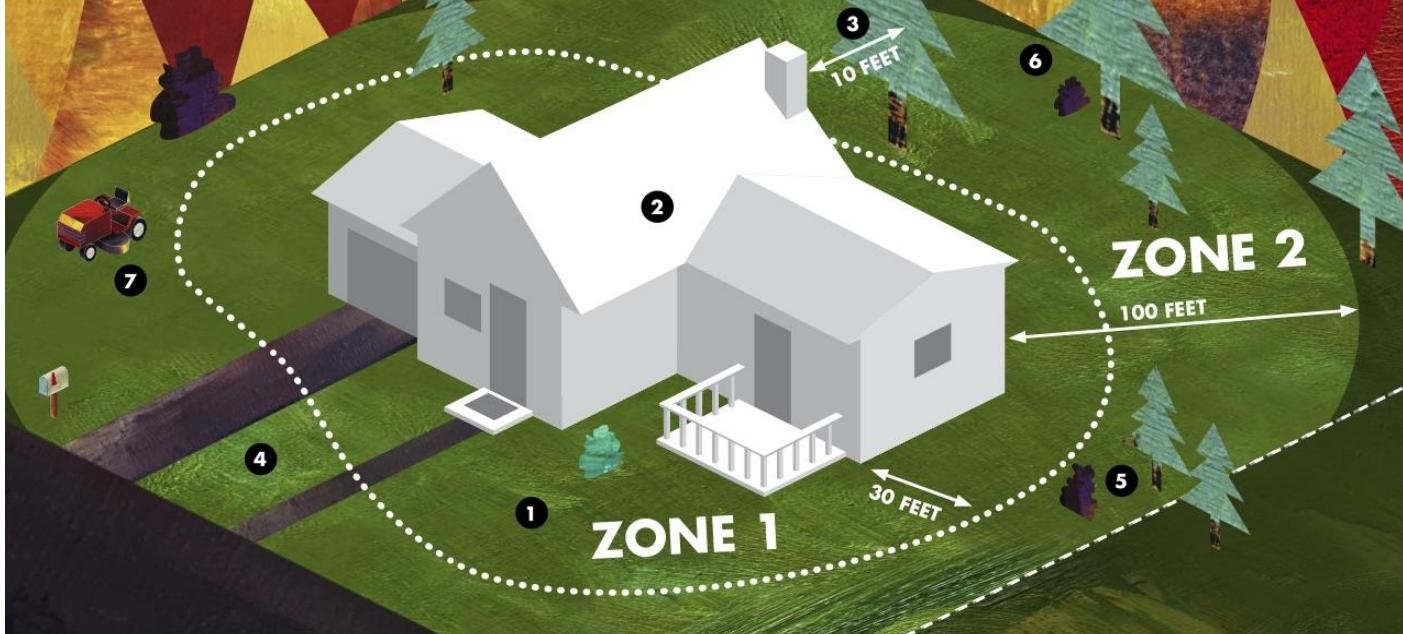
Reflective sign \$25 _____ Sign, post (vertical only) \$5 _____ Total: \$ _____

_____ Vertical alignment _____ Horizontal alignment _____ Two sided _____ One sided

Please mail to: GRFFSC c/o Pat Schoggins, 4038 Opal Trail, Pollock Pines, CA 95726
Please make checks payable to: Gold Ridge Forest FSC

Thank you for your support!

WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?



Defensible Space is your property's front line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. 100 feet of defensible space is required by law.*



ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

*For more information on creating defensible space and legal requirements visit

READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG

TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

ZONE 1: 30 feet of Lean, Clean & Green

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.



ZONE 2: 30-100 feet of Reduced Fuel

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

Use Equipment Properly to Keep from Sparking a Wildfire

- 7 Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.

VERTICAL SPACING

Large trees do not have to be cut and removed as long as all of the plants beneath them are removed. This eliminates a vertical "fire ladder."



HORIZONTAL SPACING

Create horizontal and vertical spacing between plants, the amount of spacing will depend on how steep the slope is and the size of the plants.