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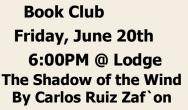
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Your Quarterly Newsletter – June 2025

Gold Ridge Forest

A Hidden Gem in Nature's Wonderland



Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 12th
1:00 at the Lodge

Board of Directors -2025

President/Recreation- Jack Mermod

VP/Secretary – Bill Simonson

Finance – Joan Fuguay

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From our President

Dear Gold Ridge Forest Members,

As we head into summer, I'm excited to announce that our community swimming pools are officially open! It's a great time to enjoy the sunshine, take a dip, and connect with neighbors.

A quick reminder for our families: children must be 14 or older to be at the pool unattended. Additionally, please ensure that your children are familiar with the pool rules and safety guidelines. (See page 4).

We want everyone to have a fun and safe experience this summer!

Wishing you all a wonderful season ahead. See you at the pool!

Warm regards, Jack Mermod President, Gold Ridge Forest POA

Television Screens at the Lodge. What do you think?

The board of directors recently discussed an informal proposal to install two or more television screens at the Lodge. The purpose of installing tv screens is to make renting the Lodge more enticing and to encourage members to rent the Lodge for community viewing of live events. Directors presented competing views on how members would react to TVs at the Lodge. The board decided to ask members what they think and hence this article appears.

The Gold Ridge Forest Lodge is one of the nice amenities the Association provides for its members. The building has open floor space, portable tables and chairs, a stocked full-size kitchen, a handicap accessible parking lot, and a circular fireplace with cozy seating. The Lodge is used by the Association and Fire Council boards for their regular meetings, houses the Association office, and community events like the home-school children gatherings and the GRF book club. For a fee, members may use the Lodge to conduct their own fee-generating business such as tutoring or ballet lessons. Most importantly, GRFPOA members may rent the entire Lodge for a day for \$150. For members, it's an economical way to host a social event in a suitable venue close to home. Members often remark what a great deal this is compared to other facilities.

Nevertheless, the Lodge is not rented out as often as it could be. To increase rentals, some believe television screens would attract more rentals. Renters would be able to show content by temporarily connecting their own streaming device (Roku, Fire Stick, Apple TV, etc.) to the screen(s) using the Lodge wi-fi signal. Having the ability to show screen content would be a potential enhancer to the event. For example, the chance to screen for all the old photos or videos of the "birthday girl" might take the event to the next level. Moreover, the opportunity to host a viewing of a live event such as a championship game might be a way of fostering community. (The TV screens would not be available for use other than the times when the Lodge is rented.)

On the other hand, large TV screens might clutter up the Lodge and detract from events. Most of the time, the Lodge is rented to conduct a social event, i.e., an event where people are brought together to interact with each other and celebrate. People usually are not coming to such events to watch TV. The presence of TV screens, whether they are showing content or not, could detract from the social purpose of the event. When the TV is showing content, that is necessarily taking some attention, and when the TV is off, most people notice the blank screen and its continuing lack of content. In other words, TVs are distracting and people who want to host social events might wish there were no distractions. Is this distraction worth it?

Our Association exists in part to enhance our lives. Would TV screens at the Lodge enhance our lives or detract? Would you more likely rent the lodge? Do you see any potential problem? The directors would very much like to know what each of the Association's 627 members think about TV screens at the Lodge. Let the directors know via email at grfoffice1@gmail.com, or via voice mail at (530) 644-3880, or just stop by the office and tell Karen what you think. Thank you.

Do you have questions / Concerns regarding PG&E Subcontractors Tree removals? See below for PG&E Wood Management Program contact information.

What can you expect after our tree safety work?



Tree branches less than 4 inches thick will be hauled away or cut into smaller pieces and spread on site. Larger wood will stay in a safe position on site. It belongs to the property owner.



Learn more at pge.com/whatyoucanexpect

Your request for wood management has been recorded. We may be able to relocate or haul away this wood if it is located within:

- *100 feet of a home,
- 15 feet of the access road to a home or
- *
 15 feet of an outbuilding or propane tank and
- * The Landowner Permission Form has been completed.

Safety, the environment and access will also be evaluated before performing this work.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-270-9750 or email woodmanagement@pge.com.



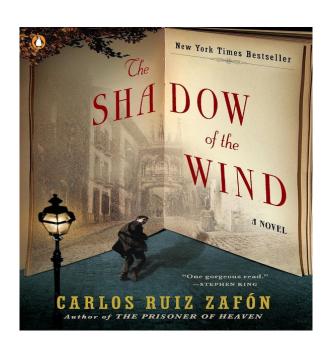
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Pool Rules

No Lifeguard on Duty - No Diving

The Pools are for GRFPOA members and their guests only.

- Always behave safely and with courtesy.
- 2. WALK around the pool perimeter.
- 3. No rough play allowed.
- 4. No pool use when intoxicated.
- 5. No smoking or vaping.
- 6. No pets allowed.
- 7. No glass containers.
- 8. Small single person use sunshades only. Larger sunshades are allowed at the discretion of staff.
- 9. Appropriate pool attire only.
- 10. ALL persons under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- 11. No regular diapers of any type in either pool. Persons needing swim-type diapers may use small pool only, regardless of age.



Next Book Club Meeting Friday, June 20th 6:00 PM @ Lodge