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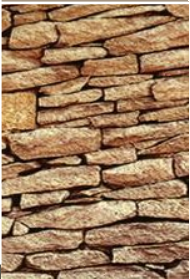
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Gold Ridge Forest

A Hidden Gem in Nature's Wonderland



Book Club

Friday, March 20th

6:00PM @ Lodge

American Dirt by

Jeanine Cummins

**Next Board Meeting
March 23rd, 2026**

Board of Directors -2026

President/Greenbelt- Jack Mermod

VP/Secretary – Bill Simonson

Finance/Communications/Greenbelt
Mark Weiner

Recreation – Austin Favero

Member at Large – Joan Fuquay

Presidents Message

Dear Neighbors,

As we approach our Board of Directors election this July, I want to take a moment to encourage each of you to consider joining our board. Serving on the board is not only a chance to make a meaningful impact in our community, but it also offers personal rewards—building connections with neighbors, gaining leadership experience, and helping shape the future of Gold Ridge Forest. The commitment is fairly minimal, with a monthly meeting and responding to emails on a regular basis being the primary responsibilities for each director. The commitment typically amounts to a few hours of work each week; but can be highly rewarding.

If you're passionate about our community and have ideas to share, I urge you to review the attached qualifications and deadlines for candidacy. Your voice matters, and together we can continue to make Gold Ridge a great place to live.

Best wishes,
Jack Mermod
President, Gold Ridge Forest POA

Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association

CANDIDATE SOLICITATION NOTICE

Board of Directors Election

Results to be announced at the July 11, 2026 Annual Membership Meeting

All eligible members of the Association are invited and encouraged to become candidates for election to the Board. In order to become a candidate, you must notify the Association Office in writing, by hand delivery, by mail, or, the notification may also be e-mailed to the Association at grfoffice1@gmail.com

Submit to the following address:
Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association
4101 Opal Trail
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Your written notification of your desire to be a candidate (and any Director Election Statements described below) **must be received by the Association no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.** Each eligible member whose written notification is timely received by the Association shall automatically be a candidate.

Election packets will be emailed / and or mailed GRF members 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Completed ballots must be submitted to the Inspector of Elections address included in the packet, and must be received by the Inspector of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026. This election is for TWO board member positions; each with two-year term is from July 11, 2026 through July 10, 2027. The officer positions are to be determined by the Board of Directors. There shall be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting, held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 1:00 at the Lodge.

Candidates may, but are not required to, submit (to the address listed above) a Director Election Statement that sets forth their qualifications and interest in running for the Board. Director Election Statements may not exceed one side of a single 8-1/2 x 11 inch page. All Director Election Statements that are timely received will be reproduced as submitted and will be included with the ballot package which will be mailed to all **Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association** members. By submitting a Director Election Statement, you accept full responsibility for its content and agree to indemnify the Association and its agents and representatives for any and all damage arising from and related to any such content. It is each member's responsibility to confirm that his or her written notification of desire to be a candidate and the Director Election Statement was received by the Association.

Members will **NOT** be eligible to become a candidate if they are:

- **Delinquent.** The person is delinquent in the payment of regular and special assessments **unless** (i) [paid under protest](#) (ii) entered into a [payment plan](#), (iii) not provided [Internal Dispute Resolution](#) (IDR). ([Civ. Code §5105\(c\)\(1\)&\(d\).](#))
- **Listed as Joint Ownership.** If the person, if elected, would be serving on the board at the same time as another person who holds a [joint ownership interest](#) in the same separate interest parcel as the person and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or an incumbent director. ([Civ. Code §5105\(c\)\(2\).](#))
- **An Owner Less Than 1 Year.** If that person has been a member of the association for less than one year. ([Civ. Code §5105\(c\)\(3\).](#))
- **Have a Criminal Conviction.** A past criminal conviction [that would either prevent the association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage](#) required by Section 5806 should the person be elected or terminate the association's [fidelity bond coverage eligibility](#) as to that person should the person be elected. ([Civ. Code §5105\(c\)\(4\).](#))

We look forward to receiving your notification of desire to be a candidate.

Communications Director Updates – Mark Weiner

Fences on homeowner properties – What are the rules in Gold Ridge?

Compared to most residential communities in California, Gold Ridge does not have fences and walls between each and every property. Instead, there is generally open forest space existing between the 627 separate private properties in Gold Ridge. Our community was designed to have open space forest with basic paved streets and cabin homes situated throughout. To maintain this design, our First Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (“CC&Rs”) contains a provision about fences. Article VIII, Section 21 provides that no fences shall be constructed or erected on any residential property without first obtaining written approval by the Board of Directors.

To guide members on what the Board considers in deciding whether to approve a proposed fence, the Board issued its Fence Guidelines on May 9, 2007. These guidelines begin by stating, “Fences within Gold Ridge Forest shall be limited to the construction of an enclosure for household pets or for use as a safe play area for young children.” The guidelines then set forth nine paragraphs of requirements, as summarized:

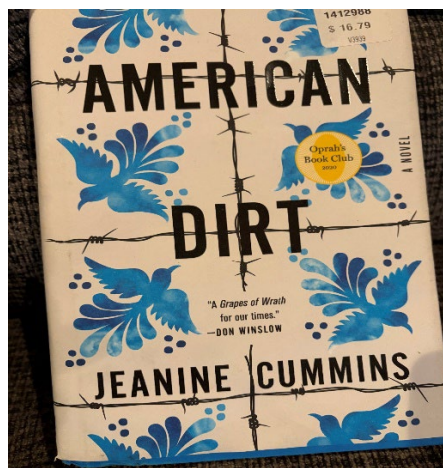
1. Fences limited to back yards or rear of homes;
2. Fences limited to five feet in height;
3. Fences must be visually unobtrusive and not permitted for privacy or security (i.e., no wooden planks as one must be able to see through the fence);
4. Fences are not to be dividers between lots or to enclose the whole of a lot;
5. Fences may not block wildlife from going through a lot;
6. Fence materials must fit the environment and kept in good repair;
7. Fence materials themselves must be approved in advance;
8. New fence applications must include a drawing of the lot with the proposed fence; and
9. Fenced areas may not exceed 1,000 square feet.

Recently, the Board received a proposed fence application where all the guidelines were clearly met except that the enclosed area was substantially more than 1,000 square feet. Most of the Board visited the proposed fence site, which was a large open space behind the home, and listened to the member explain that he intended to obtain a large dog and wanted space attached to the home where his dog could safely run around. After much consideration, the Board approved the application, essentially granting a variance on the 1,000 square foot limit. In general, the current Board believes that the 1,000 square foot restriction is unduly restrictive. The Board believes that if the proposed fence appropriately fits the landscape, complies with the Fence Guidelines (except #9), and furthers the aesthetics of our community, then the proposed fence should be approved.

In the coming months, the Board expects to propose revised Fence Guidelines under the established rule making process, including a review and comment period for members so as to conform the written guidelines with our actual practices. If you have a fence that has not been approved in writing by the Board of Directors, you should be aware that the Board could require modification of the fence, to bring it into compliance with Gold Ridge guidelines.

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- **VACATION HOME RENTAL HOTLINE.** Some properties in Gold Ridge Forest are vacation home rentals, which are regulated by El Dorado County. Recently, the county updated their vacation home rental regulations and staff, adding personnel for evening and weekend shifts. If you have a complaint about a vacation home rental, then you should call the VHR hotline at (530) 573-7999 and report any non-compliance concerns.
- **WALKING TRAILS.** The Board of Directors is considering whether to embark on a program to create and maintain walking trails in our greenbelt common areas. There is a strong consensus that walking trails are a nice amenity that enhances community well-being, but there is less consensus on where exactly to create such trails and how to maintain them. If you would like to offer your opinion and/or get involved, please let Karen know at the office.
- **DOGS.** This is a reminder that if you have a dog or dogs, then you must follow the basic rules:
 - a. Dogs must be securely contained when at home and must be on a leash controlled by a person when away from home;
 - b. No excessive barking; and
 - c. Pick up their poop.These basic rules allow us all to live peaceably.
- **PING PONG.** A group of members is playing ping pong on a nice table in a garage on Topaz. They are looking for more players of all abilities. If you would like to play, please contact Karen and state your interest. All of the GRF community is welcome.
- **DISC GOLF.** As reported in our December 2025 newsletter, members have submitted a proposal to improve our disc golf course. The Board expects to formally consider and act upon the proposal at its meeting on Monday March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodge.
- **BOOK CLUB.** The Gold Ridge Forest book club continues to meet and talk about the selected book. All persons in our Gold Ridge community are invited to attend. On Friday March 20 at 6:00 pm at the Lodge, the club will be discussing *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. The club reads fiction books and chooses books by consensus.



☀️ Join the Gold Ridge Forest POA Team as a Seasonal Pool Attendant! 🏊‍♂️

Are you ready to dive into a fantastic seasonal opportunity? Gold Ridge Forest POA is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team as Seasonal Pool Attendants. If you love the sun, enjoy a laid-back atmosphere, and want to be a part of a vibrant community, this is the perfect job for you!

Position: Seasonal Pool Attendant

Location: Gold Ridge Forest POA Pool

Season: Memorial Day to Labor Day

Job Details:

- **Hours:** Approximately 10-14 hours per week
- **Pay:** \$16.90 per hour
- **Shifts:** Mornings and evenings, 7 days per week, available (3-4 Hour Shifts)

Responsibilities:

- Ensure a safe and enjoyable pool environment for community members
- Assist with pool maintenance tasks as needed
- Provide excellent customer service to residents and guests
- Participate in community events and socialize with pool-goers

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Perks:

- Spend your days in the sun while earning a competitive wage-Delete
- Flexible shifts to accommodate your schedule
- Be a part of a friendly and welcoming community
- Gain valuable customer service and pool related experience

How to Apply:

If you're ready to make a splash this summer, send your resume and brief email of interest to GRFPOA at the office email grfoffice1@gmail.com. Please include your availability and any relevant experience. Interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis, so apply early to secure your spot on our team!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a splash in the Gold Ridge Forest community.

Join us for a summer of fun, sun, and great times by the pool! 🌞☀️ Delete





Gold Ridge Forest is looking to add to our staff:

Job Title: Grounds & Facilities Operator

Reports To: President/Recreation Director

Position Summary

Responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of lodge, cabana, pool, and common areas to ensure a safe, clean, and functional environment for members and guests year-round.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain lodge and office areas: trash removal, restroom cleaning, floor care, meeting setup, and basic repairs (painting, drywall, etc.).
- Perform outdoor maintenance: leaf blowing, raking, mowing, landscaping, weed abatement, and fire prevention work.
- Maintain cabana and pool areas: clean restrooms, decks, and furniture; operate and maintain pool systems; handle pool chemicals and safety signage.
- Maintain recreation and greenbelt areas: trails, picnic sites, playground, disc golf, and tennis courts., clear trails and fire roads.
- Operate and service equipment and vehicles (tractors, mowers, power tools, chainsaws).
- Perform seasonal work including snow removal and winterization of plumbing and pool systems, tree cutting, harvesting firewood, burn debris piles.
- Assist with additional maintenance and repair projects as needed.

Qualifications

- General maintenance, landscaping, or facilities experience preferred.
- Basic knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and carpentry repairs.
- Valid driver's license and ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Reliable, safety-minded, and able to work independently or as part of a team.