

Pinebrook HOA e-Newsletter

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Current Status of the Sale of HOA land to BP&R

A note from Sara Anselment of BP&R: “The draft final plat will be done by 8/31. We’ll then review it, and if we have any changes, I’ll submit those back to the surveyor. The lot configuration won’t change, but we’ll double check everything, make sure names are spelled correctly, etc. There’s still a little bit of a process after that, but we’ll be in the home stretch.”

Tree Cutting Regulations for the HOA

Permission from the HOA Board is required to cut down a tree(s). Please do NOT cut down trees bigger than saplings. Many residents moved here because of the trees. Cutting trees down, especially ‘old-growth’ trees, irrevocably damages our neighborhood for everybody.

Tree Stress due to Lack of Water

Many trees are showing signs of stress (many brown pine needles). This is most likely due to their not getting enough water. If you water them thoroughly, even if only once this summer, you will help them survive at least another year. If you don’t water them, they will likely die, and you will need to hire an arborist to have them taken down (~\$1K). If you are able to render help to the thirsty trees in the common area, most of the residents will be appreciative.

Firewise Walk-through w/ City & State Representatives

Melissa Steele (City of Bend) & Heather (OSFM) walked our common areas last Thursday as part of a required ‘Assessment’ to keep our HOA in good standing as a Firewise Recognized Community. Some of the most glaring takeaways were: 1) many properties have so much fire fuel clutter next to their house (0’ – 5’ on the ground & 0’ – 10’ in the air (trees)), that if a fire did hit our neighborhood, the firefighters would not even attempt to save those houses, 2) two of the biggest threats are Arborvitaes & Juniper trees within 10’ of a home (old Ponderosa’s are relatively safe, Lodgepoles are in-between)), 3) wood fences that run into a house (the fire will follow the fence & light up the house). Metal fences up against the house are much safer. If you have to evacuate, open your wood fence gate so the fire can’t continue to the house, 4) many trees on lots need to be limbed up, more than they already are (Nov. – Feb.). For more info, go to ProjectWildfire.org.