

# Gold Ridge Forest

Your Association Newsletter

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## We are listening to You!

Lots of things are happening in Gold Ridge !!!!

Gold Ridge Forest POA is excited to let you know that you can now pay your dues via PayPal. Please see the article on page 2 for easy instructions to accomplish this.

Additionally, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a community garage sale in the lodge parking lot!! Keep your eyes on our website and your email for more information. We will also be holding a Wildlands Fire presentation that day.

You asked and we are delivering...we have scheduled a joint seminar with the Pollock Pines Fire Safe Council. This seminar will be hosted by a Master Gardner and will be discussing some of the issues affecting Pollock Pines flora.

We listened to the requests to keep the pool open through the month of September. Because of the data we collected last year, we have created a plan to do exactly that. Please check out the recreation report for details.

Are you interested in joining the board? Make sure you read the candidate statement and send us a letter letting us know you want to help your Association.

### Your board members:

- Carol Steinbrecher - President/Recreation
- Judi Brady - Secretary/CC&R Director
- Dianna Feuerhelm - Vice President/Finance Director
- Leslie Melendez - Architectural Director
- Jim Smith - Greenbelt Director



### Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

This year, Gold Ridge Forest will be participating in the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day program. Jim Smith (Greenbelt Director) is heading up this project.

We will have flyers, posters and information for our community about what you can do to protect your home from or during a wildfire.

See you on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m.



## President's Message - Carol Steinbrecher

It has been a year since I wrote my first President's Report and I am pleased at what we have accomplished in a year.

It has been a busy three months and January's meeting was the biggest meeting by far. This meeting gave our community an opportunity to ask questions directly to County, Cal Fire and the Fire Safe Council regarding the roadside clearing that is happening in Gold Ridge Forest. This road clearing is a two year project and when it is complete all county maintained roads in Gold Ridge will be cleared to Cal Fire and EDCO fire requirements. We are also pursuing a "Fire Safe Community" certification through the Firewise Communities Association and the Pollock Pines Fire Safe Council, which could result in reduced insurance premiums for our home owners. This is part of the on-going effort by your Board of Directors to keep Gold Ridge safe from fire.

### **Call for Board of Director's Nominations**

**There will be two vacancies on the Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association. If you are interested in making a difference in your community, I encourage you to submit your letter of interest.**

### **Join Us on May 7**

Whether you are looking for bargains, have items you would like to sell or need information on fire safety do not miss May 7! We have something for everyone. Join us at the Community Yard Sale and join our Greenbelt director who is hard at work to make sure you have the information you need!!!

## Finance - Dianna Feuerhelm

Do you have a PayPal account?

Would you like to pay your dues with your credit card and collect some additional air miles or whatever your card offers?

Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association can now accept payments through PayPal. You can pay your dues using your checking account or your credit card.

While the checking account option has no fees attached if you choose to use your credit card there is a three percent fee you will pay. For yearly dues, that charge would be \$10.56 and for the quarterly dues it would be \$2.64.

***If you choose to do this, please ensure that your name, address and Lot # are identified in the Notes section of your payment.***

## Recreation - Carol Steinbrecher

After analyzing the statistics our staff collected from last year's pool attendance, and listening to our members we have decided to make some changes to the hours of the pool.

The pool will open on Saturday May 28 and will remain open until Monday evening, May 30. We will be closed during the week and will re-open on Saturday June 4 and will be open Sunday as well. We will be closed during the week and will then be open all days beginning June 11. Our data has shown there were several days that no one was at the pool due to the temperature and rain conditions that we see each year. ***We will once again be watching the weather carefully and if there is a threat of lightening we will close the pool for the rest of the day. Your safety is paramount.***

We believe by delaying the pool opening on a full time basis in the beginning of the season we can fulfill the wishes of those of you who would like to swim longer in September.



Welcome to the Community News Page for Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association - We will be posting information of a general nature for all of our members - Check here for the latest information about what is going on in Gold Ridge!

**Reminder**

El Dorado County maintains all Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association roads unless designated private.

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**Snow Removal**

We have been asked by the County Department of Transportation to remind all members to please keep the streets clear for snow removal equipment. If (yes we are getting snow) we get enough snow, the snow plows will be clearing the roads (especially those roads on a school bus route.) Please plan accordingly if you must park on your driveway.

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**Selling your house in Gold Ridge?**

Please be sure to return your recreation key FOB to our office prior to the close of escrow or the \$50 fee will be charged, and the standard transfer fee of \$150 will be assessed.

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**Renting your house in Gold Ridge?**

Per our CC&R's, please submit copy of the rental agreement with the tenant's name and rental term. You may redact all financial information. This is for home security considerations, please see the note below. GRF does not collect or distribute the data. Contact the office to get information on releasing recreation rights to your tenant.

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**Be on Alert!!!!!!**

We have had recent reports of suspicious behavior in the neighborhood. Homeowners have reported people looking at houses and one person having a bag of home entry tools. Please call the Sheriff first and the Association second if you see this!!!

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**Reminder:**

All exterior improvements require a Gold Ridge Activity Authorization Form. The form is on our website at [www.goldridge.org](http://www.goldridge.org) and you can pick one up as well. It doesn't take long for your board to get in touch with you and take a look at your proposed improvements. Who knows? We might get some great ideas. There is a \$50.00 refundable cost to acquire a GRFPOA approval sign, and this tells your neighbors that you value our neighborhood.

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**Community Yard Sale**

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Gold Ridge Forest will have a Community Yard Sale at the Lodge. We will be using the parking lot, as well as the recreation area. If you are interested in having a table for this event, please contact Karen at the office to sign up. Space will be limited and is weather-dependent. If need be, we will reschedule for June if we are hit with a storm!

Plan to join us for a great day!!!

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We have a Facebook Page at Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association and of course our website at [www.goldridge.org](http://www.goldridge.org).

# Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association

## CANDIDATE SOLICITATION NOTICE

### Board of Directors Election

### Results announced at the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 [office@goldridge.org](mailto:office@goldridge.org)

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

Your written notification of 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 Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Each eligible member whose written notification is timely received by the Association shall automatically be a candidate.

**Election packets will be mailed to GRF members 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Completed ballots must be mailed to the Inspector of Election Address included in packet, and must be received by the Inspector of Elections no later than 5:00pm on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**There shall be no nominations from the floor at the annual membership meeting.**

Candidates and members advocating a point of view may, but are not required to, submit (to the address listed above) a Director Election Statement that is reasonably related to the election. 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 Director Election Statement were received by the Association.

In order to be eligible to become a candidate, a member must:

**1-Be a member in good standing with all Assessments current and is not subject to any suspension of membership rights and/or pending CC&R violations as of the date he or she submits his or her written notice of desire to be a candidate;**

We look forward to receiving your notification of desire to be a candidate. Our Association works only because of owners like you who are willing to volunteer their time and skills on behalf of the entire community.