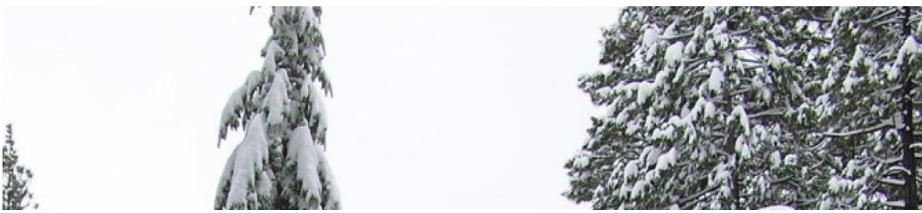


Gold Ridge Forest

Your Association Newsletter

December 2016

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings
Open to all residents; held on
the 4th Wednesday of each month,
7:00 pm at the Lodge



President's Message

Brandon Miller

The year is almost over, time to welcome in 2017! First let's look back on what this last year brought Gold Ridge....

The new board of directors was voted on this past summer, two of us were new to the board (Jeff Hill and myself), wow did we have a lot to learn!

The drought and bark beetle infestation has really affected our forest! At the height of our greenbelt work we had two different contractors out here cutting down dead trees, Carsten Tree Services and Godzilla's Tree Services did an excellent job. At this time, we are just under budget for the year (\$31,403 spent of our \$32,345 budget) and the list is starting again for next year. In addition to removing more of the dead, dying, and diseased trees the goal is to start doing fire prevention by way of removing ladder fuels and thinning trees.

Help decide how our greenbelt funds are spent - [Sign up for our greenbelt list!](#)
The pool and club house has also seen some great changes. This summer our pool chemicals will now be automated which will cut down on time and allow staff to concentrate on other things. Safety improvements have been made for our staff that deal with chemicals and some of our damaged furniture has been replaced. The cabana building has been repainted and some of the damaged siding was replaced.

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December Board of Directors Meeting cancelled.

**Next meeting
Wednesday, January
25th @ 7:00pm**

**Office Closed
Dec. 19th thru 22nd.**

**Board of Directors
2016-2017**

**President/ Greenbelt
Brandon Miller**

**V. President/ Greenbelt
Jeff Hill**

**Finance / Recreation
Pat Schoggins**

**CC&R / Secretary
Judi Brady**

**Architecture
Leslie Melendez**

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New Pool signs replace the old ones with hand writing on them.

Outside of the pool we have three new pet waste stations that have been installed, which will make it easier to clean up after Fido! Our tennis courts have a new net, and just outside construction has begun on a new bicycle pump track complete with seating!

Approved but not yet purchased are a new overhead projector and screen to continue "movie night," which was a great success and I can't wait to do again! New cameras with instant notification will also soon be installed, both to keep us all safer and to cut down on the trips I have to make to the lodge for accidental alarms! Inside the office at the lodge new flooring has been completed, replacing the worn-out carpet, and walls were touched up as well as new trim and some long overdue replacement furniture for our amazing office manager who keeps everything going around here!

Lots of new improvements have been made to residences in our neighborhood - new decks, patios, fresh paint, pet enclosures, and a lot more! The approval process has been streamlined thanks the to the addition of a new scanner and the use of a shared google drive!

I'm sure that is just the tip of the iceberg for what has been completed this last year but as you can see we've been busy. 2017 is just days away and we need your help...

Our past Pool Manager has moved on and we need someone to take his spot, please spread the word - it's a part time position with more hours needed in the summer. We do have other staff to help but we need someone to be in charge of making sure things run smoothly at the pool and the surrounding grounds. We do have a defined duty statement and more information at the office - if you have any suggestions on how to get the word out please email office@goldridge.org!

Our Neighborhood Watch Program has been established but I'm looking for someone to take the program to the next step, and we need to increase our database of people willing to participate.

[Sign up for our neighborhood watch list!](#)

Save the Date!

- NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING!
- Gold Ridge Finance Meeting – Monday, January 9th at 5pm at the lodge
- January Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 25th at 7 PM

* Dates subject to change, meetings always posted outside the lodge as well as our web site at <http://goldridge.org>. Feel free to email me at president@goldridge.org or the office at office@goldridge.org if you have any questions or concerns!

Finance and Recreation Updates

Pat Schoggins

Finance

We are coming to the close of another year. It has been a busy fourth quarter preparing both the Operating and Reserve Budget for 2017. There were also a few reserve projects that still had to be completed. To name a few, we painted the exterior of the cabana and maintenance building as well as the wrought iron railing on the small pool side. We had new metal 4ft x 8ft pool regulation signs made which are easy to read and will be mounted before the pool opens. In addition, we purchased various new pool furniture (chairs, tables, umbrellas, chaises) and 24 new pool filter cartridges, so we should be in good shape for next season. We finally have a new basketball backboard and hoop. Previously in 2016, the cabana has a new roof and the small pool solar was raised off the roof as it had to be removed anyway. A new computer, printer and software was purchased for the office. In December, we replaced the office carpet with laminate flooring and purchased some good quality used office furniture. We are in the process of installing 2 Pentair Intelli Chem controllers which automatically meter the acid and chlorine to keep them at the proper levels.

There are a few items for 2016 that we moved to 2017. Those are additional lighting at the pools, staining the deck and play structure and swings.

Recreation

We are currently looking for a pool/grounds manager that has mechanical abilities, and is a self-starter. If you know of such a person, please ask them to contact the office. This would be perfect for a semi-retired person.

At our November Board Meeting, we heard and approved a plan for a bike pump track to be formed by one of our members in the unimproved area between the tennis courts and the basketball court. It will start out as an oval track and can evolve from there. It should be a lot of fun for all.



Friendly Reminders

Judi Brady, CC&R Director



Rule II - Parking

Section 1. Recreation vehicles, motor homes, house trailers, campers, boats, trailers and motorcycles may only be parked or stored within the boundaries of the residence lot, except that such vehicles may be parked for a short duration for purposes of loading and unloading on the roadways of the properties. (Article VIII Section 15a).

Parking on the roadway easement during heavy snow conditions is prohibited per El Dorado County ordinances.



At this time of year many of our neighbors are gone for the winter or vacation, please keep an eye on your neighbor's house and report any unusual activity.



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Please take down your temporary signs for yard sales, lost dog, and parties with balloon markers for directions the day after your event. Thank you.

Request from a Gold Ridge Forest neighbor....



Many residents may not be aware of the joy of being able to see the night skies in their full glory.

Leaving outdoor lights on all night not only makes it difficult to see the stars, but also results in lights shining directly into neighbors' windows.

Having motion detectors and/or shielding the lights greatly increases star watching.

I sure would like to be able to see those stars.

Thank you for your help.

Would you like your Gold Ridge Forest Dues statements sent to you via email?

Please contact the office to request changing your billing preference send method.
You will receive HOA dues statements emails directly from Quick Books.
The GRFPOA newsletter will be emailed separately, also if you prefer.

Need Firewood? PG&E has cut down some trees in the common areas, if you would like it for your personal use, please contact the office or submit the wood request form from the website.



Interested in free used office furniture? Contact the office to inquire.

