

Board Happenings

At the December 15 meeting, Co-President Lee Vasche commented that this was the last Board meeting of the year and that 2020 was a year in which much was accomplished:

- The CC&R's and Bylaws were revised and updated, then approved by our counsel and by 75% of the homeowners as required by law. This process required nearly the entire year of weekly meetings by the Governing Documents Review Committee. Our thanks to them.
- The Board approved the revised Rules & Regulations as submitted by the Governing Documents Review Committee.
- Substantial work was done on the roads, with more to come in 2021.
- There are no ongoing legal issues. The settlement with JL Ward & Company was settled amicably by both parties.
- Mountain High became an officially designated FireWise community, demonstrating our commitment to keeping the community fire safe.
- Notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic, we operated the pool successfully for the full season.
- The Board operates harmoniously; the same Board returns next year as there are no retiring or newly elected members for 2021. All directors were thanked for their volunteered service.

2021 Board officer election was held! The new officers are:

Co-President, Howard Hall
Co-President, David Mosher
Vice President, Joe Cook
Treasurer, Lee Vasche
Secretary, Karen Hill

It was agreed that a new spiral binder containing the revised and updated CC&Rs, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations would be created to replace the yellow one dated 2016 and distributed to all homeowners, plus an additional supply for newcomers. These documents are also on the Mountain High webpage where they are interactive.

Committee Reports

Financials

The November financials were presented and accepted. It was noted that some of our funds are being held in savings accounts at minimal interest. The Treasurer and Finance Committee will see if any improvement in interest can be obtained by using CDs. Also, we received a letter from Schwindt & Co., CPA's, asking for engagement for 2021. They are HOA specialists whom we have used for some time. Their fees are in line with the market. The Board approved appointing them for their normal review and tax preparation services.

FireWise

The Board agreed that the two FireWise Community signs should be placed at the Knott Road and Country Club Road entrances. Separately, Deschutes County provides a service called Fire Free that, for the first two weeks of May, residents may take green cuttings to the Landfill free of charge. The FireWise Committee has arranged for a dumpster to be placed

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY
JANUARY 26, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.
VENUES WILL BE DETERMINED

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HOA 2021
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- Director: Glenn Gwynn** (Willow Creek)
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**Committees
Not yet updated for 2021**

Finance—Board Liaison: Karen Hill
Karen Katzbeck (ALP) Eileen Katz (ALP)
Karen Hill (AV) Holly Hutchins (WC)

Architectural/Landscape-Board Liaison:
David Mosher
Art Agnew (ALP) Laura Jordan (ALP)
Randy Blumer (AV)
Anne Marie Coats (WC) Linda Hooker (WC)

Common Facilities—Board Liaison: Howard Hall

Dean Greenough (ALP) Mike Uriz (ALP)
Mike Garcia (AV) Tom Ratcliff (WC)

Roads—Board Liaison: Lee Vasche
Bob Fuelleman (ALP) Bob Pohly (ALP)
Phil Hatch (AV) Joan Brookhart (WC)

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on the gravel area near the swimming pool for that period so that Mountain High homeowners can bring cuttings there to be hauled away. Much more on this later as the time draws nearer.

FireWise Chair Bob Pohly described his frustration in dealing with BNSF railroad to arrange brush clearing on their right-of-way adjacent to our property. He learned that Timber Ridge had obtained BNSF's agreement to have volunteers thin the area on their side of the track, which could be an approach we could consider. His contact at BNSF doesn't return calls.

Roads Committee

A major inquiry for 2021 roadwork will be reviewed by the Roads Committee before the inquiry goes out to bid in January. The Committee needs greater volunteer support. Up to now it has mostly benefited by individuals who have knowledge of the subject. If there are such people in our community please make yourself known to a Board member.

Pond Committee

The Pond is flourishing if considered by the number of ducks there. The new solar-panel powered aerators are working well.

Wishing all a happy and safe New Year.

Your Board of Directors



The year 2020 has been a challenge for all of us and our neighborhood has stayed safe and major projects have been accomplished as listed on the previous page. On behalf of the community I would like to thank the directors on the Board and many volunteers on all our committees, both the operating committees and ad-hoc committees. There are so many people and I probably miss some of them if I try to list everyone. So to all of you who volunteered "Thank You."

Our appreciation also goes to the people who plant flowers and decorate the entrances at Knott Road, China Hat Road and the entrances to Willow Creek and Aspen Village, and our pond throughout the year. Thanks to homeowners who put up holiday lights and other decorations for the delight of all which is so important during this holiday season.

Here's to a happy, healthy and better New Year.

Janet Hibbard
Editor

Committee

Make Sure Your Homeowners Insurance Is Adequate and Record Your Home's Contents Before A New Wildfire Season

Bob Pohly, Mountain High HOA FireWise Committee Chair

This summer, two things happened that caused me to be concerned about my homeowners insurance coverage: the number of devastating wildfires and the price increases of homes in Bend. I wanted to know if our house is covered if a wildfire occurs. I was assured by my agent that if a wildfire damaged our home, then our dwelling coverage will reimburse us for the cost of repairs or construction. With the price increases in homes and construction I was concerned that perhaps our dwelling coverage amount was not adequate for full replacement of our home. The agent advised that our dwelling coverage limit should equal the amount it would cost to rebuild our home and any attached structures at current construction and labor costs. I told the agent that I did not really know what the current costs are and that I know prices are going up. The agent suggested that I purchase a policy add-on called — extended replacement cost — which extends our coverage an additional 25%. If your dwell-

ing policy is for guaranteed replacement cost, that is the type of dwelling coverage enhancement that covers reconstruction costs regardless of the price. Be sure to contact your licensed insurance agent for assistance with any changes to your homeowners insurance.

Can you imagine filing a claim after a devastating wildfire has destroyed your home and all of its contents? How do you account for the contents that were lost? One good way is to video all of the contents of your home with a lot of detail, especially the higher end items. Upload that video file to the “Cloud” so that you can access it from anywhere. For those of you who are not video and or computer savvy, have a friend or relative who is, come in and do the recording and archiving.

Wishing you a happy and safe New Year!

Did you know?

Are you planning on flying anywhere?

Starting October 1, 2021, you will need a federally acceptable form of identification to fly within the U.S. The Department of Homeland Security has delayed enforcing the **REAL ID** until October 1, 2021. Every air traveler 18 years or older will need a compliant form of ID in order to fly within the United States or access certain federal building, including military bases.

The Oregon DMV started issuing federally acceptable **REAL ID** compliant driver licenses and ID cards in July 2020. Starting October 1, 2021 current Oregon driver licenses will not be acceptable to fly if you obtained your current driver's license prior to July 2020. You can get on an airplane without an acceptable REAL ID if you have one of the following additional acceptable IDs (see website for complete list):

- U.S. Passport or passport card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- U.S. military ID
- Permanent Resident card
- Federally recognized tribal photo ID

You can learn about your options in Oregon at www.Oregon.gov/RealID. Whatever you need from the Oregon DMV you have to make an appointment on it's website which could be eight weeks or longer. Additional documents are needed if you wish to get the **REAL ID** on your new driver's license. Bring your social security card and proof of residency in Oregon such as your tax bill or utility bill. The **REAL ID** will cost an additional \$30. To schedule an appointment Go to <https://dmv2u.oregon.gov/eServices/>.

Special Tax Deduction for Cash Donations to Charities in 2020

Tax Exempt and Government Entities Commissioner Edward Killen reminds taxpayers there's a special deduction for cash donations of up to \$300 to a qualified charity in 2020. This \$300 deduction is designed for taxpayers who take the standard deduction and aren't normally able to deduct their donations. Before making a donation, use the Tax Exempt Organization Search (TEOS) tool on IRS.gov/TEOS to make sure the charitable organization is eligible for tax-deductible donations.