

June 2025 Newsletter

HOA Wildfire Mitigation Taskforce- Fire Season Is Upon Us!

The Oregon Fire Season has begun and all Meadowridge Homeowners need to take a moment and think through what they may need to be prepared. The 2014 Chip Ross fire which came down the lower half of Chip Ross Park, through the grass covered slopes and along the Eastern edge of Timberhill. The flames did not get into Meadowridge but blowing embers did cause one house fire in a home down near Chepenefa Park. The first line of defense for each homeowner is taking precautions on our structures and landscaping, making our homes as fire resistant as possible. The State of Oregon Fire Marshall's office offers assistance with a no-cost inspection and fire risk evaluation of the house exterior and landscaping for individual homes. The link is provided below along with links to information on fire readiness from Benton County and OSU Extension. One of our HOA residents recently had an evaluation done. It took about an hour and a half and did not require entering the home. All Meadowridge homeowners are urged to learn about the details and take advantage of the program by contacting the Fire Marshall's office.

Oregon State Fire Marshal Defensible Space link:

https://www.oregon.gov/osfm/wildfire/pages/defensiblespace.aspx

From this page, click box "Defensible Space Assessment Signup'.

Benton County Wildfire Protection Information:

https://cd.bentoncountyor.gov/wildfire-protection/fact-sheets-and-other-information/ Oregon State University Extension Fire Program:

https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire

Your Meadowridge HOA Board and a Fire Task Force of HOA members is also working on a program called Firewise. We are in contact with other Timberhill HOA's about this national program gauging interest in a Timberhill wide effort. Firewise focuses on reducing risk around the home and assesses neighborhood preparedness. The link below provides information on the program. More information on how our Meadowridge HOA may engage in a Firewise program will come later this summer. https://www.Firewise.org