

Community Information

Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 7, 2002
Work Session
1:00- 3:00 PM
Board Room, Gateway

Tuesday, March 12, 2002
Quarterly Meeting
3:00- 5:00 PM
Sierra Room, Del Valle

Tuesday, June 11, 2002
Annual Meeting
1:00- 3:30 PM
Sierra Room, Del Valle

Board Appoints Ad Hoc Task Force

By Earl Orum, *Director*

The Mutual 68 Board, at its January 28 work session, appointed an ad hoc Task Force to study the formation of a new Committee. Tentatively, it will be called the Communication Committee. The Task Force has been organized and has representation from the four other Standing Committees, the News Editorial Board and community.

With Earl Orum serving as Chair and Jo Harberson serving as Recorder, the Task Force met for the first time on January 31, 2002. Also present were Pat Hines – Social Committee, Lois Finch – Landscape Committee, Edwin Cohen – Building Committee, Jo Jones – Database Manager, and Gilbert Doubet and Zida Levy of the News Editorial Board. Irv Fisch – Emergency Preparedness Committee and Vickie Hipkiss – Webmaster will be available at future sessions. Tom Mader – Newsletter Editor is on vacation.

At the first session, the Task Force discussed the background and need for such a committee. They also discussed various names, the membership composition and how members might be chosen. Du-

ties of the Committee were outlined and it was determined that there were a number of ways that information about Eagle Ridge could be collected, stored and disseminated. In addition to the Newsletter, Open Letters and various Websites were discussed as a means circulating information on a regular basis. The next meeting will be held on February 9th at which time the group intends to review and refine the ideas which have been presented.

The Task Force would like to identify individuals interested in serving as Chairperson of the proposed new Committee. Please submit names and resumes of individuals interested in being nominated to: The Task Force, 3154 Grey Eagle Drive or call 944-1246.

Emergency Preparedness

By Irv Fisch, *Emergency Preparedness Chairperson*

The Emergency Preparedness team consists of a coordinator, alternate, CB Operator and backup. Most of our zones have one coordinator, but if large or geographically long, two are desirable. The coordinators and alternates are responsible to know all Residents in their area and document any special skills, needs or disabilities pertinent to Emergency Preparedness. CB operators and backups have the task of communicating with the Rossmoor CB base station during an Emergency. This Base Station communicates requests from the zone CB operator to Rossmoor Control Central, who, thru Public Safety, can interact with outside agencies.

Eagle Ridge Residents are quite mobile and often not at home. In order to allow more flexibility and accessibility to CB phones, Mutual #68 has provided lock boxes. Each zone has one mounted in a designated utility shed. Each team member has a key. In order to assure even greater accessibility, all lock boxes are opened by the same key.

On January 12, 2002 the Grey Eagle 2 team of Ray Liguori, Ralph Sheets, Dwight Johnson and Art Reckler conducted an Emergency Preparedness drill. In my opinion, the simulation was an outstanding success. A serious CB communication problem was uncovered, which, in conjunction with Base Station consultation was corrected during the following week. Residents were extremely coopera-

tive and some met neighbors for the first time. An unexpected benefit of the drill was an expressed desire for a Grey Eagle 2 social event.

Two other zones have conducted Emergency Preparedness Drills - High Eagle and Grey Eagle 1/Red Wing Ct. I would like to encourage other areas to schedule a drill by the years end. It would be greatly appreciated if coordinators will contact me so that I can assist them in planning and organizing the simulation.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee also surveyed each manor for missing fire extinguishers. Shea has corrected the deficiency.

Anyone interested in participating in this program is urged to contact Irv Fisch at 944-1965 or via E-mail: irvfisch@aol.com. We have vacancies for Saklan Indian 14(2800's of Saklan Indian) and CB backups for Saklan Indian 15 and Grey Eagle 3(3001 -3028 Grey Eagle).

In the event of an Emergency, all Residents are urged to remain in Rossmoor. It is the areas safest location. There are on going efforts to make Rossmoor self-sufficient in case of a catastrophe. The outcome after an Emergency will not be perfect, but with a solid Emergency Preparedness program, it will be better than without one. Hopefully, there will never be a need for utilization of all this preparation, but the knowledge that a system is in place should reassure each of us.

Fire Protection Sprinkler Recall

by Jack Vollmer, *Director*

A recall of fire protection sprinklers installed in over half of the homes at Eagle Ridge has been issued by the manufacturer. The recalled sprinklers are located in all of the homes on Falconwood Court, Foxwood Way, High Eagle Court, Red Wing Court, Shadowhawk Way, Spotted Owl Court, and Woodwren Court. Also involved are the models on Saklan Indian Drive and homes on Grey Eagle Drive south of the Shadow Hawk / Spotted Owl intersection. A few Grey Eagle homes north of this intersection may be involved.

The manufacturer, Central Sprinkler Company, has recalled about 35 million fire sprinklers, over three thousand of which are located here at Eagle Ridge. The problem exists with an O-ring seal that may degrade over time, particularly in the presence of high mineral content water. Although O-ring failure of the sprinklers here at Eagle Ridge is remote because the sprinklers are new and our EBMUD water is of excellent quality, Central will replace all of the recalled sprinklers at no charge to the homeowner or Mutual 68.

By the time you read this letter a member of the Building or Landscaper Committee has probably delivered a completed claim form and waiver release for you to sign and date. We will collect all of the claim forms and the waiver releases to submit as a single package claim to Central Sprinkler. By submission of a single package, we expect to obtain a priority for replacement, as we are a senior housing community with homes conforming to the American Disabilities Act and frequently occupied by handicapped persons. If the claims were to be submitted individually they probably would be handled near the end of the program due to the newness of the sprinklers.

If your home is placed on the market for resale between now and the time of installation of replacement sprinklers, this recall should be disclosed. Also, new owners will need to notify Central Sprinkler of their name, address, and phone number.

If you have any questions regarding this sprinkler recall, please contact Jack Vollmer at 930-0106.

Landscape Committee Report

by Bob Heyden, *Landscape Committee Chairperson*

We have landscaped several areas along Grey Eagle Drive and Saklan Indian Drive that were not part of the original landscape plan for our subdivision. These newly planted areas contribute to the overall beauty of Eagle Ridge. A minipark on Grey eagle Drive near Shadowhawk Way provides a spot for walkers to overlook the golf course and view sunsets. Three flat areas along Saklan Indian Drive (on the left side going downhill) were planted with a variety of shrubs. The flying eagle sculpture that was in front of the sales office at the models is now permanently mounted in the small park on Saklan Indian Drive. The entry monument on Saklan Indian Drive was moved to a more visible location on the opposite side of the street. The area around the entry monument is to be landscaped and lighted similar to the entry off Terra Granada Drive. High Eagle Hill, visible as you drive up from the entry off Terra Granada Drive, has been landscaped with additional rose-

mary and trees. Landscaping along Saklan Indian Drive below the models was replanted under an agreement with Shea Homes.

There are reportedly more deer in Rossmoor than is usual for this time of year. They have also developed an appetite for plants not usually eaten -- even society garlic. Much of the newly planted ground cover along Saklan Indian Drive has been browsed to the point where it is difficult to find evidence of the plants. If the ground cover does not recover in the spring, it will need to be replaced with something more appropriate. Vinca minor plants have been particularly hard hit by deer.

You have undoubtedly noticed that survey monuments are being installed in the streets. Small round covers are over the monuments. Monuments are required by the City of Walnut Creek so surveyors can re-establish lot lines.

Our goal is to keep improving the beauty of Eagle Ridge. An emphasis on adding more colorful plantings in key locations such as at entries to cul-de-sacs and other prominent spots. Thistle plants in the natural areas will be sprayed with herbicide -- this will be an ongoing program to bring it under control.

Requests for additional plants or landscape changes by residents are evaluated on a case by case basis. In some instances, it will be necessary for residents to pay for or share the cost of additional plants. We have to keep expenditures within our landscaping budget. Residents should contact their Landscape Committee representative to discuss proposed landscape changes and required approvals. Private gardens in the common areas on Eagle Ridge will not be approved. Appropriate plantings in established landscaped areas can be approved. Additional trees can also be approved if for an appropriate location, of a proper species and if approved by all affected neighbors.

Shea Homes is working towards completing work so we can accept landscape maintenance responsibilities on Phases 3 and 4. Some additional work remains to be done, but we are getting close to accepting the landscaping. Major changes in the landscaping as provided for in the original landscape plan prepared by a landscape architect and approved by the City of Walnut Creek, cannot be made until after the City accepts the subdivision. We are anxious for all of Shea Homes' work to be completed so we can make our own landscaping decisions.

As plants mature and fill in, the landscaping around our homes is becoming more attractive. We have come a long way from first appearances.

Street Striping & Parking

Earl Orum, *Director*

GRF is presently reviewing with Shea Homes the handover of open space and streets. Included with the discussion of streets are the two main thoroughfares through Eagle Ridge. These are Saklan Indian Drive and Grey Eagle Drive. At the request of Steve Adams to discuss and counsel on several issues, Bud Semrau and I, as representatives of the mutual, met with members of the GRF and MOD staff on Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Following were the conclusions reached:

- After all gouges are patched on Saklan Indian Drive, the entire street will be fogged.
- Continuous center line markings per Walnut Creek detail # 7 (a series of two-way reflector dots, paced in 4' sequences) will be applied from Grey Eagle Drive down to entry # 13 on Saklan Indian.
- Because of the **limited width** of Saklan and it's designation as a **thoroughfare safety**, considerations necessitate that the centerline be skewed or offset to the left running from the intersection of Grey Eagle down Saklan to entry #13.
- Since there is no sidewalk on the left, parking will not be permitted on that side of the street. No Parking signs will be installed along the full length of that side of Saklan Indian.
- 25-MPH speed signs will be installed on both sides of the street.
- Continuous centerline will also be installed on the interstices on Grey Eagle Drive between the double pavement markers using WC detail # 7.

After the handover from Shea, both Grey Eagle and Saklan Indian become the **sole responsibility** of GRF. Mutual 68 will be responsible to maintain ancillary streets and courts. The original developer's submitted plan (Oct. 1998) for Saklan Indian called for a skewed line to the left; however the plan called for only a 4" painted stripe. Because of **traffic and safety** considerations for both streets the Mutual has insisted that two way reflectors be installed..

We invite you to read the policy manual section Garages and Parking. It states:

"Within 6 months of taking occupancy, residents should have their garages prepared to park their vehicle(s) inside."

Finally, the paved surface of Saklan Indian is 29 feet, not counting the roll curb. The paved surface of Grey Eagle is 33 feet, not counting curbs.

GREAT DATES FOR 2002

by Liz Regan, *Social Committee Co-Chairperson*

Your 2002 calendar needs marking now! So find your yellow-flow pen and reserve the following dates:

- ✓ **Saturday April 20th**. A special brunch is planned for the Diablo Room at Hillside from 11AM until 3 PM. So get out that new Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it and we can have a parade!
- ✓ **Saturday August 3rd**. It is Summertime and Mutual 68's Summerfest Picnic will be held at Sportsmen's Park from 4 PM until 8PM. Beer, wine, picnic cuisine, and games (even Bocce Ball) are to be featured.
- ✓ **Sunday, December 15th**. A gala dinner dance in a festive holiday setting is scheduled for the Sierra Room at Del Valle from 6 PM to 10 PM. Tripping the light fantastic to Jingle Bells will be fun.

If any residents of Eagle Ridge would like to join Mutual 68's Social Committee, contact either of the co-chairs: Nancy Cutter at 979-1180 or Liz Regan at 930-7419.

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