### Fall

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# **Eaglewood Homeowners Association**

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## Upcoming Events & Happenings

November open board meeting: Monday, November 14th at Joy Lutheran Church, 6:00 pm Merry Merchant Munch & Winter Wonderland Celebration, December 2 & 3, 2022



#### **Summer Work Crew**

Being the face, and sometimes the ambassador, of any organization can be intimidating and stressful at its worst and invigorating and empowering at its best. Our teen grounds crew workers this summer experienced a little bit of both as they've each navigated their first-ever job experiences.

Nolan and his crew both underwent a bit of a learning curve this summer. Hiring teens for groundskeeping this summer was a slightly new experience for Nolan, and learning the expectations of both the job duties and what is expected of a good employee was new for each of the crew.

As I talked with each of the teens on a slightly drizzly day, each said that they had a great time this summer. Whether interacting with you, the homeowners, or viewing all of the wildlife that abounds in our subdivision, every teen said that their first job was a positive endeavor. The youngest of the crew were most appreciative that Eaglewood hired workers as young as 14. With various labor restrictions around equipment, they were relegated to rakes and leaf blowers. The magical age of 16 allowed our older crew to manage the weed whackers and push mowers and the oldest of the crew occasionally employed the riding mower.

In all, six teens, aged 14 to 18 were hired. Nolan did a great job juggling and scheduling the teens within these constraints and in keeping them working full days and keeping on top of all the grounds work.



Jacob (left) commented that all of the wildlife encounters were a high point of the summer. As expected some were at a distance but others were close encounters of the scarier sort. Jacob also said, "dealing with all of the dog waste has really been annoying. Especially when we've had to clean the mowers."

While wearing ear protection and grass blowing off the sidewalk one day, Andrew (right) recounted a homeowner out walking his dog frantically waving at him. He took his ear protection off to yells of "moose" and turned around to see momma and babies trotting down the sidewalk towards him. Andrew and the

homeowner took off down a side trail and avoided any more drama, and "that's the closest I've ever been to a moose!," he said.

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Search for the official 'Eaglewood HOA Community' page and hit 'Like' to get the most current information and updates. You can also contact the HOA through messenger on this page with any questions/concerns you may have.





Summer Work Crew, Continued



Nolan soon realized that safety with new workers would be paramount and began every work day with a Safety Minute. Being a former vocational teacher, who did this in my classroom, a smile crossed my face. Wyatt (left) commented, "After a while we each had to take a turn and do the safety minute about something related to our work here in the sub."

Gabe (right), one of the youngest workers, said that "It's good to have something to do this summer" and "having some spending money." He's also hopeful that he'll be able to return next year.

After a beautiful start to the summer with abundant sun, and the resulting dust clouds the work crew created for themselves while raking and more, it soon turned to rain and just can't seem to stop. Katelyn (below left) commented on this and said, "It's still been a good job and I've enjoyed it because it lets me be outside."



And on the humorous side, Aiden (below,right) said, "you'd never believe all of the stuff that we find while we're working. Things left behind or lost, there's a lot of weird stuff out there."



Many of the crew hope to return next summer while a couple will be graduating and will be off to other adventures. Either way, we extend a hearty thank you to Nolan and the summer crew for a job well done.





### **Board Member Profile**

Steven Cook, Secretary/Communications Chair - 1 Year.

Originally from Michigan, Steve moved here in 1989 to teach in a bush school and later in the Mat-Su school system. He fills his time with quilting and as he and his husband are retired they enjoy spending time with their son, daughter and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.



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#### **Winter Reminders:**

Love it or hate it, winter is a long, dark reality of living in Alaska. It's a long haul from the day the sun doesn't rise above Hiland Mountain to the day when we rejoice in its return. And we know we will have lots of opportunities to hone our snow removal skills and to master the art of driving on slick roads.

A few things to keep in mind:

**Mail Boxes:** Postal workers are not required to navigate snow berms to deliver mail. Residents are responsible for snow removal from around mailbox stands. If you receive your mail at a neighborhood mailbox and are able bodied, please take your turn at shoveling.

**Fire Hydrants:** The time needed for firefighters to shovel out a buried hydrant can make a significant difference when responding to a fire. Please help keep our neighborhood hydrants clear of snow.

**Snow Removal:** Priority for snow removal is as follows: the primary roads are cleared first, then the secondary roads, followed by the circles and sidewalks as shown on the map below. The sidewalks plowed by the contractor include the bus stops and trails accessing the two elementary schools (Ravenwood and Alpenglow).

And please, do not shovel or blow snow onto sidewalks or into the street.

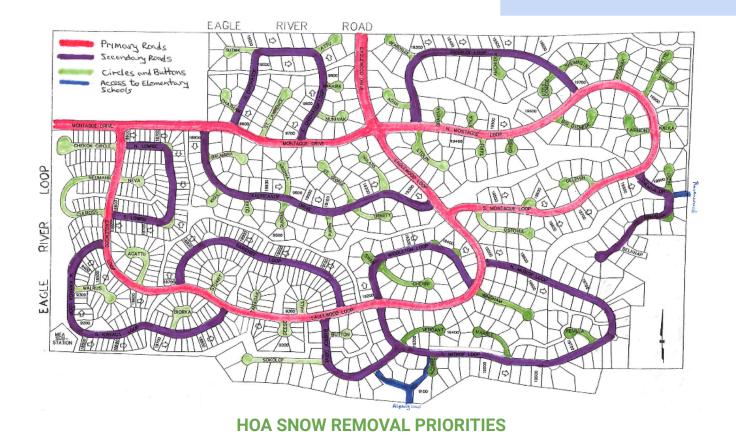
Venting on Facebook about snow removal contractor issues may help with your frustration, but the issues don't reach the people who need to know. Please use the Service Request form on the Eaglewood website

eaglewoodassn.com/service-request

It's the Alaskan thing to do:

Watch out for your neighbors this winter.

Do they need help with snow removal? Berm removal? Running errands on icy roads? Fetching mail from their mailbox?



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#### **Eaglewood HOA Website**



Last fall the Eaglewood HOA debuted our new website. As with any new roll-out there are always kinks to be discovered and fixed. Steve, the Secretary/ Communications Chair has started going page by page to edit and correct both typos and links to the varied pages and documents. Occasional announcements will be appearing on the Facebook page as this occurs. Please, if you run across any problems, contact Kaye through the Eaglewood office and Steve will check it out.

#### **HOA Community Facebook Page**





Facebook is our quick and easy method of letting you know of any changes or events that are occurring within our subdivision. We are working on trying to begin a regular series of posts that let you know of any updates as well as highlighting people, places and things along the way. Please reach out to let us know how we can maintain a positive and forward thinking line of communication in our wonderful neighborhood.

### Winter is coming! Winter is coming!

October in Eaglewood used to mean RV's had to be removed and stored off-site, often with a hefty storage fee. No more! Eaglewood amended Rule G regarding recreational vehicles in 2020.

#### Please keep in mind:

- must be currently licensed and in working order
- must be parked in your driveway, completely clear of street and sidewalk
- view cannot be obstructed –intersection or corner or otherwise
- cannot be parked within 10 feet of the road edge and 5 feet from the sidewalk (within property easement)
- may not impede snow removal
- only RV covers may be used as covering; no tarps of any kind



5-foot clearance from hitch to sidewalk, 10-foot clearance from hitch to street.

#### The following RV's are permissible under the rule:

- motorhome
- camping trailer, to include slide-in truck campers
- travel trailer
- tov hauler
- enclosed trailer
- flat trailer (note: snow machines and ATV's can be stored on trailer)
- boat on licensed trailer

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