

Spring

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# Eaglewood Homeowners Association

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## Upcoming Events & Happenings

ANNUAL OPEN BOARD MEETING: Monday, May 8th at Joy Lutheran Church, 6:00 pm  
**Spring Cleanup Crew Hiring!**

### *Top Ten Reasons You Should Get More Involved in Your HOA*

1. Have an opportunity to share your ideas.
2. Keep things you like the same.
3. Change the things you dislike.
4. Develop your leadership skills.
5. Understand why decisions are made.
6. Grow closer to your community.
7. Practice problem solving.
8. Protect your property value.
9. Build relationships.
10. Make your community a better place.



## EAGLEWOOD ELECTIONS: EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW *(But didn't know who to ask)*

Eaglewood, more formally known as *The Eaglewood Association, Inc.*, is incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska as a nonprofit, nonstock Corporation. A lawfully elected Board of Directors, elected by the members of the Eaglewood Association, is responsible for ensuring that Eaglewood continues to be a desired neighborhood in which to live.

The Board of Directors consists of five members of the Association. They serve for one, two, or three years, giving members the opportunity to re-elect board members or elect new board members each year. This year there is (1) one-year term expiring, and (2) two-year terms expiring.

**Who can vote?** Members of the Association in good standing are allotted one vote per household.

**How do I vote?** A Notice of Election and a Proxy form are mailed to members of the Association in the month preceding the Annual Meeting and Elections. In person voting takes place at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at Joy Lutheran Church.

**Do I have to attend the meeting to vote?** No. You can use your proxy form to assign your vote to another member of the Association or to the Board of Directors.

**What is a proxy?** A proxy assigns your vote to someone else who votes on your behalf. You can give your proxy to another member of the Association, assign your proxy to the Board of Directors, or use your proxy to obtain a quorum without voting.

**What is a quorum?** Ten percent (10%) of all eligible voters must participate in order for an Eaglewood election to be lawful.

**What happens if a quorum is not achieved?** Ideally, a quorum will be reached at the time of the Annual Meeting, but if not, proxies must be collected until a quorum is achieved. This means that vacant seats on the Board of Directors cannot be filled until such time as the quorum is complete.

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## Just What Does it Take to be on the Board of Directors of our Homeowners Association?

Well, that question has a variety of answers. Depending on the position you may have on the board, that may mean more or less time and other commitments. So let's see what is involved, both in general and in specific.

Basic duties of being on the board involve the following:

- One board meeting a month either at the HOA office or at the open meeting venue.
- Occasional communication via email, text or when needed by phone.
- Ability to communicate quickly as needed for time-sensitive issues.
- Ability to use technology such as google docs for document sharing.

The board meetings are from one to two hours, rarely longer. Text messages may involve deciding basic decisions on which the board may need to take action or just informing you of something that is going on with the HOA in some capacity. On rare occasions you may need to go to the HOA office to sign certain documents.

Now, with specific board positions, other specific duties may be added:

<b>President</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability and willingness to make decisions which may occur outside of needing an entire board decision.</li><li>• Willingness to be the signatory for various documents.</li><li>• Ability to run a meeting following Robert's Rules of Order</li><li>• Ability to interpret the HOA governing documents.</li></ul>	<b>Vice President-Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 11 additional monthly committee meetings to approve/deny design applications and review second notices to determine if an assessment is warranted.</li><li>• Time spent on your own looking over applications.</li><li>• Ability to interpret the HOA governing documents.</li></ul>
<b>Treasurer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Four additional meetings per year of the Long Range Planning committee to develop the strategic plan for future capital projects.</li><li>• Ability to manage the financial budget of the HOA.</li><li>• Ability to develop the HOA budget with the assistance of the Operations Manager and Office Manager.</li><li>• Ability to manage long term investment strategy with Edward Jones.</li><li>• Ability to interpret the HOA governing documents.</li></ul>	<b>Secretary/Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Four additional meetings per year of the Communications committee to design the next HOA newsletter.</li><li>• Ability to write accurate and informative articles for the newsletter.</li><li>• Ability to use a software program to layout the HOA newsletter.</li><li>• Ability to do basic editing of the HOA Website.</li><li>• Ability to administer the HOA Facebook page.</li><li>• Ability to interpret the HOA governing documents.</li></ul>
<b>Vice President-Judicial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee meetings as needed to rule on a homeowner appeal of a rejected application or an assessment.</li><li>• Ability to interpret the HOA governing documents.</li></ul>	<b>Note:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members of the Eaglewood Association are elected to a seat on the Board of Directors; they are not elected to fill a specific position on the board.</li></ul>

***Don't forget to submit your design requests to the Design Committee for review early!***

## SPRING CLEANUP CREW *NOW HIRING!*

Looking to earn some cash this Spring? Join the Cleanup Crew to rake and clean up the neighborhood. Hours are from after school until around 6:00pm. Depending on the weather, the work usually starts in May and takes 2 to 3 weeks to complete. Students 14 years and older are welcome to apply; students living outside of Eaglewood may also apply.

Please call, email or pick up an application at the HOA Office  
11940 Business Blvd., Eagle River

## EXTERIOR CHANGES?

Here are some examples....

- Fence
- Exterior paint
- Windows
- Front door/main door/garage door
- Roof replacement
- Deck addition/change
- Shed
- Antenna installation
- Tree or stump removal
- Driveway extension/change

Applications should be submitted *as soon as possible* for summer projects. As you can imagine, applications increase during the summer months and those who review them are all volunteers. Note: the applications can all be located on the Eaglewood HOA website.



## An Eaglewood Rite of Spring

Every spring female moose find their way to Eaglewood – sometimes to the same yard- to give birth to their calves.

Calves are born in late spring/early summer, usually May or June.

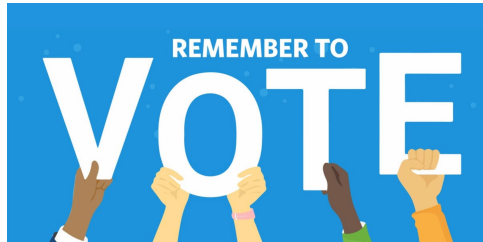
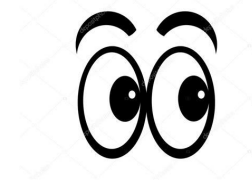
It is exciting to witness this annual event, even for long term residents of the neighborhood. Calving season, however, does come with risks. Things to remember:

- Limited visibility on sections of our trail system can lead to surprise encounters with moose.
- Tunnels are particularly dangerous due to restricted visibility.
- If you see a calf alone, its mom is surely nearby. Be careful not to get between the two.
- Female moose, even those who were tolerant of people during the winter, can become incredibly aggressive if they feel their young are in danger, reacting by kicking, stomping, and charging.
- Moose calves will cry when in danger or are in distress, relying on their mother for protection, and she usually isn't far away.
- When exiting your home, check for moms and/or calves around your home. Surprising a mother moose can result in a high-adrenaline start to your day.
- A moose in distress will show you by raising the hairs on its back hump, ears laid back, smacking its lips.
- If a moose charges, get behind something such as a car, tree, or mail box.
- If a moose knocks you down, curl into a ball, covering your head, and lie still.
- Do not let your dog chase a moose and never taunt a moose.



*If your property is a rental please share the newsletter with your tenants!*

Look for updated election information to include candidate bios on both the Eaglewood Community HOA Facebook page and the Eaglewood website: [www.eaglewoodassn.com](http://www.eaglewoodassn.com). Remember there are two ways to cast your ballot - either by proxy or by voting in person.



Look for beautiful new welcome signs going up at the entrances this Spring! Thank you to the resident who took her idea to the Board of Directors.

## Bears, bears and more bears!

Bears in Alaska will soon be emerging from their long winter's nap, if they haven't already. While bears first coming out of hibernation can be somewhat lazy, you can be certain they'll soon be on the move, searching for food.

- Bird feeders are a major attractant for urban bears, as bird seed is high in fat and protein. All bird feeders should be taken down by April 1<sup>st</sup> and due to birds being messy eaters, it is important that seed be picked up beneath and around the feeder as well. Birds are able to forage for themselves all summer long, thus eliminating the need for the feeders to be put out again until November 1.
- Trash cans should not be put out for garbage pick up until the morning of your scheduled pick-up. Alaska Waste and Northern Waste both offer bear resistant trash cans for a nominal additional fee-inquire with your refuse company directly if you're interested.

## Bear aware:

Alaskans are also coming out of winter hibernation and with spring we're also on the move more, enjoying the great outdoors. While out and about on trails, be on the lookout for the three types of bear warning signs:

### 1. Permanent sign:

Metal with red letters. These signs are on permanent display at trailheads and parks reminding visitors that Alaska is bear country, to be aware at all times.

### 2. A temporary green sign with the outline of a bear:

These signs indicate there's been bear activity that is higher than usual in the area and visitors should take note and use caution. For example, a bear 'hanging around' or repeatedly visiting an area. These signs are NOT used for single encounters of bear sightings.

### 3. A temporary red sign with the outline of a bear:

These signs indicate recent bear activity in the area and to use extreme caution. They are indicative that there's a threat to human safety. The bottoms of these signs have details regarding the bear activity, such as a moose kill, charging bear, or sow with cubs, and timeline of incident(s), and oftentimes will cause a trail closure.

No matter the sign or no sign at all, always be aware of your surroundings and be watchful for bears.

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