

Summer

July 2023

Eaglewood Homeowners Association

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Upcoming Events & Happenings

OPEN BOARD MEETING: Monday, July 10th at Joy Lutheran Church, 6:00 pm

BEAR PAW FESTIVAL!! July 12th - 16th

!SAVE THE DATE!

Community Get Together

Saturday, August 5th,
11:am - 2:pm

More details to come!

Summer Maintenance

Now is the time to take a good look around your home and yard. What needs attention?

Moss on the roof?

Fence in need of attention?

Driveway in good repair?

House paint and stain ok?

From the President's Desk...

Hello Eaglewood:

After a very long melt of this past winter's snow, of which I'm thankful for in one sense as we did not have any flooding in the neighborhood, we're sliding into another Alaskan summer. Here's to long daylight hours to enjoy the beautiful area in which we live. And there is much to be anticipating in the months ahead.

We're excited to let you know that we've purchased a new piece of equipment for the maintenance of our neighborhood year-round. Our Ops Manager will be using the new Ventrac rider which has the ability to use various attachments. Summer will allow for the articulated mower heads to quickly and efficiently keep our green areas trimmed along with our summer crew following up with touch-ups and trimming. In the winter the snowblower attachment will allow Seth to hopefully keep not just our sidewalks cleared, but also our wooded trails for year-round walking.

The bidding process is ongoing and we anticipate, should scheduling and funding allow, that a few capital projects will be undertaken this summer addressing renewal of sidewalks on Babrof and South Mitkof with the addition and repair of several light posts. This will impact access in certain areas of our neighborhood, but with the pain comes the gain. Please be mindful and aware of signs and workers as they help to repair and improve our infrastructure.

There could also be other contractors on our trails and other areas addressing electrical needs and the trimming of trees that are negatively impacting both your homes/fences as well as the safety of our wooded trails. Please keep your distance as needed.

As I reflect on this past year, I had joined the board as your secretary intent on working to update the formatting and accessibility of our website and the various forms and documents related to the running of our association. I also wanted to expand the lines communication between the board and you. While there have been bumps, I'm hopeful that I've achieved some of those goals.

And here I am, now the president of the board. My husband jokes with me and says I didn't know what I was getting into or asks me, "what would Mr. President like for dinner", and we have a good laugh. It's been a challenge and a bit of a learning curve, but I'm working for you, the office staff, and the board. And it's given me great insight into all that Eaglewood is and can be.

Thank you

Steven Cook
Eaglewood HOA President

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Meet The Members of Your Board of Directors

The following neighbors stepped up and are volunteering to serve on the Eaglewood Board of Directors:

Steven Cook: Steve was elected in 2022 to a one-year term as Secretary/Communications Chair. He was then asked to step in as board president in January of 2023. His initial goals were to update the various HOA documents and to open the lines of communication. He continues to advocate for continued dialogue and transparency between the board of directors and the residents of our community. His term as President will expire in May of 2024.

Anna Tapps: Anna was first elected in May of 2021 and served as the Design Committee Chair. She was re-elected in May of 2023 for a one-year term and will continue to serve as Design Committee Chair. Anna's intent is to be as fair and understanding as possible in decisions made with the overarching goal to keep property values up for our community.

Melissa Brigden: Melissa was elected in May of 2021 and has held the position of Treasurer since that time. She was reelected in May of 2023 for a two-year term. As Treasurer, Melissa is tasked with managing a budget of over \$800,000. She also sits on the Long Range Planning committee where both short and long term projects are planned to maintain our neighborhood.

Deena Bradley: Deena is the newest member of the board, having stepped up from the Communications Committee when the position of Secretary/Communications Chair was vacated. Her goal is to use communication as a bridge between the board and the residents.

Meet Your Operations Manager

Seth Spence: Now that summer maintenance is in full swing, I'm sure many of you have seen our Operations Manager, Seth, out and about working alongside the summer work crew, driving around in the Gator, or mowing with the new riding mower. The to-do list is endless during the few months that allow for the myriad of projects that go into maintaining our neighborhood. As well as attending board and committee meetings, Seth is also responsible for contract development and administration along with procuring and overseeing maintenance services.



Rey Ballucanag took this great photo of Mom and her Little during their three day stay in his backyard.

Is It Okay to Burn Today?

While there is no current burn ban in the Anchorage area, there are specific guidelines and limitations. Check for the daily burn approval by calling the burn hotline phone number at 907-267-5020 or visiting the Municipality of Anchorage website.

Daily burn approval is decided by AFD based on the following criteria: Air Quality Index, Wind, Fire Indices, and the availability of fire-fighting equipment and support.

If and when the daily burn approval permits open fires, they may not be more than three feet in diameter and two feet high. Additionally, the fire must be 25 feet away from structures and brush, there must be 6 feet of cleared area surrounding the fire, a hose within reach, and a person present during burning.

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Fires must only be burned with dry wood and be extinguished if winds exceed 10 mph. Fires must be fully extinguished when finished, with no heat remaining.

Burn permits have not been issued since 2017. Burn barrels and the burning of debris, to include brush, scraps, and Spruce Beetle kill, is prohibited in the Municipality of Anchorage. Instead, use curbside services or the landfill to dispose of these items.



Trail Tips

Wear brightly colored or reflective clothing, especially in low light.

If you're the faster traffic on a trail or sidewalk let others know you're approaching and what your intentions are ("on your left" if you're passing). Travel on the right and pass on the left.

Stay alert. Keep one earphone out or listen to music at low volume. Pay extra attention at driveways and street crossings. Never assume a vehicle sees you or that because one vehicle has stopped other approaching vehicles will too.

Watch for wildlife and do not approach. Wildlife will defend their young that may be hidden out of sight and generally do not appreciate human (or our pet's) presence. Always observe wildlife respectfully, quietly, and safely. Make a thumbs up, extend your arm all the way, close one eye, and see if you can hide the animal with your thumb. If you can't then you are too close.

Leash your pet, pick up their waste, and throw out your garbage when you get home.

For bike riders: Wear a helmet, fasten your helmet correctly, and lock up your bike.

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Animals of Eaglewood

Gabe is a 1½ year old boxer whose family said they “lucked out” when they rescued him from Animal Control. Gabe is an only-dog, living with his family who have called Eaglewood home for 10 years. Gabe knows Eaglewood well, as he gets to enjoy the trails on his daily walk and there’s always a lot of good “sniffs” when they’re out and about. Gabe is known to be a bit on the mischievous side, but he is still a young pup, after all. Boxers are known to be playful and curious, as well as loyal and can be protective.



Gabe

Meet Rocket. He’s a wire-haired vizsla. Rocket was born in Georgia and along with his Air Force family, traveled to Alabama and then made his way to Alaska, settling in Eaglewood in October of last year. Rocket is due to turn 4 soon and will likely celebrate with his 2-legged family of 7 running, and chasing like he’s bred to do! Wirehaired Vizslas are known to be extremely intelligent, are skillful hunters and have A LOT of energy. Much like his family, Rocket has settled into his new environment in Eagle River and Eaglewood, and considers the trails the best part of the neighborhood.



Rocket

REMINDER: whatever your favorite pet may be, be sure to clean up after should it ‘go’ while out and about our beautiful neighborhood. Waste pick-up continues to be an ongoing issue. Please, do the right thing and clean up after your pet!

Have a four legged, 2 legged or no legged friend you’d like spotlighted? Send a text to 907-242-0087 or call Kaye in the office to pass along the message.

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