



# Eaglewood Homeowners Association

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## Upcoming Events

Hiring!  
Spring Cleanup  
Crew and Summer  
Work Crew

Election  
Annual Meeting  
and Election  
Monday, June 9

Early Voting  
Available

Community Get  
Together, Saturday,  
May 31

Volunteer for a  
Committee

## North Mitkof Street Construction Project

If you're one of the many residents who enjoy walking, running, or bicycling around Eaglewood's many sidewalks, trails, and streets, you will have noticed that some areas are in better condition than others. This is due to various reasons: Eaglewood, as a subdivision, is now approaching 50 years old, and Alaska's climate is harsh on all things man-made. Efforts to maintain the infrastructure are evident throughout the subdivision, with wider trails, improved lighting, and repaving of the streets.

Addressing the condition of N. Mitkof has been on the Long Range Planning Committee's "To Do" list for some years. At the end of 2023, it began developing a scope of work to address the broken pavement and frost heaves that plague the area every spring breakup. At times, the volume of water flowing out of the surface raised concerns that the AWWU water main had broken.

During Eaglewood's construction, some of the original landforms were retained to form a network of green spaces and trails, which give the development the feel of living in a rural area. One of the largest green spaces is the ravine that runs from Shemya down to the center of N. Mitkof, where the land below was graded and compacted to support the homes and streets of Eaglewood. It doesn't take a degree in hydrology to understand that water flows downhill; during breakup, all the ravines in Eaglewood have small streams flowing on the surface. In addition to what's on the surface, a fair amount flows underground that you can't see until it's disturbed by construction. A good example is the Walmart entrance off Eagle River Road, where the ground was cut away to create the road, bringing the underground flow to the surface. A similar condition exists in the area of N. Mitkof; the water from rain and snow slowly flows down the ravine and surrounding hillsides until it reaches the compacted soils, which can act like a dam, slowing or diverting the water. One cause of frost heaving in roads is this subsurface water, which expands and lifts the pavement when it freezes.

## What's the Fix?

The project's overall goal is to "remove the water," but like most home improvement projects, that's easier said than done. "Removing the water" could be better stated as "giving the water somewhere to go", which is what we aim to achieve. What we are installing is commonly known as a "French drain" in landscaping or "drain tiling" in agricultural regions. These structures aim to drop the water table and dry out the surface, making it more suitable for agriculture, structures, or, in our case, foot and vehicle traffic.

In 2012, the western section of N. Mitkof between Eaglewood Loop and the trail crossing was reconstructed to address the same problem.

The goal now is to extend the existing subsurface drain eastward from its current end at the trail crossing to the location of the upper mailboxes and the crest of the hill. This will require pavement removal and excavation down to the frost line, where the drain line can be placed. The drain will be a 12-inch perforated pipe, allowing water to seep out of the surrounding ground at any point along its length and be channeled into the existing storm drain system.

This project will also include repaving the adjoining sections of N. Mitkof, from the trail crossing to just downhill of the lower mailboxes and from the upper mailboxes to the crest of the hill where N. Mitkof curves to the south to join S. Mitkof.

The final major stage will involve paving the street, replacing any removed aprons, restoring the swales, and seeding the grass.

### **The Project**

We will coordinate with the contractor to provide access and continued services to residents on N. Mitkof during the construction, but there will be inconveniences due to the volume of construction traffic. As the contractor develops their plans to execute the work, we will communicate timely information to the best of our ability. Our current timeframe is over ASD's academic summer break.

### **The Cost**

If you've stayed with me to this point, you've probably realized that this won't be cheap, and you're correct. We are subject to market costs, and the current price hikes will probably affect the bottom line. While a couple of areas may realize some cost savings, we, as a committee, have weighed the pros and cons of several options. We feel that spending a marginal amount and including all the potential costs upfront is in the best interest of the Association's membership, rather than doing the absolute minimum and suffering the increased costs and timeline of change orders or having the project fail and redone ten years down the road.

### **What's Next?**

While the LRPC has been focused on pushing this project to completion, we have discussed a handful of projects for 2026, mostly centered around sidewalk replacements and lighting improvements.

## **Eaglewood HOA is Hiring for the 2025 Spring Cleanup Team & Summer Crew!**



**EAGLEWOOD  
SPRING  
CLEANUP  
CREW**

2 to 3 weeks in May  
Youths 14 years of age  
and older  
After school until  
6:pm

(907) 694-6942 for more info

Eaglewood homeowners and residents, we're looking for hardworking individuals to join our Spring Cleanup Team and Summer Crew to help keep our neighborhood looking its best!

### **Spring Cleanup Team**

Ages 14 and up

Starts early May – lasts approximately 3 weeks

Monday – Friday, After school – 6 PM

Duties include raking, sweeping, picking up sticks/branches, and other tasks to prepare common areas for the upcoming summer

Starting wage: \$11.91 per hour

### **Summer Crew**

Ages 16 and up

Starts immediately after the Spring Cleanup and continues into late August

Some Spring Cleanup Team members (16+) may be invited to join based on:

- Safety
- Dedication and quality of work
- Punctuality and attendance

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Duties include operating John Deere Gator ATVs\*, push mowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, and other small tools.



Starting wage: \$13.00 per hour

\*A valid driver's license and competency driving test will be required to operate any John Deere Gator ATVs.

More details on how to apply coming soon!

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## Wild Winter Weather, Storm Damage, and now the Clean Up

This past winter was a wild ride between record low snowfall and record warmth in January, rain, and hurricane force winds.

Now, we are dealing with the aftermath: yards littered with twigs and branches, fallen or damaged trees, damaged fences, and windblown trash and debris everywhere.

Seth has been out on the gator, collecting bags full of trash from the common areas. Please do your part and check around your backyard for trash and debris, especially along the greenbelts.

Tree removal and fence repair contractors will be busy this summer; contact them early to ensure repairs can be scheduled.

Removing damaged trees and repairing fences does not require Design Committee Approval; however, approval is required if changes to color or design are planned. Applications: <https://www.eaglewoodassn.com/forms>

***Burning trash, yard debris, leaves, construction material, and woody debris, including Spruce Bark Beetle wood, is prohibited in the Municipality of Anchorage.*** These materials must be disposed of through curbside trash removal, the Solid Waste Service's transfer site, or the landfill. When available, please use the wood lots to dispose of woody debris.

Now is the time to assess your property for the increased risk of wildfires this season. Firewise information: [muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire](http://muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire)

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## Election Season Important Information

- Eaglewood HOA Annual Meeting and Election is scheduled for Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- Early Voting will be available again this year.
- Potential candidates are asked to submit their names to the Eaglewood Office by May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Are you not ready to commit to a position on the Board of Directors? You can still serve your community by volunteering for a committee.

## Early Voting Available Again This Year

- Early voting will be available for the annual election of board members. To vote by proxy, mail, email, or deliver your signed proxy to the Eaglewood Office by Friday, June 6, 2025. In-person early voting will be available at the Eaglewood Office from Monday, June 2, to Friday, June 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Early voting will also be open at 5:pm, Monday, June 9, at Joy Lutheran Church, 10111 E Eagle River Loop Rd.
- The Annual Meeting starts at 6:pm at Joy Lutheran Church.



## EAGLEWOOD COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

SATURDAY, MAY 31st

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

~Hot Dogs, Snacks, and Drinks~

Vendor tables available upon request for  
Resident-owned businesses

Eaglewood Drive will be closed between the  
4-way stop and Andreanof Drive

This is a walk-in event

**\*\*No street parking, please\*\***

\*Meet the current board members and candidates for the June Annual Election: Kaye, our Office Manager, and Seth, our Operations Manager.

\*This is your opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and contribute to a sense of community.

Proxies will be available for early voting for those who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

\*Inquire about volunteering for a committee!

\*Get to know your neighbors.

\*Friendly dogs on leashes are welcome.



### Spring has arrived!

It's time to refresh your property and enhance its curb appeal. The Design Committee has received numerous applications for painting and staining. Does your property need some TLC? Submit your outdoor change applications to the Design Committee for approval:

<https://www.eaglewoodassn.com/forms#ExteriorChange>

As your board of directors, we are committed to maintaining and enhancing the value of all properties within the Eaglewood Homeowners' Association.

### An Opportunity to Give Back

The opportunity to make a difference in our community is available to all members of the Eaglewood HOA. The committees are a great way to give back and contribute to your community. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the

community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with shared interests and neighborhood resources.

More information about the Eaglewood Committees can be found on the Eaglewood HOA website at [eaglewoodassn.com/bod-meetings#TheCommittees](https://www.eaglewoodassn.com/bod-meetings#TheCommittees).

### New to Eaglewood? Welcome to your new home!

It can feel a bit overwhelming at first, especially if this is your first experience living in an HOA. Kaye, the Eaglewood Office Manager, has a wealth of knowledge and is an excellent resource for any questions you may have. You can reach her via email at [eaglewoodoffice@gmail.com](mailto:eaglewoodoffice@gmail.com) or by phone at (907) 694 6942