



Dear Eagle Ridge Residents,

Spring may be on the horizon as outside temperatures rise across our area. Despite a groundhog's prediction, it is still six weeks away. Our property management company is sourcing the landscaping contract for next summer, which we all know is a pivotal part of our community's well-being. At last month's Director's Meeting, Rockwood Management Company (RPM) shared their plans to monitor the landscaping in different community sections better. It was welcome to see the planning. The size of our community and our many beautiful natural spaces and parks makes this a very large challenge to manage. To that end, we appreciate the **Landscape Committee lead, Charlene Faoro**, and her 20-plus volunteers prepping for spring. Spring plant orders have been put into greenhouses by RPM, including replacing the geraniums annuals with perennials which will save the community money. **Ralph Heaton and the Finance committee** have also started to meet, and the board will be intentional to use the finance committee and seek their wisdom with our financial planning. Likewise, **Lori Henriksen** and her team are planning community events once we can gather outside without winter gear on in our exceptional parks. All is well if Lori gets the ice cream truck to roll in.

We had our first Director's Meeting of the calendar year in January. Thank you to those who attended to provide public comment. The Director's meetings are a means to conduct director business, and we hear community comment at the end. The annual Meeting in October is centered around community comment. We appreciate the community comment and this first Meeting of 2023; it led to an increased effort for fence maintenance to catch up on lost years during the pandemic. Speaking of community comment, please know the Spokane City Council-directed housing moratorium is impacting much of our community, from development along Highway 195 to the status of a water permit for a possible Raptor Peak landscape proposal. The City Council will again debate the moratorium in March for an extension or conclusion.

Back to our board, the January Director meeting led to some promising actions under the new board. Thank you to **Jon Fox and Andrew Lawrence** for their third year of service and to **Shaun Smith and Daniel Zapotocky** for their service this first year. One of the most promising actions that night was the Firewise project's approval, which works with city and state partners and RPM to help make our community more fire-resistant. As Washingtonians, we are very familiar with the wildfire threat, and two years ago, it was a couple of ridge lines away. This is a large investment of resources by the board on your behalf and the



improvements to our natural areas will occur sequentially in sections. Still, it was a positive and enthusiastic "Yes" by all the board members to help make our community more Firewise!

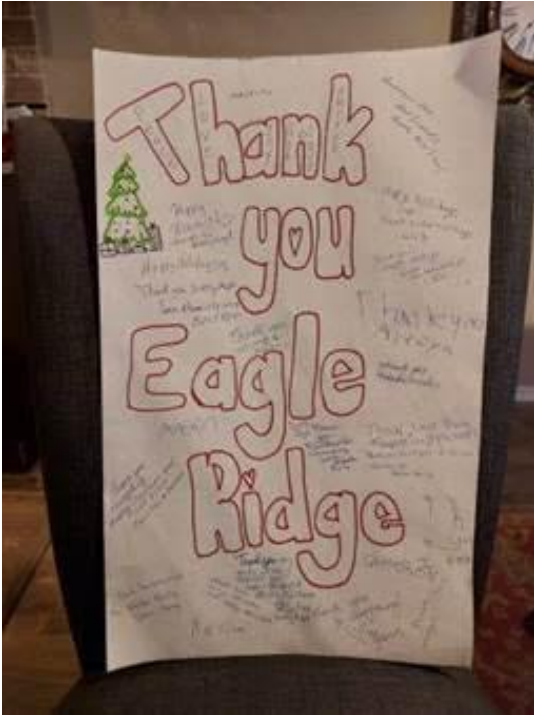
The board also approved a complete splash pad replacement on Shelby Ridge Road. The board has previously approved the movie projector upgrade in Whispering Pines Park. RPM next gave an update on items they completed in the past year—here are some highlights: Landscape Rock Replacement in the following sections - Parkridge/Talisman, Quest Rd, Ravencrest, Osprey Heights, and Parkridge west side along the fence (Brookhaven to Springview), plus a Whispering Park stone sign addition, a repaired electrical conduit at Whispering Pines amphitheater, installed a fence along drainage area across from Forest Ridge Park and provided an asphalt trail along Shelby Ridge Rd and Eagle Ridge Boulevard. These are some of the projects RPM accomplished along with many others, most dealing with dead tree removal and other landscape projects. I hope to provide a punch list of 2023 items next newsletter.

I have a few other miscellaneous items to pass on. We have an energized pickleball committee working with the board to have a pickleball court in the community using existing property structures to make it happen. Stay tuned for news. We are still in city street pothole season—please know our streets are city streets, so please report potholes to the city for repair. [Form Center • Spokane County, WA • CivicEngage](#) I also applied on behalf of the board for crosswalks across Eagle Ridge Boulevard at Parkridge and Shelby Ridge but was denied for various reasons in the past few weeks. I replied for an alternative means to give awareness to pedestrians crossing at those sections. I will provide you with an update next newsletter. If repainting a house, please know that it requires Architectural Control Committee approval. Here is the form for approval: [Architectural Guidelines - Eagle Ridge HOA \(eagleridge-hoa.com\)](#). Salutes ACC, for all you do! For streetlights that are out, please send a note to Brandi at [bgimbel@rockwoodpm.com](mailto:bgimbel@rockwoodpm.com). Depending on where they are, they could be an Avista or RPM responsibility. We hope to continue improving our street lights to be more energy conservative and reliable. A resident is working with Avista to help us with this lofty goal.

This Valentine's Day, I close with a huge heartfelt thanks to all the residents who joined with **Mike Cressey, past Board President**, to send a multitude of various donations to the



residents of Sisters Haven. They sent us a shout-out back.



I also sincerely appreciate all those pitching in to help; the spring and summer are our big lifts to keep our community green and thriving, and the board hopes to use these last months of winter to prep us for the summer. The January Director's Meeting was a good start. The next Director meeting is at St John's: **April 25 -6pm (week later than initially published); July 25 - 6pm; October 17 - 6pm Annual Meeting**

Cookie season nears for my Girl Scouts, so my schedule gets Thin Mint busy. I remain grateful to so many on this journey to ensure Eagle Ridge remains soaring, including **Lee Poquette**, our very wise webmaster. Happy Valentine's Day and Happy President's Day this month. Leadership matters, and we remain committed to ensuring your world is better.

In your service,

Brian Newberry - Eagle Ridge Board President