

# Gilchrist Owners

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

# 2016



### *Dear Residents:*

The worst snow year in recent memory is finally behind us, but the memories will linger well beyond the start of summer.

For many newer residents of Gilchrist this was an “unexpected” experience, while at the same time for long term residents it was just a reminder of years past. Historically heavy snowfall in Gilchrist is much more common than the last few years would lead a person to believe, and back to back to back snow years are not at all uncommon.

The primary consideration of the Board during winter is safety and access for its residents to emergency services if and when they may be needed. This past winter exposed some serious issues that must be addressed by the GOA Board before the coming winter season.

Unfortunately we have all been complacent while the snow years have been in hiding. This past season has reminded us that we have a responsibility to all the residents and visitors to our community to insure our road system is safe for all.

In response to the needs of emergency providers for unhindered access, as well as generally safe transportation within the community, the Board is developing new guidelines as directed and authorized by the existing CCR's to be implemented that will change the winter roadway use for all persons living in and visiting our community.

In general these guidelines will establish a maintenance corridor that includes all of the common area (the road system, paved and unpaved) that extends to each edge boundary and to a height of 14' so that emergency vehicles have unobstructed access to all areas of the community. We will be modifying, trimming or removing trees and shrubs that encroach on the common area boundaries creating obstruction to vehicle traffic as well as creating new signage to be installed throughout the community to increase safe use of the road system.

Additionally, we expect that all common areas will be posted for a snow season tow zone that will prohibit all parking on the common area from Oct 15 through April 1. Vehicles parked in the tow zone will be subject to towing without notice during this season. The unpaved areas along the edge of the roads are designated snow accumulation areas where our snow removal contractor places the snow removed from the paved roadway during plowing operations.

During this past season vehicles parked on the common area created significant snow removal, traffic and access hazards and in the future such vehicles will be removed at the owners cost of reclamation so that snow removal efforts may be completed allowing full access to the road system by users and emergency providers.

Each homeowner or renter is responsible for preparing their property for winter snow season parking so as to be able to park on and use their driveways and not park vehicles on the common area during the prohibited snow removal season. This may require modifying your driveway surface, plowing or contracting with someone to plow your driveways, providing, having access to equipment to provide your own snow removal or other measures.

Regardless of past Board oversight regarding this issue, it is not and has never been the responsibility of the Homeowners association to address personal off street parking needs and we are providing this notice of upcoming changes so that everyone in the community has adequate opportunity to prepare for the upcoming snow season that may certainly look similar if not worse to the one just past and where beginning October 15 of this year, on-street parking will not be available.

Rental property owners, you are accountable for your renters. Please ensure that your renters know the CCR's and policies of the Homeowners Association.

*Thank You,*  
*Gilchrist Board of Directors*



## FireFree Weekend

(Free Dump Day)

*Klamath County Solid waste has scheduled the FireFree “free” dump days for North Klamath County for May 7th and June 3-4, 2016.*

*Crescent and Chemult landfills*

*No commercial dumping of stumps.*

*Pine needles, leaves, branches, grass.. No household garbage or tires.*



**FIREFREE**



## Gilchrist Owners Association Web Page

We have an updated web page. If you have not done so, go online to [www.gilchristhoa.com](http://www.gilchristhoa.com) and register today. Minutes, Policies, By-Laws, CCR's and all things pertinent to the Owners Association is there. [www.gilchristhoa.com](http://www.gilchristhoa.com)



## Spring Time Cleanup

*Time to clean up your yards. Rake pine needles and cones up, trim branches, and pickup garbage. Let's all work together to get our town looking nice.*

*Check your trees to make sure you don't have any lose or broken branches or tree tops hanging that could fall and injure you or your neighbors.*

*The December snow storm left our town with damaged trees that need to be evaluated and taken care. Please don't delay addressing these trees.*

**Spring Cleaning**



## Town Roads

We are having someone come to give us opinions/options with our roads so they last as long as possible. If you see folks wondering around looking at the road surfaces—that is most likely what is going on.

You might notice crack sealing or overlay work being done this summer. This interfere with traffic flow or cause road closures.

We will put notices in the Gilchrist post office and the web page if this occurs.

## Town Chipping Event

The April town chipping days were successful. Thanks to all the residents who worked together to get our town looking nice.

