# Gilchrist Owners SPRING NEWSLETTER



#### Dear Residents:

Hello to all the home owners in Gilchrist. We have had another memorable winter. This appears to be the winter that just will not go away. I am looking out my window as I am typing this and I am watching the snow falling in nice fluffy flakes in mid April. Yesterday it was 20 degrees out when I got up. It is just life in the mountains but I know everyone is ready for warmer days. I suppose it is the price we pay to live in such a beautiful place away from the traffic and bustle.

The other day, I had three of my neighbors burning debris so that the smoke was wafting by in front and behind my place. I do appreciate their efforts to rake up their pine needles to have their yards looking good. Soon the Board will be sending out letters to certain owners asking them to work on their yards. Thank you to those of you who have already started in this chilly, rainy Spring. I encourage you to not lose heart...brighter and warmer days are on the way. I wouldn't go planting tomatoes, but pansies might be safe to plant soon.

As a reminder we have a free dump days event fast approaching for our yard debris. Mark your calendars for those dates which are on page two of this newsletter..

Thank You, Devin Harris, Board President

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### **Greetings Gilchrist Home Owners –**

#### **GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE**

What a winter! Boy I am happy to say I think we have made it through perhaps one of the wettest winters in recent memory. An applaud should be given to Walker Range as they had their hands full in keeping the streets plowed and access to critical areas open. They worked tirelessly for several months, thank you Walker Range!

#### **WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH**

May is Wildfire Awareness Month. Did you know that based off of Oregon Department of Forestry statistics, about 70% of Oregon wildfires are started by people? The other 30% is attributable to lightning.

Now that winter is finally behind us, we need to prepare for our upcoming wildfire season. Please remember, just because of our heavy winter, we should not give us reason to relax. It is important that everyone be familiar with Home Ignition Zones and the proper way to create defensible space around their home. If you have any questions, please contact either Walker Range or Crescent Fire District.

#### **BUDGET SEASON**

As you may know, budget season is among us. Members of Crescent Fire District have been diligently working towards budget completion and would like to invite any community members interested in attending our budget meetings. The first meeting will be held May 22 at our Administration Building, we will begin at 6 p.m. Our next meeting will be the Budget Hearing which will take place June 26<sup>th</sup> also at 6 p.m. All members of the public are welcome to attend!

#### **SUMMER FUN**

For the second straight year, Crescent Volunteer Firefighters Association will be hosting their pancake breakfast in the lawn at our Administration Building during the Gilchrist Cruise on July 15th. We will be serving from 7 a.m. until everyone is full! Please come and see us! The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids.

#### **RUN REPORT**

This has been a busy start to the year for Crescent Fire District. To date, we have run 139 calls for service as well as 75 Ambulance transports.

Thank you for reading and have a great Spring!

Dylan Webb, Fire Chief

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#### FireFree Weekend

(Free Dump Day)

Klamath County Solid waste has scheduled the FireFree "free" dump days for North Klamath County for June 2-3, 2017.

Fall Free Day will be September 16, 2017.

Crescent and Chemult landfills

No commercial dumping of stumps.

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

#### Mark Your Calendars!





Currently debris burning is allowed. Remember wind gives wings to fire, do not leave your debris burn unattended. Make sure your burn is out and cold to the touch.

## Gilchrist Owners **Association Web Page**

We have an updated web page. If you have not done so, go online to

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

#### **Common Lands**

You might have noticed the blue flagged markers along the commons in town. We had the common lands surveyed so we have a better idea of where the boundaries lie. This will become very important for winter time parking restrictions and any future development.

What we found is that the common area doesn't necessarily follow the paved roads and that it encroaches further into yard areas.

Any development needs to be carefully scrutinized from now

Contact the Architectural Review Committee for your building or improvement needs.

Remember that any improvements you plan on making on your property needs to go through the **Architectural Review** Committee.



#### **Spring Time Cleanup**

Time to clean up our yards. Rake pine needles, trim branches pick up cones and 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.



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