

Gilchrist Owners Association

Spring 2014 Newsletter

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Welcome Summer

Hello my fellow Home Owners,

This has been an interesting winter. It was the winter that came in 'spurts.' Perhaps we can spin this to our advantage... something like, "Come to Gilchrist, where you can have a white Christmas, dry roads on New Years, snow on Valentines, and green lawns by Easter." I am encouraged when I see the interest people have in moving to Gilchrist. We have a lovely place to live. Our small town feel is genuine. If you haven't noticed just how nice it is, then try walking around town and saying hi to those who are out and about. People are very friendly in our sleepy town. I am happy to have raised my kids here and to be a teacher at our school.

I hope that spring has finally come to stay. Let me encourage all of you to rake up those pine needles and cones, and to mow your lawns. The GOA Board's goal is to keep our town beautiful and to ensure property values stay high. Thanks to those of you who have already made efforts at raking and sprucing up your yards. I think I can safely say you can put away your snow shovels. You won't need them. If it should snow again, it will melt by the next day.

Thanks for your support in keeping Gilchrist at its best.

Sincerely,

Devin Harris

GOA Board President

New for us this year is our web page.

Go to:

www.gilchristhoa.com

Contact us for logon information

For your convenience, you can use the following email address to contact the Owners Association gilchristhomeowners@gmail.com

Posted Speed Limit

The weather is improving, it's staying light longer into the evenings, people are becoming active and more children will be playing in the streets. Slow down – posted speed limit is 20 mph. Yield signs are up, please use them.

Watch for pedestrians

Special Notices

GILCHRIST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

February saw a high water event that affected parts of Gilchrist and highway 97. The Board is discussing the possibility of fixing the ditches behind homes on the eastside of town. Unfortunately a lot of the ditch that originally was put in for this reason has been filled in while some parts are on the State Forest, and the culverts south of the Theatre and along the school grounds need to be cleaned and a maintenance schedule established. This situation if not fixed could impact the town in a negative manner during a high rain event or rapid snow melt. The Board will keep you posted as this discussion continues.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) consists of Carol Kelley, Chair, Jody Herndon, Mary Dutcher, R.D. Buell, Lori Long and Board Liaison Doug Kelley. This last summer and fall were pretty quiet for the ARC, but the things that were submitted were all approved. Some of our friends and neighbors still think that it is necessary to just go ahead and start a project without approval from the ARC. Please believe that we always try to take care of those items that are sent to us in a timely fashion. It is in everyone's best interest to make sure and follow the rules so no one has to put up with a "Pink Elephant" right across the street from them. Board members Doug Kelley, Bill Perry, and ARC Chair Carol Kelley are developing new construction guidelines for the Association. There will be a draft submitted to the Board for suggestions and recommendations. It will be available for distribution when done.

Please keep your dogs contained outdoors and on leash when off your property. Klamath County Animal Control enforces dog complaints in Gilchrist. Their number is **Phone:** 541-882-1279 **Fax:** 541-883-5106 **Hours:** Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - Noon 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Email:** animalcontrol@co.klamath.or.us **If you have a complaint contact them and follow through.**

Rented Homes: If you rent your property, you are responsible for what transpires on your property. Make sure your renters and rental management companies are aware of the Policies and rules of the HOA.

ATV/UTV operators. Follows the policy for operating within town. Be aware there is a motorized vehicle policy in place for the town site. You are responsible to know, understand and abide by this policy.

Be aware that with the summer weather there is a chance the out of state contractors will be showing up, knocking on your door, trying to sell you their services. These folks usually don't have valid Oregon license's and do poor quality work. Check the Construction Contractors Board (503)378-4621 before your hire someone knocking on your door. Do your homework.

Yard Clean Up!

Spring is here! Pack away those winter tires and prepare for summer! Now is the time to clean up branches, rake pine needles and pickup all those pinecones. General maintenance duties.

Won't be long until fire season closures are in effect. Take care of these chores soon. Be extra careful when doing any debris burning. Do not leave unattended and make sure it's cold to the touch when finished. Contact Walker Range for fire closure information at

541-433-2451.

Remember: "Wind gives wings to fire. If windy—don't burn."

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