

WOODSIDE RANCH
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION (WRHA)
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Defensible Space Assessment and Grant Project



Together - we made it happen. A big **Thank You** to the 136 homeowners who signed up for the Defensible Space Assessment Grant Project!

The next step in this important project is for Oregon Department of Forestry and other agencies to begin the defensible space assessments. With Eric Metzger currently on fire assignment, we will notify all participants once the project is ready to commence. If you missed the initial sign-up and are interested in future projects, please contact Ray Miao (raymiao20683@gmail.com).

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the Woodside neighbors who went door to door distributing flyers: Rosita Fabian, Kelly Petaja, Stella Larson, Dorothy Wright, Anne Perce, Ray & Chris Miao, as well as WRHA Board members Jim Anthony, Eric Decker, Carl Natalizia, and Mark Marshall.

The Oregon Fire Marshalls' website has a video introduction about creating "defensible space" and what assessments include. <https://youtu.be/EH6sD6W1Ynk>

The recent rapid expansion of the Bachelor Complex and Little Lava fires to prompt evacuation warnings beyond the confines of their Cascade origins into Central Oregon exemplifies the importance of this work. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Bend Fire & Rescue: Free Home Fire Evaluation

Bend Fire & Rescue offers free evaluations to help you ensure your home is as safe as possible from fire, both inside and out. Whether you have questions over the phone or prefer an in-home consultation, their professional team can provide advice on creating a wildfire defensible space around your home (particularly important for owners not participating in the ODF program) or ensuring your smoke and CO alarms are properly installed and functioning. Working smoke alarms double your chances of surviving a house fire; and CO alarms may be the only alert to unsuspected high CO levels. Most alarms need to be replaced every 10 years to remain effective.

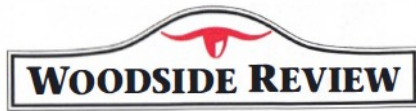
To request an evaluation or alarm help from Bend Fire & Rescue, call 541-322-6300.

Recent WRHA Board Meeting Highlights

The Woodside Ranch Homeowners Association Board met on August 18, 2024. During this meeting, the following board members were elected:

- **President:** Ray Miao
- **Vice President:** Jim Anthony
- **Treasurer:** Eric Decker
- **Secretary:** Mark Marshall
- **Member-at-Large:** Carl Natalizia

We are actively seeking homeowners to assist with the newsletter, gathering information for the website, and organizing meetings and fire presentations. Your involvement helps keep our community strong and informed!



Wildfire Safety Tips: Protecting Your Home

Wildfires pose a significant threat to our community, and one critical yet often overlooked area is the vulnerability of vents to wildfire embers. Here’s how you can help protect your home:

- 1 . **Small Vent Plugs:** Prevent embers from entering your attic by installing small vent plugs.
- 2 . **Create a 5-Foot Non-Combustible Zone:** The area 0-5 feet from your home is the most vulnerable to embers. Start by addressing this zone:
 - Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris, and pine needles.
 - Replace or repair loose shingles or roof tiles.
 - Install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening over vents to reduce ember entry.
 - Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with 1/8 inch metal mesh.
 - Remove any flammable materials from around wall exteriors, including mulch, flammable plants, firewood piles, and anything stored under decks or porches.

Taking these steps can significantly reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your home.

Stay safe and proactive, Woodside Ranch neighbors!

Notable Information Links

China Hat Alerts Sign-up: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/deschutes/alerts-notices/?aid=71688>

Central Oregon Fire Information: <https://www.centraloregonfire.org/>

Text "COFIRE" to 888-777 to receive Deschutes County text alerts

Watch Duty App: <https://www.watchduty.org/>
Offered by Sherwood Forestry Services, a 501c3 out of California, this free app (donations accepted) provides a graphic display of fire locations, size and accompanying evacuation zones in a timely manner. It also offers alerts. How it works if you are interested: <https://www.watchduty.org/how-it-works/overview>

Deschutes Alerts: <https://www.deschutes.org/911/page/sign-deschutes-alerts>
Utilizing reverse 911 technology, this county system provides alerts for multiple types of emergencies.

Oregon 2024 Wildfire Hazard Maps information: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/wildfire-hazard.aspx>



Current Volunteer Board

Ray Miao, President
Jim Anthony, Vice President
Eric Decker, Treasurer
Mark Marshall, Secretary
Carl Natalizia, Member at Large
Brian Firebaugh, Ex-Officio

Architectural Control Committee

Amy Smith
Tom Hall
Stella Larson
Helen Webre

Fire Committee

Board

Traffic and Safety

Dennis Krakow

Welcoming Committee

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We'd love to hear from you!