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Eagle Crossing Homeowner's Association (ECHOA) Newsletter-Spring 2020



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Welcome, Spring

Welcome to Spring, 2020. In just the “blink of an eye” it seems, the rhythm of our daily lives experienced a sudden jolt & has taken an unexpected detour. In Eagle Crossing, as elsewhere, things look & feel different: we see more of neighbors, children & parents work from home, & there has been a little more time for play, worry, catching up on home projects, following news, experiencing spring sunshine, & generally reflecting on what the year may bring. We’re wearing masks & gloves & taking care of those we hold dear. We’re more aware of impacts our actions may have on others. There is less traffic, the air is clean. This writer, for one, is feeling especially grateful for the healers & first responders working long hours, caring neighbors, & family—their dedication, expertise, compassion, kindness, generosity, & support are valued. We wish you & yours a healthy and wonderful summer.



April showers bring May flowers! Now to some news....

Spring ECHOA News

- The ECHOA **Annual Meeting** was held March 26 at 6pm. Due to Covid-19 virus-related municipal & state meeting restrictions, the meeting was conducted electronically. There was a very good turnout but, due to high demand on network grids, individuals experienced some technical difficulties. The Board President welcomed the group & gave a recap of the year & the operating budget for 2020 was successfully approved. Scott Breitsprecher, Jim Hendley, Jo Gottschalk, & William Bergeron, Jr. continue to serve as your ECHOA Board of Directors (along with Cedric Burden, Property Mgr. & non-voting member).

Eagle River &
Anchorage—
5/1-31

Get going on
Spring Cleanup!

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•**Spring cleanup:** Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) crews have begun their annual spring cleaning of local roads. The street sweepers are out cleaning up the loose dirt/gravel to minimize dust that effects air quality. The MOA spring cleanup is being held on May 4-31 this year. You can help! Get out & help pick-up & clean-up our area if you can. Note: due to the Covid-19 emergency, the MOA announced a free summer disposal pass at the Anchorage Landfill, in lieu of the yearly free dump dates. (See calendar for dates, more info.)



•**Bears and Moose:** Bears and moose are out & about. Bears are being seen out & about in Anchorage and Eagle River. Folks have shared several videos of black bears wandering this week near Eagle Crossing. When walking, be safe & be aware of your surroundings. Also, keep the garbage & waste stored; it attracts bears.



•**Dog, Cat Etiquette:** Every day, residents get out to enjoy the weather, get some exercise, & walk their dogs. Our beautiful area is perfect for it! Please help us keep our area clean, sanitary, & be respectful of property. Keep residents & your pets safe, too.

1. Pack baggies to "**scoop up the poop!**" Pick up the poop in your yard—front & back; pick it up when you walk your pooch & pack it out. It takes seconds, is sanitary, helps prevent disease, keeps your puppy's feet clean, keeps our homes & common areas beautiful & clean, & protects our water quality. PLEASE don't let your pooch poop on someone else's yard. If your canine guy or gal can't wait, just pick it up immediately & dispose of it properly.
2. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), including the Eagle River area, requires animals to have current **licenses**, be up-to-date on **shots**, & to be **on leash** &/or properly & safely restrained on your property. (see MOA regulations, restrictions). Loose dogs—even the most docile & friendly—may attack or severely injure other animals &/or people. Fyi, the Eagle Crossing Homeowner's Association (ECHOA) Covenants limit homeowners to possession of 2 animals (w/ few exceptions).
3. Cats kill large numbers of birds & other small animals every year & regularly get run over, lost, become victims to loose dogs or wild animals (for ex., scooped up as food by eagles in our area). They are more susceptible to disease & parasites & animal cruelty (unfortunately true). (See American Humane Assoc. for more info.) Please **keep your felines safe in home**. Consider using halters to walk them; there are many types available & it works! They get to enjoy the time out with you.

Thank you!



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- **Walk-Through:** The annual, spring **Walk-Through** is scheduled for on/around June 2. Board members generally perform this walk with the Property Manager bi-annually—this year, individually or a safe 6' distance from one another—to report on common areas & note general maintenance or other property issues. (Examples: Yards watered/mowed. Garbage cans & other items stored out-of-sight. Items not stacked up, laying on lawns or stored in the open or on common areas &/or sidewalks or paths. Homes painted, repaired. Roof, steps, porches in good order. Sign corners & medians in good condition. Pathways or common areas clean, clear, etc.) Keeping a clean, tidy, & attractive home & association helps keep everyone's property values up & increases the desirability of our neighborhoods, in general. You & your tenants are an important part of this effort.
 - **Winter to Spring:** Reminder—Winter items must be stored, put away by **May 1**. Motorhomes, campers, & boats can be moved onto our driveways for summer. Note: You cannot park vehicles of any kind for long periods of time on the streets. Call the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), not the ECHOA, to report these & MOA staff will then ticket & tow them away. (See MOA for regulations governing parked cars.) Studded tires must be removed by May 11 this year, per Gov.Dunleavy (normally, May 1 is the deadline for the Anchorage area).
 - **Common Area, Fires:** Green common areas within the ECHOA, surrounding our homes, are managed by the ECHOA. We have all noticed some aging & dry, dead trees & underbrush on some of those sections. **Fire danger is a serious concern.** It was very dry &, at times, smoky here last summer due to surrounding area fires. If you are interested in volunteering for limited fire hazard prevention immediately adjacent to your home on common area property, please contact Cedric Burden, Property Manager to gain Board approval—before acting to clear or cut. (No burning is allowed.) Likewise, if your property borders the Church of Latter Day Saints, the Alpenglow elementary school, MOA land, or another's property, you must first **seek their approval** before clearing adjacent to or on their land. The safety & security of all residents & their homes is everyone's responsibility.
- Fires, Fireworks:** The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) regularly issues changing guidelines on fires & the legality of personal fireworks. The ECHOA also has covenant rules about open fires within the association. Check before burning anything anywhere. Ask if you have a question. Again, safety is what we all care about.

If you see a fire, smoke, or anything dangerous, immediately call 911.

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• **Home-of-the-Month** awards: Still popular, the Board votes on & awards four \$50 Lowe's gift certificates each year—one each in June, July, October, & December. This nice thank-you award recognizes outstanding efforts with lawns, flowers, landscaping &/or seasonal decorations. Voting usually takes place the third week of each of the award months. If the resident allows, we publish their address & a picture in the newsletter. (Note: There are so many beautiful homes & so many deserve the recognition, it is hard to choose just one. We think some neighbors deserve to win all the time but a resident may win only one time per year.)

We hope you will consider environmentally safe & friendly gardening practices, too (protecting our important, struggling yet critical species like bees, birds, butterflies, etc. & avoiding use of pesticides, herbicides, limiting fertilizers & planting indigenous plant species as healthy food sources for those critters. (For more info., see nwf.org & others).

• **Calendar (subject to change w/the Covid-19 emergency):**

- April: 4/22 50th anniversary Earth Day! Pick up, recycle, do something for your Earth (earthday.org)
- May: 5/1 Summer toys, campers, vehicles in season. Winter toys must be stored. (ECHOA Covenants)
5/1-31 Citywide, MOA cleanup, check MOA website for a free summer disposal dump pass
- June: week of 6/2 ECHOA Board spring walk-through. (see p.3)
- July: cancelled?—7/3 Fourth of July fireworks (Eagle River) and 7/4 in am, parades (in Anchorage & Chugiak - see moa.org & cer.org for more info. subject to change.)
Girdwood Forest Fair—cancelled this year.
7/8-12 Bear Paw Festival: "Roaring Twenties" - Eagle River. (bearpawfestival.com or cer.org)
- August: School begins (check for updates). MOA-Anchorage School District.

Contact: Are you a homeowner or tenant? Do you own your home & live in the Eagle Crossing Homeowner's Association OR do you own a home here & currently rent/lease it out? You should have received a copy of all ECHOA documents when you purchased your home. Review the ECHOA Covenants. Please share our newsletter & relevant ECHOA Covenant information your tenants. Contact Cedric Burden, our Property Manager, w/PacRim, 563-3345 or email to cedricb@prpalaska.com. Visit our website @ eaglecrossing.org to check the ECHOA Covenants.



Problem, Concern? How do you know if you have an ECHOA concern, question, suggestion, or complaint? Keep in mind that many calls we receive are not really ECHOA related: you may need instead to contact the MOA, police, State of AK, etc. Your association is governed by & can enforce its Covenants. You can check those to see if Cedric can help you or if you might need to consult another agency. But, if you need to, call or email Cedric @ PacRim. We pay PacRim to provide support for & manage our association. They strive to return all our calls & emails within 24 hours.