



Douglass Ranch News

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From the President

Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you celebrated a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and I wish you all the best in 2017.

New Board Member

The Board of Directors elected **Tom Washburn** to fill the vacancy that occurred when **Barbara Pleva** submitted her resignation on December 1, 2016.

The Board's vote took place via email and the voting was completed on January 5, 2017. Pursuant to Article VI of our Bylaws, Tom will serve an interim term until the next annual meeting.

I want to thank Barbara for her time and efforts while serving on the Board. It was her idea to seek Firewise community designation for Douglass Ranch and that is one of the key projects that we will be working on this year.

At our Board meeting on December 29 (prior to the email vote), we decided to continue in our current offices until a new board member was selected.

Our next board meeting is set for Monday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. at **Randy Jensen's** home. We will select new offices at that time.

The other members and current offices of the Board of Directors are:

Randy Jensen	Roads & Grounds Chair
Carl Price	Treasurer
Todd Williams	Vice-President
Tom Washburn	

Thanks to all of them for the many hours of time they have donated to benefit our community.

Firewise Community Designation

With the start of the new year and winter settling in, we are in a slower period for our DRPOA activities. So, this is a good time to start making plans to apply for Firewise Community Designation.

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin started the first step for us when he had **Andrew Moyle**, the Elk Creek Wildland Fire Specialist, conduct assessments of our properties. Chief McLaughlin then took it a step further and prepared the Firewise Community Assessment for Douglass Ranch.

The next step is to appoint a Firewise Community Board. We plan to consider these appointments at our next board meeting. If you want to be an official member of this board, please let me or any other board member know.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Douglass Ranch Property Owners Associations was held on October 17, 2016. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the meeting.

If you want to know more about the current work of the Board, please contact me or any other board member.

Best Regards,

Susan Festag
President, DRPOA
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Quick Reference

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 20
(3:00 p.m. - Randy & Tricia Jensen's home)

More information about Douglass Ranch can be found on our website:

<http://www.douglassranch.org/>



Camp St. Malo Retreat & Conference Center

At its hearing on December 6, the Jefferson Board of County Commissioners approved the rezoning application of Camp St. Malo to build a retreat and conference center on the old Krogh Ranch. This action was taken despite the concerns that Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin expressed at the hearing.

At its regular meeting on December 8, The Elk Creek Fire Protection District signed an agreement with Camp St. Malo to try to mitigate some of the impact this project will have on the Fire District.

Camp St. Malo has invited representatives of Douglass Ranch and other neighboring communities to participate in their ongoing meetings with the Fire District to discuss the Krogh Ranch Forest Management Plan and their fire mitigation efforts.

We will keep you informed as we know more about these discussions. We intend to take a two-pronged approach to helping to keep our community safe. We will be communicating with Camp St. Malo about their fire mitigation efforts and we will be taking our own steps to create a wildfire safety action plan using the Firewise Communities/USA program. We will be working with Fire Chief McLaughlin on both of these efforts.

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