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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every 2 years Kingswood Estates Unit III members vote for Association Board members. Members can submit a Statement of Interest to be on the ballot to run for a seat on the Kingswood Estates Unit III Board.

Only the names on the Statement of Interest applications received by July 10, 2021, will be listed as a candidate on the election ballot. Candidates must be members of Kingswood Estates Unit III Owners Association and must be in good standing (see Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Kingswood Estates Unit III Owners Association).

Please update your email address and telephone numbers if there have been any changes. This is extremely important for online voting. Contact Kim Flores at HOAMCO at kflores@hoamco.com or at 928-776-4479.

For any members who want to continue to vote by mail, we still have that option available. Those members must contact Kim Flores at HOAMCO at kflores@hoamco.com or at 928-776-4479 and request paper ballots.

Annual Meeting

Our next Board meeting is the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2021, at 2:00 pm. Members can attend the meeting in person, thru ZOOM, or telephonically. Please watch your email for the meeting notice which will have the location and directions for attending via Zoom or telephone. For those members who do not use email, please notify Kim Flores at HOAMCO and a meeting notice will be mailed.

This election will be conducted using Election Buddy, the electronic voting system used last year. HOAMCO must have the correct email address to send members the ballots. For those members who don't use email, HOAMCO will send a paper ballot. As a reminder, the Board decided to use electronic voting for several reasons. Most importantly, the ballots are secret and it saves the HOA money. By using the Election Buddy system (see electionbuddy.com), we are able to record who votes but not how an individual member votes maintaining the anonymity of secret ballot voting. Furthermore, electronic elections are cost saving. Holding elections

by sending paper ballots through the US mail is quite costly. There are expenses associated with the paper, envelopes, time to collate, and postage.

All Governing Documents can be found at

http://www.kingswoodestates.org
or at the homeowner's Caliber
Portal site at HOAMCO.com

Firewise Committee

Full forest closure for the Prescott National Forest to begin Friday, June 25 at 8:00 A.M.

Firewise has never been so important as it is now. Due to the long standing drought we are experiencing, wildfires are more dangerous. We continue to be a Firewise Community because of the work done by our Firewise Chair, John Foucrier, and our members. Fire season is upon us and we all need to keep our properties maintained to prevent wildfires. John continues working with homeowners/lot owners to keep their properties in compliance with our Firewise Rules and Regulations.

At our recent Board meeting, John provided information that the drought is causing a new beetle infestation on Ponderosa Pines in local communities and the Prescott National Forest. The infestation usually starts at the top of the tree and work its way down. It will kill the tree quickly if not addressed. In

many other cases it attacks branches at the bottom and/or branches in various areas of the tree. The browning of needles appears as spots in the tree I am told these are a different type of beetles, but they will also ultimately kill the tree. These trees need to be sprayed and depending on the extent of the infestation, and the size of the tree it might also need to be injected (drilled at the base of the trunk with insecticide/food and the holes sealed).

An arborist should be contacted to determine if beetles are present.

Two contacts are:

Yavapai Exterminating of Trees and Plant Health 928-772-4855

Jonny's Tree & Landscaping 928-830-4977 There are others Arborist and Exterminators in Prescott and Yavapai County.

AZ Tree Service 928-492-6492 Arbor Art 928-442-2390 Creek Tree Service 928-848-3486 Arrow Fire & Land Mgt 928-308-1629

Even though it is not recommended to water Ponderosas under regular circumstances during a time of drought it can be helpful in helping the tree produce sap which can reduce beetle damage. People in the business have told me to water Ponderosas once a month (Large trees 1 hour to 1 1/2 hour, Medium trees 45 min to 1 hour, Small trees 15-30 minutes). Clear a small area around the tree for the water to soak in.

Special Note: Pinion Pines are also suffering and susceptible to disease and should be sprayed once a year.

John has been contacted by Jack Burnett from the Northern Arizona University to

participate in a Firewise Research Project He wants to hear how Kingswood Estates deals with Firewise issues/challenges. He works Directly with the Arizona Forest Service.

If you have any questions about firewise, please contact John Foucrier, the Firewise Committee Chair.

Architecture Committee

The Architecture Committee is led by Paul Beck. Please remember that if you want to update or modify your existing residence, you may be required to first obtain Architectural Committee approval. Please read the Architectural Guidelines (updated December 2019) found on the HOA website. Also, on the HOA website are the forms that are required to obtain approval. Questions about modifications to existing homes?? Contact Paul Beck, the

homes?? Contact Paul Beck, the
Architecture Committee Chair.

For new home construction, please contact HOAMCO ARC at 928-776-4479.

HOAMCO Community Manager

Our current Community Manager at HOAMCO is **Kim Flores**. Kim can be reached at <u>kflores@hoamco.com</u> or at 928-776-4479.

Member Contact Information

Please remember that it is your responsibility to notify HOAMCO and the Board if you have new or updated contact information (mailing address, email address, or phone number). This is a requirement of our Governing documents and if we do not have your current information you may miss important mailings or emails. This includes your Annual Assessment billing and could result in a late fee if we do not have your correct email and mailing address. We have been transitioning to electronic communications whenever possible, so keeping your information current reduces costs for everyone.