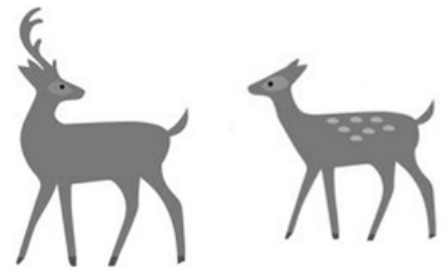


# PIONEER VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

August, 2020



## Meet Our New Board Member!

Hi, I'm Kim Johnson, and the newest Board member to PVHA as the current Vice President. My husband, Chris, and I are relatively new to Pioneer Village, becoming residents February of last year. I have lived in Oregon my whole life however and am a graduate of OSU. I am fond of animals, enjoy the outdoors, and am an enthusiastic cook.

I originally volunteered to be Treasurer and was later approached about becoming a Board member to fill a vacancy in June. I agreed to join the Board because I wanted to understand more about our community and be more knowledgeable about the management of our neighborhood.

Feel free to drop by Lot 33, as I would love to get to know you.

Kim Johnson  
PVHA Vice President

## COVID-19 Community Outreach

I don't know about you, but the "surreal" nature of life in a Pandemic is now getting to be quite old. The uncertainty about the near future is still with us, and many of us are rightly concerned about staying clear of this virus.

At the start of the crisis, we put the call out for anyone that may need assistance of some kind. A cup of milk or flour, some aspirin or ibuprofen, a drive to the doctor or to get groceries, or just a quick "hello and how are we doing" is something you or someone you know may need. If you need something to help you through this tough time, and some among us can help, we'd be glad to "connect those dots". Feel free to contact me or anyone on the Board via email ([admin@pvha.us](mailto:admin@pvha.us)) or phone (757)284-7041.

Regardless, let's keep wearing our masks, keeping our distances, and staying away from gatherings. We absolutely need to keep COVID-19 cases down and see that light at the end of this tunnel!

John Deuel  
PVHA Secretary/Fire & Safety Chair



## Preparing for a Different Type of Emergency..

In our current situation, it may seem like "piling on" when I say that we need to be more prepared, as a neighborhood, for an earthquake or wildfire, but these catastrophic events can affect our community at any time regardless of if there is a pandemic or not. At our Annual Meeting, I discussed briefly the idea of "Mapping Our Neighborhood" by setting up smaller groups of neighbors- say 6-8 homes- to share information about our skills, equipment and contact information. This information could be critical to us if we are hours or days away from getting first responders to us.

Please consider participating in this effort. During August, I offer myself to help you and your nearby neighbors get together about this. I would share information on what could be shared and how it would be organized. Contact me via email at [johnspedaling1@gmail.com](mailto:johnspedaling1@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more about doing this.

John Deuel  
PVHA Secretary/Fire & Safety Chair

## Recently Approved ACC Applications

Thank you everyone for continuing to submit ACC applications for your lot improvements! Here are the recent applications the ACC has approved and you may notice in the near future (if not already):

- Lot 5/6: Hazard/Dead Tree Removal
- Lot 25: Hazard/Dead Tree Removal
- Lot 60D: Hazard/Dead Tree Removal



Please keep the applications coming as we get into prime project season and don't hesitate to email if you have questions about the ACC or a project.

### **DID YOU KNOW???**

Among the many birds native to our area, the California quail is one of our common neighbors. They are easily identifiable with top plumes on their heads, and when they call out typically it will sound like they are saying "Chi-ca-go". They live in groups in thick brush on the ground and love eating berries and seeds. Keep an eye out around the neighborhood and you will probably see these little guys!

## What's been going on?

Here's what has happened since our last newsletter.

- **Annual & Special Meeting:** Thank you to all who participated in both the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting this year since we had some of the highest participation and attendance ever recorded for the Village!! These were both big meetings covering significant topics for the neighborhood and in a new Zoom format. Meeting minutes with the presentation slides for both meetings are posted on the website for anyone who missed the meetings or would just like to reference their information in the future.
- **Field Mowing/ Field Path Chip Spread:** Kevin Eveland this year stepped up to assist in mowing the Common Area field at the end of June helping reduce the fire hazard of having a field of dry grass through the summer. While he had equipment down at the field he also helped distribute some of the Firewise chips around the field path. A huge thank you to Kevin for spending one of his weekends doing this for us!

Also thank you to all the families who took time in July to help further spread those chip piles around the path! We still have some distance to go but definitely made a huge improvement!

## Upcoming Events & Projects

- **Summer Picnic:** This year with COVID-19 and its reemergence we have heard the community's concern over holding a summer picnic. Because of these concerns, we will be holding off on organizing a community picnic, although still promote families to connect with their neighbors as they feel comfortable to continue to build our community relationships.
- **Neighborhood Maintenance Day(s):** There are some smaller maintenance projects around the neighborhood we could use some community help on. These include: roadside brushing, resetting a rotten road sign post, cleaning road signs, building a bench for the bus shelter, and help cleaning up the mailbox area. More information on all these will be posted online with a request for volunteers.
- **Firewise Forms:** Please fill out a Firewise form this summer reporting time spent on projects reducing our fire risks around the community. We are required to show at least 1 hour of risk reduction

time spend PER HOUSEHOLD to maintain our Firewise certification. Forms are **due by October 1, 2020** and copies are available down by the mailboxes or electronically on the website ([pvha.us/uploads/3/5/0/3/35030615/firewise\\_projects\\_2020.pdf](https://pvha.us/uploads/3/5/0/3/35030615/firewise_projects_2020.pdf)) Thank you!!

- **Emergency Evacuation Route Drill:** We are still interested in planning an evacuation route drill with informational meeting with both the county and Starker Forests. This will likely be held this fall after fire season and may involve a Zoom meeting component for the meeting to help promote distancing requirements as each family could then stay in their own cars for the drive portion. More info to come in the near future.

## CC&Rs Refresher

To continue to bring awareness to different aspects of our neighborhood's governing documents, here is a note on signs placed around the Village.

ARTICLE VI: Section 1 - *"No advertising signs or advertising structures of any kind whatsoever shall be erected or permitted to be erected on any of said parcels, except for the purposes of selling the same..."*

The purpose of this provision is to help keep our neighborhood looking as natural as possible, and prevent signs from detracting from each of our views.

If at any point you do have a sign or information you feel would benefit the neighborhood (like a signing up for a community organization, Lost Pet, fundraiser etc.) please reach out to the Board; since while you may not be able to post it at your house, we are happy to allow for information sharing down by the mailboxes so it can benefit the neighborhood.

For more information you can access to the CC&Rs at: [pvha.us/documents](https://pvha.us/documents).

## Contact Information

Feel free to contact us if you ever have questions, comments or concerns around the neighborhood.

WEBSITE: [pvha.us](https://pvha.us)

EMAIL: [admin@pvha.us](mailto:admin@pvha.us)

MAIL: P.O. Box 311, Philomath

-OR- Community Mailbox

