

# The Elkhorn Bugler

HOA Newsletter July/Aug 2023



## HOA Board Highlights

The board approved moving forward to implement an update to our website. Additionally, we are working on policy to provide advertising space on the new information board. This will likely be limited to community HOA and Frawley Ranch community. Currently, the Miller Creek Pub has purchased space for their menu.

The board is trying to address weed control issues; a responsibility for homeowners, lot owners, builders and developers and the city. Letters and emails have been sent to various parties.

The board does not intend to have a regular meeting in August and our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September. The primary focus for the September meeting will be planning our Fall Annual meeting. We will have one board seat open on which to vote.

Are you interested in serving on the HOA board? Please consider serving the community by assuming a leadership position on the board. Presently, our board meets about 10 x per year. Positions are three year terms. Send a bio and why you want to be on the HOA board and we will add it to the September newsletter.

## *meet your Neighbor*

As you drive by or are out walking on Brooks Loop you might see Karen Lee out working in her yard tending to her flowers and garden. Karen moved to Elkhorn Ridge Golf Estates in April of 2019 from the San Francisco Bay area where she lived for 20 years. She also resided in San Diego for another 20 years before moving to South Dakota. Karen works from home as an Information Technology professional for a San Diego based Workers Comp Insurance Company.

Her hobbies and interests include Native American ceremonies, Tahitian dance classes, crocheting and gardening. We are blessed to have her as one of our Elkhorn Ridge residents and also look forward to seeing her at our Thursday night get-togethers at the Pub!

Next Board Meeting:  
tentatively:  
9/13/23

### HOA Board

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# Weeds, weeds, and more weeds!

On behalf of the ARC

With the onset of our typical hot, August days, weed growth is prolific...

One of the ways to keep your yard looking weed free takes some preparation. And if you perform your own yard maintenance, the following is a recommendation for two products to help with the invasive irritations that seem to sprout up in the tiniest of crevices in your landscaping.

As part of our neighborhood beautification, we homeowners must control the weeds on our property and one area that all homeowners battle is the courtesy strip between the sidewalk and the street. Some of you have grass and irrigate it, others have a rock mulch and most everyone is fighting the weeds this time of year.

One recommendation is a product from Otho called GroundClear found at most hardware or farm and home stores. GroundClear has been specifically formulated to kill all types of plants that are green and growing. Use it to kill weeds on hardscapes, in landscape beds, and (carefully) around vegetable gardens. This product claims to keep your rock mulch clear for 12 months. You can apply this product in your rock mulch and pathways in early April and spot treat as needed. Make sure to follow the recommended mixture and application instructions. This product **should NOT be used** for spot treating lawn weeds, it kills all vegetation.

For the weeds in your lawn, consider spraying a product in early spring formulated for broadleaf weed control. A product called Trimec with Crabgrass control from Gordons is an example. It comes in a concentrate as well as a premix and it is for control of grass weeds PLUS broadleaf weed control. It controls crabgrass and foxtail (quinclorac) PLUS dandelions and other broadleaf weeds (2-4D) in late spring and summer lawns. This product should not be applied to "new" or overseeded lawns until the new grass emerges and stabilizes.

Mow your grass often and cut it as high as you can. You want the good grass to crowd out the weeds! Cutting it high helps your grass survive the hot, dry weather and drought. Also, keep your mower blades sharp and water to about an 1" per week.

A nice weed free yard doesn't take much work, just some planning and the proper chemicals to keep it fertilized and weed free.

**Publication.** Note that the monthly HOA newsletter is now both uploaded to the HOA web page and posted in the lower Brooks Loop message board. You can also be added to the group email by sending an email to the HOA address with NEWSLETTER in the subject line.

**Volunteer.** *If you are able to help construct and install the second message board by the mailboxes on upper Brooks Loop, please let the HOA know. Any help would be appreciated!*

*Kool Deadwood Nites  
August 23-27, 2023*

Classic cars & music!

<https://www.deadwood.com/event/kool-deadwood-nites/>



*Thank you for being part of our community*