



# Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2019



## Why Trees are so Important

We may plant trees for their beauty or for shade, but trees also have a big effect on our health and the environment.

Friends of Trees is one of many non-profits that Wildwood|Mahonia supports. Over the last 30 years they have planted 800,000+ trees and native plants with the help of thousands and thousands of volunteers.

A few facts from the Friends of Trees website ([friendsoftrees.org](http://friendsoftrees.org)):

- When planted near buildings, trees can cut air conditioning use by 30% and reduce heating energy use by 20-50%.
- 100 trees remove 53 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and 430 pounds of other air pollutants per year.
- A "Green View" from the window increases job satisfaction and reduces job stress.
- Cars travel slower and more carefully on treed streets.
- A mature tree gives off enough oxygen per year to support two people.
- Roadside trees cut indoor air pollution in half.
- An acre of trees absorbs as much CO<sub>2</sub> as is produced from driving 26,000 miles.
- Trees absorb rainfall, clean our water, and their unique root system holds everything together underground, preventing erosion.
- Just 5 minutes of viewing trees can reduce stress.

Trees planted by Friends of Trees play a vital role in our region's livability. Given rising temperatures and all that we know about the cooling and cleansing effects of trees it's easy to see how their work is improving our natural environment.

### AUTUMN LEAVES

Golden, crisp leaves falling softly from almost bare trees. Lifting and falling in a hushed gentle breeze.

Slowly dropping to the soft cushioned ground. Whispering and rustling a soothing sound.

Coppers, golds and rusted tones. Mother Nature's way of letting go.

They fall and gather one by one. Autumn is here, summer has gone.

Crunching as I walk through their warm, fiery glow. Nature's carpet rich and pure that again shall grow.

To protect and shield its majestic tree. Standing tall and strong for the world to see.

They rise and fall in the cool, crisp air. It's a time of change in this world we share.

Nature's importance reflecting our own lives, letting go of our fears and again, too, we shall thrive.

(Credit: Edel T. Copeland)



# Fall Maintenance

Please **do not wait** until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to submit your maintenance requests. Maintenance levels are at their highest around the beginning of each month which can cause our response times to be delayed.

If you have any maintenance needs please submit a work order online at <http://woodscapeglenn.com/current-residents>, or call the Wildwood office at 503-585-8789.

In the coming weeks we will be putting out door hangers on **Wildwood Drive** homes to let you know when we will be entering your home to replace the furnace filter. If you are a resident on **Wintercreek Way** please clean your PTAC filter. If you need instruction or help, please call the Wildwood office.

This is also a great time to check your smoke detectors. If you have not changed the batteries in the last six months or more, now is a good time to do so. If you need help changing the batteries please call the Wildwood office to schedule assistance from Bill.

This November we will be putting on hose bib covers and closing foundation vents throughout the community. We will place door hangers on the homes that need to be entered for these purposes. We will make sure and give you plenty of notice before it is done.

## Community Garden



Thank you to everyone who participated in the community garden this year. Your efforts make our community even more beautiful and special.

Please remember that plots should be cleared by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in participating next year, let us know!



## Resident Referral Incentive

Life is so much more enjoyable when you live next door to a friend. That is why this Fall we would like to reward you for bringing your friends, family or co-workers to Woodscape Glen with a \$150 credit toward your rent. The new tenant must live in the home for at least 3 months for you to earn the credit.

Limitations do apply. You must notify us of your referral before your friend's move-in date or have the applicant write the referral on their rental application. Contact Deb in our office for more information.