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Can people earn a lazy, sun-kissed Spring that rolls gently into a blissful, long-lasting summer? If it were possible to attain I believe we have earned it. Like the opening scene from Beauty and the Beast, I feel an urge to throw open my wooden shutters, if only I had some, and shout from my winterized lungs, “Bonjour!” to every neighbor that passes by. I feel downright giddy as the cherry blossom trees are turning color...spring is in sight!

As you begin to shed those winter blues and absorb a healthy dose of vitamin D, take a minute to reconnect with your neighbors. With several new homeowners joining our community now is a great time to introduce yourself. I’m sure they won’t mind you bringing over your favorite Chardonnay, a homemade treat, or a simple smile that says, “Welcome, we’re glad you’re here.”

THE RELEASE OF OUR ECHO FALLS WEBSITE

In February each homeowner should have received an email from the Echo Falls (EF) Secretary stating that our new community website has gone LIVE! Our new website is: www.echofallshoa.com Additionally, all board, committee, and team emails have changed. Please see page 2 for a full list.

In January, your Board of Directors (BoD) had grown tired of the poor customer service and unreliability of our previous provider. They began researching options and found we could receive a better quality product that was more secure and reliable at a more affordable price. Thanks to the efforts of David McNickle and Ben and Marianne Bourland, the new website is operational. They have released Phase I with more to follow.

Each lot received an individual login and password along with detailed instructions on how to change their password to one of your liking. If you are a homeowner and did not receive an email from the EF Secretary it might have been due to an outdated email and/or perhaps there isn’t an email on record. If you are one of the few homes still in need of site access, please email the secretary at: secretary@echofallshoa.com and you will be sent login information.



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Hard to believe that once again we are prepping for the annual Garage Sale! Our community event will be held on Saturday, June 17th from 8:00 am—3:00 p.m. with a special pre-sale viewing, for residence only, on

Friday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. Your Social + Hospitality team will coordinate the advertising, pass out signs, and deliver balloons to participating homes.

Please RSVP to: social@echofallshoa.com More information to follow-



UPCOMING EVENTS

- EASTER BRUNCH: 4/16
- POOL OPENS: 5/27
- EF HOA MEETING: 6/8
- GARAGE SALE: 6/17
- BBQ+POOL PARTY: 7/16

DID YOU KNOW?

- We have an active **Echo Falls Facebook page?** If you are not a member but would like to be, please search for Echo Falls Neighborhood and request to be a member.
- Homeowners are asked to have their dogs on a leash while out for a walk and to remain OFF the cart paths. Don’t forget your doggie bags.



This is a perfect time for: power washing, yearly roof checks, and resolving irrigation issues.

NEW ECHO FALLS EMAIL LIST:

Board:
bod@echofallshoa.com

Treasurer:
treasurer@echofallshoa.com

Maintenance:
maintenance@echofallshoa.com

ACC:
acc@echofallshoa.com

Pool:
pool@echofallshoa.com

Social+Hospitality:
social@echofallshoa.com

Secretary:
secretary@echofallshoa.com

If you would like the most recent HOA binder you can either download its contents from the website or you may purchase a replacement binder for \$25 by emailing: bod@echofallshoa.com

COMMITTEE AND TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Meandering through our peaceful community during the springtime is rejuvenating. Passing by the budding cherry blossoms and watching our bulbs begin to take form reminds us of the joy of living here; of calling Echo Falls, *home*.

Our community has been well served by the volunteer efforts of many homeowners and we are in need of several more. Sadly, our committees and teams have lost some veteran members due to relocation while oth-

ers have stepped away for serious family responsibilities.

However, their absence leaves a door open for YOU. We currently have positions open on the ACC, Community Relations, and our Social + Hospitality team.

If you have an interest in serving in any capacity we would love a chance to speak with you. Please email the Board of Directors at:

bod@echofallshoa.com

TID BITS OF NEWS

⇒ Many families have a child graduating this June. We would like to acknowledge them and their accomplishments in our next newsletter. Please email a small blurb about your child and their future endeavors to: social@echofallshoa.com

⇒ Did you know that we have a community Book Club and Bible Study? If you are interested in joining one or both of those groups, find more information on our website.

“Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men.”

WINEMAKER’S DINNER: A REVIEW By: Charlie Valentine

Outstanding, scrumptious, and delectable are just a few of the comments expressed by the fortunate forty, who attended Saturday night’s Winemaker Dinner at the clubhouse. The moment you walked in you noticed a transition to the Greenside Grill, where the maitre d’ (aka EFGC General Manager Brooke Bolin) welcomed you to the event and escorted you to your assigned table. Tables were covered with white linens, fine stemware, and detailed menus of each course with its wine pairing from award-winning Mark Ryan Winery. You knew right then and there that the evening was going to be a magical one and believe me, it was.

The collaborated efforts between Marianne Bourland EFHOA Social Committee Chair and Megan Schultz EFGC Food and Beverage Manager, along with the culinary genius of professionally trained Chef Cedric Thelier and the expertise of representative Mark from Mark Ryan Winery ensured the evening was a perfect one.

During each of the five courses, both Chef Cedric and Mark visited each table to describe the dish and its pairing. From the first course where Chef Cedric created a chicken pate with toasted pistachios, drizzled with sage butter and served with French bread to the finale in which Chef Cedric outdid himself with a creation of a Chocolate Torte covered in chocolate ganache and filled with nuts and fresh raspberries, the tastes and presentations to all courses were 5 stars. The bravos and cheers at the end of the evening was a testament to the overall experience. Those who attended left the dinner pondering how they could have been so lucky as to have had such an amazing experience at a reasonable price. (under \$50 per person) What a steal!

Chef Cedric, EFHOA and EFGC are already planning the next event where local beers will be featured with each course. Look for additional winemakers’ dinners and special Friday night dinners, which will be starting in the very near future. My only question is, “Where do we sign up?”