



## RRPOA Newsletter (#49) August 30, 2021



The Rocky Ridge Properties' Owners Association Newsletter is published periodically to keep owners informed of happenings around the property and actions of the Board of Directors. Questions may be directed to William "Yates" Bauder, Property Manager, at [rrpoa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrpoa@sbcglobal.net) or 530-583-1736. Newsletters are archived on the RRPOA website at <http://www.rr-tahoe.com>. [If you click on the "Owners" page, you will see a tab on the left of the page for "Newsletters".]

### ***SERIOUS FIRE DANGER***

The fire situation in the Tahoe basin has deteriorated materially in the last few days. To note but a few reports:

- The Caldor Fire has breached Echo Summit and is burning towards South Lake Tahoe. Mandatory evacuation orders include all of South Lake Tahoe, Meyers, Echo Lake and the Desolation Wilderness and Christmas Valley in El Dorado County. Silver Lake and Kirkwood in Alpine and Amador counties, including the Kirkwood Mountain Resort, are also under mandatory orders. Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe is evacuating all patients to other hospitals in the region. As of the date of this post, 472 homes, 11 commercial properties and 170 other minor structures have been destroyed, primarily along the Highway 50 corridor.
- For several days State Route Highway 50 has been closed from Sly Park Road east of Kyburz to Meyers in the Tahoe Basin. The Fire Chief in South Lake Tahoe this morning stated emphatically that "tourists should be gone" from the Lake Tahoe area.
- Much of the Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski resort near South Lake Tahoe has burned.
- Roads within parts of the West Shore of the Lake are already closed. Road closings extend as much as 15 miles north along the West side of the Lake from South Lake Tahoe, and they include areas of Tahoma.
- Gusty winds are forecast for the next few days, which may exacerbate the fire threat.

*While the Rocky Ridge board and Yates are not fire experts*, it is clear that circumstances have evolved to the point where people in the Lake Tahoe basin should be planning for worst case outcomes. Accordingly,

**Yates and the board strongly recommend that homeowners and guests stay away from Rocky Ridge over at least the next several days (or at least until the situation has settled).** Yates will advise when the situation has calmed to the point where visits to Rocky Ridge can again be encouraged.

Yates and his team are attending to fire protection as best they can, but should the plans shift to evacuation, it obviously will make the job easier for Yates and the local authorities if the numbers at Rocky Ridge are as small as possible.

Homeowners can tap into the Rocky Ridge webcam at <http://www.rr-tahoe.com/webcam.php> to get a visual sense as to the air quality. Updates concerning the fire situation also may be obtained from governmental authorities, including through Cal Fire at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2021/8/14/caldor-fire/>, and homeowners may receive Tahoe City air quality reports through <https://www.iqair.com/us/usa/california/tahoe-city>. Fire updates also are available on most news networks, including yahoo, cnn, cbs and others.

### ***POSTPONEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 4 MEETINGS***

Given the fire situation, the Board has determined to postpone both (i) the board meeting scheduled for 9:00 am on September 4<sup>th</sup> and (ii) the annual member meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The new date for the board meeting will be 1:30 p.m. on Thursday September 9, 2021, and the new date for the annual member meeting will be 11:00 am on Saturday September 25, 2021. As previously noted in notices distributed to the members, the meetings will be held through use of the Zoom platform. If you would like to participate and would like Zoom contact information, please contact Yates at [rrpoa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrpoa@sbcglobal.net) or 530-583-1736, or contact Bruce Shepherd (the board secretary) at [bruce.shepherd@outlook.com](mailto:bruce.shepherd@outlook.com).