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# Elkhorn News



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## Presidents Message



*Grady, Heather and Dash look forward seeing you around the neighborhood.*

Greetings fellow Elkhorn homeowners.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Grady Burnett, the new president of the Sun Valley Elkhorn Association (SVEA) board of directors. I will serve in this capacity for the next year. It is my honor and privilege to serve in this role on behalf of all 1,642 Elkhorn homeowners.

I arrived in Sun Valley in 1980 from Denver, Colorado. Like so many others, I came here for one season to ski, and that winter turned into a lifetime. Early on, I worked for Sun Valley Company in the Lodge Dining Room. Those were some great days. We skied all day and worked at night. In the early 1980s, I started competing in triathlons, and our swim training sessions were at the Harker Center pool. I also taught springboard diving lessons for kids at the village pool. I fondly remember those days in Elkhorn. Fast-forward 42 years, and here I am serving as your president. My wife, Heather, and I are grateful every day for the life we have in Sun Valley, especially with Elkhorn as our home. I will strive to continue the great legacy of past board presidents and our excellent management team, all of whom have guided Elkhorn into the world-

class mountain community it is today. I would like to especially thank our former Board president Dave Galloway for his exceptional leadership over the last 3 years. Thank you, Dave.

Elkhorn property owners have enjoyed the developer's original amenities for 40+ years at a nominal cost, but those amenities have reached the end of their life. Past boards and our management team have done an excellent job rebuilding our tennis facilities and one of our swimming pools and managing those costs. Over the years, they have also added many other amenities and programs that Elkhorn families enjoy – hiking trails, fishing derbies, community picnics, and the Wet Dog Festival, just to name a few. To date, three out of four of Elkhorn's major amenities have been rebuilt. We undertook the village swimming pool rebuild at a rather uncertain time (the first year of the pandemic), but thanks to our management team's excellent oversight, this project came in slightly under budget at a time when building costs and material overruns were commonplace. The board is extremely proud of the new village pool, and we hope you've had a chance to enjoy it. The final phase of the amenity rebuild is the Harker Center pool. Your board is actively working on that project, and we will be asking for input from all of you in a brief survey that will be forthcoming.

Our community has experienced unprecedented growth over the last two years, and Elkhorn has seen more than 300 real estate transactions during that time. We welcome all of these new residents into our community. However, growth often comes with change – and potentially some problems, too. SVEA's staff and management team do their best to

provide world-class amenities and friendly service. Unfortunately, it takes just one event to necessitate changes that would affect everyone. There was recently an incident at the village hot tub that was quite upsetting for our staff. With an increased number of people accessing our amenities, we have had to step up enforcement efforts to ensure that only residents and authorized guests access your amenities. To make the process smooth for everyone, including our staff, we ask that all owners using Elkhorn amenities present their amenity card each time they check in. If you are renting your Elkhorn home, you or your property manager must ensure that your guests have the appropriate guest passes. We ask for your cooperation in this matter.

The coming year will bring continued work on the amenities and some other items that the board has prioritized. We are extremely grateful for the management team and staff that are part of SVEA. In addition, the Elkhorn community is fortunate to have a very dedicated, considerate group of people serving on the board. The chairs of the board subcommittees spend an incredible amount of time and energy making sure that your time in Elkhorn is safe and enjoyable. It is an honor to be part of this exceptional group of people.

Please keep an eye out for all communications and newsletters from SVEA. It is important that all owners be well-informed about the issues before us. As always, we welcome your input on any topic, so feel free to reach out to board members or staff with your thoughts.

I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood, and I wish you and your family all the best for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,  
Grady Burnett