

Bend Neighborhood Roundtable  
May 11, 2019 Minutes

Training:

Jodie Barram of Project Wildfire presented information about creating defensible space around one's home to prevent fire from spreading. Tips include cleaning gutters, using asphalt shingles, composite siding and using finer gauge screens on vents (1/8<sup>th</sup> inch).

Jodie showed a video demonstrating how fire spreads from vegetation close to a home. A 5-foot space is advisable.

Jodie's staff or the Bend fire Department will do inspections of private property to point out vulnerable features.

Firewise USA is a program for neighbors to band together to clear brush around their homes and areas.

Websites: [www.centraloregonfire.org](http://www.centraloregonfire.org) is for alerts on fires in our area  
[projectwildfire.pw@gmail.com](mailto:projectwildfire.pw@gmail.com) for questions about fire prevention and defensible space.

Project wildfire has a Facebook page as well.

Business:

Butch Hansen provided photos of the signs Old Farm uses to announce meetings and pricing information.

The issue was raised about acquiring additional neighborhood signs for new areas added by annexation and expanded boundaries. The NLA has listed this issue on its strategic plan which is to be adopted this month.

Kirkland WA which has served as a model for the NLA has addressed many of the same issues facing Bend. It will be a topic for the July meeting.

Bendnaforums web site: There was consensus that the site is redundant and would require maintenance. The same information is on the City's website. The site was not accessible at this time. No one present knew how the domain name should be renewed.

NART as a brand: Members think the public isn't aware of the Roundtable. The group discussed whether the general public needed to know about this forum because it exists for the NAs. That could be part of the communications discussion in July.

NA Handbook: Most agreed it had valuable information for the startup phase of a NA. Everyone wants tips on recruiting and building membership.

Fireworks: Larkspur will host a meeting on the issue June 17 at the East Bend Library. Mountain View purchased 50 yard signs on fireworks law. They cost about \$8. each

The City Council is considering the issue and is ordering more enforcement. The question was posed if it is the NAs job to educate residents about the limits of fireworks use.

Mailings: Boyd Acres is using the Postal Service Every Door Delivery Method EDDM for its annual mailer. The website requires some effort to identify the postal routes within the boundaries of a neighborhood. Lists can be residential only or both residential and businesses. For Boyd Acres, with its large number of national businesses, the ability to choose only residents will cut the cost of mailing significantly. The system allows one to select local printers.

Mountain View purchased a 7,200 list of addresses for \$500 from a Florida firm. Their cost to mail was over \$3,000.

Next meeting: July 13, Est Bend Library is available. Lisa checking  
Topic: Communications best practices

Fall meeting: September 14 OSU Cascades campus Nathan reserved