

Central Oregon Regional Chapter of Community Associations Institute NEWSLETTER

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Landscaping in Central Oregon



Landscaping in Central Oregon can be tricky. There are a lot of native plants that are perfect for this area, but many landscapes also need some extra help. Here are some tips on how to plan, prepare, and maintain a beautiful garden: It's a temperate climate, but the

and water availability can vary greatly depending on where you are. Soil type and drainage are also important factors to consider when landscaping your backyard garden or front yard lawn.

Here are some tips on how to plan, prepare and maintain a beautiful garden.

If you want to create the perfect garden for your home, it's important that you take some time to plan. You'll need to consider what type of plants will suit your climate and environment, as well as how much time and money are available for maintenance.

Here are some tips:

- Choose plants that are suitable for your climate. If they aren't native to Oregon, they may not survive in our cold winters or hot summers.
- Consider how big your garden is going to be--and how much work it will take to maintain it! Think about whether or not there's enough sun exposure so that each section of your garden will receive enough light throughout the day (or if certain areas get too much light during certain seasons).

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Word On The Street



Education

Kickoff Event – Ask An HOA Attorney

January 19th was CORC's Annual Kickoff Event, Ask An HOA Attorney. Panelists included Tami MacLeod, Lynch Murphy McLane LLP and Ryan Harris, VF Law.

Tami and Ryan were able to answer owners questions on effectively conducting meetings, understanding Board's authorities and discussing various rules and regulation comments. The turnout was great and we encourage everyone to come next year!

Don't forget to register for our next event on March 9th.

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Events Not To Miss

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April 29th

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Virtual via Zoom

May 10th,
Aug. 16th, Nov. 15th

Emergency Preparedness -
Wildfire

In Person

June 8th

CORC Full Throttle -
Go Kart Racing

In Person

September 28th

Landscaping in Central Oregon

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Choose native plants for the area where you live and work.

Native plants are simply those that grow naturally in your area. They've adapted to local conditions, so they're more likely to thrive and survive. Native plants are also less likely to be attacked by pests--because they've evolved with them over time--and they require less irrigation because they have shorter roots than non-native species. Native plants offer habitat for local wildlife and help keep the ecosystem balanced.

Use soil conditioner to improve drainage, nutrition, and aeration.

Soil conditioner is an essential component to any landscaping project. It improves drainage, nutrition, and aeration of your soil. To use soil conditioner, simply sprinkle it onto your yard as you would fertilizer or mulch. Be sure to water thoroughly after applying this product so that it can penetrate into the ground where it's needed most!

Consider installing drip irrigation systems to conserve water.

Drip irrigation systems are an efficient way to water your plants. They use less water than sprinklers, and they can be installed on a timer so you don't have to worry about watering your yard every day.

Conclusion

The Central Oregon landscape is beautiful, but it can be hard to keep up with. You need to plan ahead and prepare your garden before you start building it. If you're planning on installing drip irrigation systems or using native plants in your area, we recommend talking with an expert who knows how these things work best!

Article by:

Springtime Landscape & Irrigation a Division of Rexius
to learn more about Rexius see page 6

Why Must the Association Approve My Fence?

Although the association may sometime seem like Big Brother when you want to build a shed or put up a fence, most design review program are actually a benefit—not a burden. Association design standards are based on harmony with the overall community, consideration for neighbors, and high-quality construction practices. The design review program exists to maintain, protect, and enhance the value of property, and it strives for a balance between individual rights and the good of the entire community.

While association members have the biggest stake in property values, others are also very interested in seeing communities well maintained and looking its best. Builders' reputations and lenders' financial support are closely connected to the community. Also, public officials have an interest in maintaining and enhancing the community since tax revenues depend on property values. Associations should try to notify new members of its design review requirements as soon after they move in as possible. If you have not received a copy, contact the manager or any member of the Design Review Committee. Also, be sure to consult the Design Review Guidelines if you're considering any type of exterior design change. These should guidelines contain everything you need to know about the approval process, design requirements, and the association's basic design philosophy. The guidelines should list the changes that don't need to be approved.

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Explore the Benefits of Membership,
Join CORC CAI today -
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Join A Committee

Looking to give back? A good way is to join a committee. CORC CAI is actively looking for committee members. Commitment is approximately one to two hours a month. Contact Heather for details.

Membership Committee

Chair/Board Liaison:
Michael Hughes

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Workshop
July 17-19, 2023
Charlotte, NC

2024 Law Seminar
February 14-17, 2024
Las Vegas

CAI National Events
www.caionline.org/Events

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Bill Anderson
2023 Central Oregon Regional
Chapter of CAI - President

Chapter President Message

Dear fellow CORC members,

As we embark on another year, I am excited to see the continued growth of our Central Oregon Regional Chapter. Our board, executive director, and committees have worked diligently to provide informative educational events, fun and enthusiastic social events, and continued growth of our membership for 2022. It is through the hard work of these individuals, and the support of our business partners, that we were able to grow our chapter almost 20% last year.

With the support of the members and individuals in this directory, I hope that we can continue this growth for 2023! To be able to assist and accomplish this continued growth, we have added some "new events" for 2023. Manager members will be excited for the manager only lunchtime roundtables as we have envisioned these as an outlet for collaboration, support, and camaraderie within the managers of CORC. To bring some extra enthusiasm to our Chapter, provide to our local community, and bring our business partners and members in on another level, we will be hosting a unique food drive for 2023. I'm not sure I can release the details yet, but I am excited to see how we will do as a chapter. One million (said with my pinky to my mouth) pounds of food donated? Is that a reasonable goal?

I'd like to personally say thank you to Heather Brownson, our Chapter executive director, for all the things she does for us.

Without her, I'm certain we wouldn't be able to hold these events! Next time you see her, please give her a shout of thanks, literally!!

If you have any questions regarding CORC, please contact Heather at corc@caicentraloregon.org.

Also, please watch your emails as announcements are made for all these exciting upcoming events!

I look forward to a fun and exciting year and hope to see you at the next event!

Sincerely,

Bill Anderson

2023 Central Oregon Regional Chapter of CAI - President

Vendor Spotlight



How can we help our CAI Members?

Vial Fotheringham LLP is proud to offer a robust education program to all of our CAI members, including our Annual Forum in October and free monthly trainings to keep managers, board members and homeowner leaders up-to-date with important information to help protect them from liability, and ensure their planned communities and condominium associations run smoothly. In addition, each VF Law office has an attorney on the CAI Legislative Action Committee (LAC) to ensure we keep current on governing statutes and laws to help lobby for laws assisting governance of HOAs and attempt to prevent negative laws from passing.

Share your thoughts on how your company is different from others?

VF is a multistate law firm with offices in Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, and Idaho, while also servicing clients in Washington and Utah.

Having this broad reach of HOA legal services presents VF Law with excellent opportunities to better service management companies with offices in different states, and collect past-due assessments for our clients.

Make it fun – What's a fun fact about VF Law?

VF Law is not just attorneys and staff, we're a diverse family of people that spend time outside of work doing various activities to keep in shape and have fun together. Whether it's a summer potluck in our Lake Oswego parking lot, bowling at Big Als, a group hike of Arizona's Mt. Humphrey's, running in the Denver Colfax Marathon, or participating in the Every Minute Counts wellness challenge benefitting JoyRx Music, a program of Children's Cancer Association, VF strives to maintain a healthy balance between work and play.

SPRINGTIME LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION TRANSITION TO REXIUS

In 2022, Rexius acquired Springtime Landscape & Irrigation. Rexius has provided landscape and irrigation services in the Eugene area for over 90 years and we are excited to now bring our decades of experience to Central Oregon. We look forward to honoring and continuing the legacy that Springtime has built up over the years.

Customers should continue to expect the highest level of service, and you will begin to see Rexius trucks in the area as we start this exciting new chapter.

ABOUT REXIUS

For the last 90 years our family owned and operated company has served the landscaping industry. We have done a lot of things, and we do a lot of things. We produce compost, mulches, and soils at our organic production facility in Coburg, OR. We package and ship these materials all over the state. You can find our products at nurseries and garden centers. We also offer our products in bulk. It can be picked up at our HWY 99 retail location, delivered to your driveway, or delivered and placed using our blower or slinger trucks. We also offer a full suite of landscape services for residential and commercial properties. We provide landscape construction, irrigation services, landscape maintenance, and outdoor living. We also have a manufacturing division, Conveyor Application Systems, that builds heavy machinery that is sold worldwide. Through these products and services, we provide sustainable solutions for the landscape, for the community in which we live, and for the environment we share.

Be A CORC Sponsor

Sponsorship Opportunities are available.

Contact CED Heather Brownson at 541-719-8224 or corc@caicentraloregon.org for more information.

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

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LAC Update

****Proposed bills in legislation****

HB 2468 Child Care PCA

- Prohibiting homes used for child care services.

HB 2499 Wildfire

- Wildfire risk map/tools prohibited by insurance carriers

HB 847

(- 2 Amendment)

(revisions to ORS 100.015, 100.022, 100.105, and 100.110)

- Condominium regulation by local jurisdictions

SB 437-A

(Amending ORS 94.779)

Producing

- Allowing production, including hen and beekeeping

*additional bills and tracking through:

cai-online.org

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Design review committees should make every effort to process applications fairly, reasonably, and quickly.

Contact the chair of the Design Review Committee or the manager if you have any questions.

Be a part of your community Design Review Committee

Willingness to volunteer is desired, but particularly interested in members with expertise or experience with construction, engineering, or design. Ask your committee for the list of duties of the committee

Sample duties could include:

- Drafting, amending, and updating design review policies and guidelines.
- Reviewing applications and variances.
- Advising association members on their improvement projects.
- Monitoring construction projects and changes; ensuring they comply with the approved proposal.

Touring the community periodically to verify and identify design violations.

