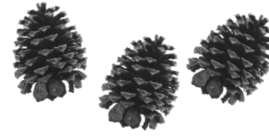


Gilchrist Owners Association



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Summer 2026

Summer Newsletter

Fellow Homeowners,

As the president of the Gilchrist Owner's Association (GOA), I felt an obligation to express my concerns regarding the Crescent Sanitary District.

This is an important message regarding the wastewater system that serves the Gilchrist community. The GOA Board of Directors has serious concerns about the long-term reliability of the sewer system operated by the Crescent Sanitary District. Gilchrist is served by three pump stations, and the system has experienced equipment failures and sewer overflow incidents in recent years. These events highlight the importance of maintaining reliable infrastructure and planning for future repairs and replacements.

Historically, Gilchrist operated with a gravity-flow sewer system that was originally installed in 1938. Over time, regulatory requirements resulted in ownership and operation of the sewer system being transferred to the Crescent Sanitary District. Today, wastewater from both Gilchrist and Crescent is pumped through a system of multiple pump stations to the treatment and holding facilities in Crescent. Because the system relies on several pump stations, the failure of any major component can affect overall operations.

As a member of their budget committee and through discussions with the Crescent Sanitary District, we have recommended the district address these concerns. Current plans include purchasing replacement pumps to keep in reserve and pursuing the replacement of aging pumps during the next budget cycle. While these efforts are encouraging, the Board remains concerned about the district's ongoing financial challenges and the potential impact on future maintenance and capital improvements.

The GOA Board has consulted with legal counsel regarding what role, if any, the Association may play in addressing sewer system issues. We have been advised that GOA funds cannot currently be used to support or intervene in the operations of the Crescent Sanitary District. As a result, the GOA will not be using Association funds for emergency repairs or operational support of the sewer system under the current governing documents. Our attorney has advised that the Board may communicate concerns and recommendations to the Crescent Sanitary District regarding infrastructure improvements needed to maintain a safe and reliable system for Gilchrist residents. Additional legal remedies may exist if system deficiencies are not adequately addressed.

Because wastewater service is essential to every property owner in Gilchrist, the Board believes this issue deserves careful consideration by the community. One option that has been suggested is evaluating whether the GOA's governing documents should be amended to provide greater flexibility in responding to future infrastructure emergencies that directly affect the community. No decisions have been made, and any such proposal would require homeowner input and approval as provided by our governing documents.

We encourage all homeowners to attend the GOA meeting at the end of August to discuss these concerns, ask questions, and provide feedback. The Board wants to hear your thoughts regarding the future of our community's wastewater infrastructure and what steps, if any, should be considered moving forward.

The GOA continues to work hard maintaining roads and other community assets. However, reliable wastewater service is equally important to the health, safety, and viability of our community.

Please take the time to learn about this issue and participate in the discussion.

Thank you,
Bruce Reed
President
Gilchrist Owners Association



Gilchrist Owners Association Web Page

We have an updated web page. If you have not done so, go online to www.gilchristhoa.com and register today.

Minutes, Policies, By-Laws, CCR's and all things pertinent to the Owners Association is there.

www.gilchristhoa.com

Annual Dues:

Annual dues statements are coming. This is how our street lights, insurance, snow removal and road maintenance is paid for.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

As a reminder, any improvements or changes you plan on making to your property, require a review and signatures obtained through the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

Tree removal requires a separate form be filled out and submitted for review and signatures obtained **before** commencement of work to remove the tree(s).

Both of these forms are easily obtained from the left column of the GOA website homepage <http://www.gilchristhoa.com/> as individual downloads.

Customer Appreciation Days

August 25, 2026

4pm to 7:30pm

Crescent Community Club

Meet and Greet Midstate Staff

Learn about your electric cooperative

Exciting member giveaways



As a reminder fire restrictions are in place. No debris or burn barrel use allowed. For further information contact Walker Range at 541-433-2451.

