



## **BARRY'S LETTER FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE:**

**From an environmental perspective, for 2025, Stable View has four areas of focus. First, we're going to focus on Fire Breaks, next, we're going to focus on Hummingbirds, then Monarch Butterflies and Red Cockeyed Woodpeckers (RCW's). We'll continue to provide Kestrel, Blue Bird, and Kill Deer habitats, but we've found that with the existing habitat we provide, they can look after themselves.**

**Regarding Hummingbirds. In 2023, we did very well with Hummingbirds. This was the first year we positioned Hummingbird feeders on the outside of the back of the Pavilion. We had a constant stream of visitors. That was until August of 2023, when bees and wasps found the feeders.**

**In 2024, we had significantly less success, there were days that we had no visitors. As a result, we considered the nectar, habitat, and general environment that we were providing the birds. Hopefully, we've learned some lessons that will assist us during 2025.**

**As with Hummingbirds, our experience with Monarch Butterflies was not good in 2024. At the beginning of 2024, Stable View unfortunately lost our milkweeds. We are in the process of doubling the number of milkweeds for 2025.....watch this space.**

**Our RCW population has approximately doubled each year. Via the replacement of nests and use of controlled burns, Stable View has played its part in the growth of this species. The success of various sustainability programs - including Stable View's - has been an influence regarding RCW's being taken off the endangered list. Stable View's intention is to support local and regional environmental initiatives. We'll keep you up to date with our progress.**