



# CABIN-NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

My fellow cabin owners, the week before the fourth of July we were notified that the Forest Service had run out of water and were working hard to fix the leaks that had drained their tanks. They would not be able to fill their tank in time for the holiday weekend and the campgrounds and Camp Ole would be out of water for the Fourth of July. I called Stan Jasek, our Vice President, and we decided we could help. On June 27 Stan Jasek and Dan Fritz installed a water line from our Los Huecos tank to the Forest Service pump house, a distance of 80 feet or so. We put a back flow device, a meter and shut off valve on the line. We then began filling their tank with a week to go before the fourth.

Within that week, we provided the Forest Service 80,000 gallons of water so the campgrounds and Camp Ole were in good shape for the big weekend. This is just one example of how a cooperative relationship between the Forest Service and cabin owners can work well for everyone.

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## JOIN ROAD CLEAN-UP - AUG. 15

**August 15th** is going to be a fun-filled day on Mount Laguna. We're starting the morning with ROAD CLEAN-UP, fresh air and nice walk on the mountain with friends.

It's free exercise and it helps keep our mountain beautiful. We split into teams and each group takes a small section of Sunrise Hwy between the Visitor's Center and Foster's Lodge. It only takes about an hour. After, we each grab a bag of garbage to take home and dispose of.

### Meet 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Laguna Visitor's Center.

Bring gloves, comfortable shoes, and sunscreen and/or hat. We'll provide the garbage bags.

If you can attend, please let Jane Morley know at [morley20101@earthlink.net](mailto:morley20101@earthlink.net)

Come and join in. You'll burn off some calories before the Wine-A-Bit party begins!

WWW.MTLAGUNA.ORG

## BECOME A MLIA BOARD MEMBER

The Mount Laguna Improvement Association is looking for new board members. We enjoy getting to know the mountain while making new friends and supporting our cabin community.

For information on becoming a board member contact JOHN WALLAR, MLIA President at 949-361-5572 or email to [mwallar@cox.net](mailto:mwallar@cox.net)

TO ALL CABIN OWNERS  
PLAN TO ATTEND

**MLIA**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2009

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

AL BAHR SHRINE CAMP

## WATER METER READINGS

MLIA will be reading the water meters after the annual meeting on Sept. 19th. If you would like to double check our accuracy, please read your own meters at that time as well. Also, it would be appreciated if you would kindly clear any brush around the meter site and/or dig out any dirt from the critters. Thank you.

## WATER MAINTENANCE

Reminder, if you have any problems with the MLIA water system, please report it to Dan Fritz at 619-405-1452 or 619-749-4553.

# FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

**MT. LAGUNA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**  
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY  
FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY 2007  
A 501(C) 3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

## CLEAN UP OR BURN UP!

Thank you to all who have done such a good job reducing fuel around homes, cabins, and businesses. We strongly suggest maintaining the 100-foot clearance around structures as mandated by San Diego County and as required by insurance carriers. The first 30 feet have already been inspected around cabins by the USFS. The remaining 70 feet need to be reduced of fuel but not "moonscaped." The MLFSC continues to have weed whackers, rakes and shovels as well as a truck for you to use to haul leaves and small branches to Camp Ole. Call Hal Ringhand (619-889-2042) for supplies and Hal or John Wallar (949-422-9561) for use of the truck. Camp Ole firefighters request that you deposit leaves and small branches in designated areas between 9:30am and 6pm.

As of July 24, the fire danger on the mountain went from HIGH to VERY HIGH, according to a bulletin from the USFS. At the VERY HIGH level "wood and charcoal fires are allowed ONLY in developed camp grounds and developed picnic areas in designated fire rings." Fire rings and/or old washing machine barrels used as fire pits are NEVER allowed in the cabin area. A fire or bonfire on the mountain, under the right fuel and wind conditions, can spread rapidly through the mountain and into the surrounding communities. It is hard to believe but in October 2008 under EXTREME fire conditions two different groups of visitors set large bonfires. Call the USFS - Fire (619-557-5262) if you observe any real or potential fire danger. Throughout the year, use caution when barbequing. Used barbeque briquettes, coals from fireplaces or stoves need to be placed in a covered metal container. As we experienced in October 2007, visitors buried coals from a barbeque. They smoldered for several days and then caused a fire adjacent to the lower Boiling Springs Road. Check out the USFS website, [www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/) conditions, for updates on the fire danger and accompanying restrictions. We will send out an email when the fire danger reaches EXTREME.

Refrigerator magnets and wallet size cards with emergency numbers - Fire, Sheriff, Paramedics, Border Patrol, SDG&E - are finished. If you did not get yours already, they will be distributed at Fire Safe Council meetings and at the MLIA annual meeting. We will mail magnets and cards to those who did not pick them up after the MLIA meeting. We need everyone on the mountain to be vigilant and to educate his or her guests and visitors of the fire danger. SDG&E requests to be notified if you see a branch over a power line, a downed line even if you are unsure if it is a power line or a telephone line, or an unstable pole. Get the number of the nearest pole and call it in (800-611-7343). SDG&E crews from Buckman Springs have been quick to respond to these calls.

Our 50/50 Dead Tree Removal Program is progressing well; however, funds are rapidly running out. Once our 2009 grant from the USFS through the California Fire Safe Council is finished, we will not be eligible for any more funds from the USFS to use on leased land. Any funds we do receive in the future can only be used on private property. If you have a dead tree that threatens your home or cabin, please contact John Waller (949-422-9561). We thank John for all the time and energy spent on coordinating this program.

We welcome all the new owners on the mountain and thank you for your participation in the MLFSC as well as MLIA activities. If you have questions regarding the Fire Safe Council, please contact me (619-589-1789). Thank you, Dr. Paul Etzel, for hosting our July FSC meeting at the SDSU Mt. Laguna Observatory.

**Our next meetings are scheduled for August 15 and October 17 at 10:00 at the Red Tailed Roost.**

*Our sincerest condolences go out to the Stan Jasek family on the death of their brother-in-law. Stan's sister and her husband were big supporters of our Mount Laguna community and generous contributors to the MLFSC.*

*Pat Deasy-Spinetta, Cabin #1117  
President, Mt. Laguna Fire Safe Council  
619-589-1789 [pspinetta@cox.net](mailto:pspinetta@cox.net)*

Everyone is Invited to...

## Wine A Bit

Saturday, August 15, 2009  
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of food, drink, good friends, and good cheer. Join us in the Burnt Rancheria Tract between cabin 802 & 803. Just follow the signs.

Donation \$10.00 per person.

Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks are provided.

Bring an appetizer and/or bottle of wine to share or, if you'd like, just come out and socialize with friends.

50/50 Drawing will be held at \$1.00 per ticket.

Door Prizes will be raffled off at \$1 per ticket/ 6 for \$5

All proceeds benefit MLIA and the Fire Safe Council.

See you there!

**RSVP to Don & Teresa at 619-420-0829  
or Stan & Cathy at 619-691-1423**

