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SSA Quarterly General Meeting

Birds, Bats, Houses & and Feeders

Presented by Freddy Howell



Las Cumbres Community Center Saturday, January 26

7:00 pm - Refreshments

7:30 pm – SSA Board Elections,
followed by the featured presentation

*Please bring a dessert to share.
SSA will provide hot beverages and soft drinks.*

Join Freddy Howell for a discussion and presentation of bat houses (as a follow up to the last SSA meeting), bird houses, birdfeeders and seed that can attract different birds at different times of year to your yard.

Freddy and her husband John opened the Los Gatos franchise of the Wild Bird Center in Los Gatos in October of 1995. Prior to starting their store, Freddy worked in the construction industry as a contract administrator. John worked in high-tech as an information services manager until October 1999 when he decided Freddy was having much more fun than he was. The Wild Bird Center is also a community resource for bird walks, children's programs and adult education. Together they strive to give their customers the best quality products for their backyard birding experience as well as fun and interesting gift items.

Las Cumbres is located approximately 5 miles south of the intersection of Skyline and Highway 9, on the west side. Follow Las Cumbres Road to the Community Center. Park in the designated places on the left side of the road around the Community Center circle, leaving enough room for a fire truck to get around. Parking is also available on the side of the road up to the tennis courts, and on the circle at the tennis courts.



What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

By Secretary, Judy Grote

- The SSA October **General Meeting** and picnic was held on October 19th at the CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station. Monique Smith Lee (“The Bat Lady”), who works with the California Bat Conservation Fund (www.californiabats.com), was the featured speaker. The next SSA General Meeting in January will feature Freddy Howell, a resident bird expert.
- The October **Skylines Newsletter** was published to the Community and the next newsletter is being developed for distribution in January.
- **Traffic Safety and motorcycle** issues remain a work in progress. A revised document focusing on motorcycle noise was submitted to Senator Simitian. Problems caused by speeding motorcycles will be addressed in the future. We hope for a response soon.
- **CalTrans/Trucks on 84:** A letter to Kempton, director of CalTrans, regarding large trucks on route 84 was drafted for the board to review. It was suggested it be rephrased to include several questions as public officials must respond and answer questions put to them. We will ask the organizations that endorsed our letter to Sartipi to also endorse the letter to Kempton.
- The next **Adopt-a-highway** clean-up is January 19th. The Skyline Historical Association will partner with SSA for clean-up of the area north of SSA, San Mateo County mile marker 4-6. CALTRANS gave its approval for SSA to install trash and recycling cans at Vista Point on Skyline Blvd below Russian Ridge. The cans are now there and trash is periodically collected by Valley Trash.
- **Fire-Safe Corridor along Skyline:** MROSD has not yet finalized their policy statement, but several of their board members support SSA concerns about standing dead trees along the Skyline corridor. CalTrans is responsible for removing dead trees in their right of way. Ray Fox, Area Superintendent for CalTrans has taken responsibility for having the work done before the next fire season.
- **Old Haul Rd: Fire-safe corridor on Old Haul Rd in Alpine-Portola** Neighborhood. The Board is working with the Fire Safe Council to try to hasten the completion of a bridge across the creek so residents below the Alpine-Portola State Park Rd are able to use Old Haul Rd as an escape route in case of fire. Currently, the planning seems stuck in Sacramento. The Fire Safe Council will get back with us in the first week of January 2008 on what they can do and what we as a community need to do.
- **Air Quality:** Several Board members attended the Bay Area Quality Management District workshop. The purpose of this meeting was to gather input on a proposed ordinance from the Bay Area Quality Management Board to forbid burning on Spare the Air days. This is inclusive of rural as well as urban areas. There will be three follow-up meetings after the input (12/10/07 cutoff) is reviewed. See article on page 8, “BAAQMD – Wood-burning Devices”.

The current SSA Board is as follows:

Name	Neighborhood	Board Responsibility
Patti Begley	Highway 9	Communications Committee, Skylines Editor
Barby Bergman	Crazy Pete’s, Rocky Creek	Board Member
Ken Broome	Crazy Pete’s, Rocky Creek	Vice President, Program Committee Chair; SSEPO President
Noelle Cosentino	Indian Rock Ranch	Board Member, Traffic Safety & Motorcycles
Bo Gimbal	Highway 9	Treasurer, interest in Parks
Fred Glover	Southern part of Skyline	Board Member; interest in Land Use policies
Judy Grote	Alpine-Portola	Secretary, Parks, Land Use policies, Fire Safety – Old Haul Rd Fire Safe Corridor
Hertha Harrington	Skylonda	Board Member, Caltrans, Trucks on Hwy 84
Larry Myers	Las Cumbres	Board Member
Ivy Iverson	Las Cumbres	Board Member
Bill Prince	Portola Heights	President, Web Master
Marianne Rose	Longridge Area	Board Member
Ruth Waldhauer	Portola Heights	Membership; SPUG; Communications; Adopt-a-Highway program; Hwy 35 Fire Safe Corridor

SSA Board Elections

The annual SSA Board Elections will take place at the SSA General Meeting on January 26 at 7:30 pm. (See page 1.) There are five board members who will run for another 2-year term: Ken Broome, Ruth Waldhauer, Bo Gimbal, Noelle Constantino, and Hertha Harrington. Those not running for re-election are Marianne Rose and Bill Prince. Bill has served as a board member and President for many years and his contributions to the South Skyline Association are much appreciated.

New Candidates

The three new candidates on the slate for this election are Gary Heit, Gary Gechlik and Christine Jarvis.

Gary Heit:

I have lived on the ridge for 8 years and consider myself a newcomer. My background has given me skills in management, ecology, science, medicine, policy making and a deep appreciation for the natural environment we live and the responsible use of it. I moved out of Skylonda due to the motorcycle noise (urghh!) and now live on the western slope of the ridge. Quiet, wildlife and the work of owning acreage make me appreciate the challenges of living on the ridge and the uniqueness of our lives up here. I am interested or have worked in disaster preparedness, native plant restoration and not cutting my hands off learning to use my Alaskan mill! I would like the opportunity to pay back my new community here in the mountains by serving on the board.

Gary Gechlik:

I have lived on Skyline for about two years. I like Skyline Boulevard because of the sense of openness and community. I think of Skyline as an easy-going place that is fun and exciting. I think most people are reasonable and want to peacefully live together. One of the best parts of being on the mountain is working together towards common goals. My experience with the South Skyline Association is that it brings people together. I believe serving on the SSA board will help me grow to understand the people I live with in this unique community.

Christine Jarvis:

My husband Neil and I along with our two small boys have lived "on" Skyline for 7 years. I am a Realtor with an extensive sales background. I am energetic, enthusiastic and love to network. I'd like to come to the table with some fresh ideas on living a safer, more fulfilling life on the mountain.



Quarterly Report

By Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement with Amerigas, please contact:

Ruth Waldhauer
ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com
650-948-1466

Information is also available on our website at www.southskyline.org.

Recent SPUG prices are:

October	\$2.15/gallon
November	2.39
December	2.49
January	2.68

Now that winter is upon us, we face high propane prices. Do what you can to conserve! The open market price is about \$1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price.

Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices we post are for the first of the month. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 2 cent/gallon discount in addition to the SPUG group price. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will-call" service.

Those whose membership in SSA has lapsed will be disqualified from receiving the benefit of SPUG price for propane. Please use the enclosed membership form to renew your membership.

A New Year's Toast

By Patti Begley



May the tallest trees by your mountain home
Provide you shade on the hills you roam.
May the oaks be filled with a sparrow's "chee chees"
Like a tiny song in the evening breeze.
May you spy through the boughs a red-tailed hawk
And laugh at a blue jay's bossy squawk.
May you stroll under madrones in a wide-brimmed hat
As the birds in those trees, tend to splat.

Skyline Adopt-A-Highway

By Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Historical Society (SHS) has joined with SSA to clean up litter along the section of Skyline Boulevard from San Mateo County mile marker a to 6. Together SSA and SHS did the sweep on November 3. Avid volunteers, Doug Winslow, Robin Pinchard, Art Johnson, Bruce Williamson, Grant Waldron, Robert Bradford and I formed the crew. The area extends from Rapley Ranch Road to a little south of the Skyline Ranch Christmas Tree Farm.

So far there are 35 names on the Honor Role listing those who have participated, a few have been out more than once. We love to get new recruits. Please join us. You will find that it is very rewarding, perhaps even habit forming.

Volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep takes about an hour. A crew of 6 people is ideal. The next scheduled dates are January 19 and March 8. Please volunteer by contacting me at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com or 650-948-1466.

Skyline is our front yard!!! Let's keep it beautiful.



Bruce Williamson, Art Johnson, Robin Pinchard, and Grant Waldron

California Bat Conservation Fund Info

This past October, SSA members and other locals enjoyed a presentation by Monique Smith Lee of the non-profit California Bat Conservation Fund (CBCF). This was a very popular event with standing room only, as Monique gave an outstanding presentation and circulated throughout the room with her "bat ambassadors".

Based on questions asked, we promised to include this follow-up information in the next *Skylines*.

You may reach Monique Smith Lee, schedule a presentation or make a donation through CBCF's website at: www.californiabats.com

Or by writing to:

California Bat Conservation Fund
PO Box 7789
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-7789



Doug Winslow and Robert Bradford

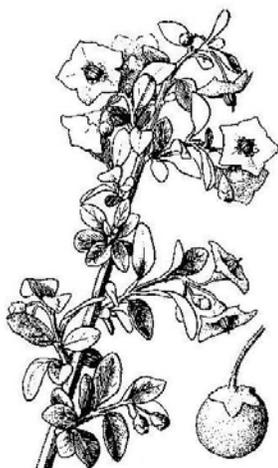
Blue Witch Casts Her Spell

By Sarah Schoen

Walking down a chaparral trail in mid winter, viewing the various shades of gray to green to brown, one guesses how long until spring. Rounding a curve into the warm sunlight is a site for wildflower starved eyes – blue witch. Blue witch (*Solanum umbelliferum*) is a perennial shrub, 2-3 feet tall, that blooms all the way from January to September.

The base of the plant is often woody, with slender, lightly-fuzzy green stems. The alternate gray-green leaves are hairy, elliptical, ½ - 1 inch long.

Flowers are 2/3 – 1” wide with five petals fused into a pinwheel shape. Never too many flowers at once, those in winter have little competition for the attention of people or pollinators. The colors, lavender to blue-purple petals, 5 bright yellow stamen, and, at the base of each petal, two bright green nectar glands often rimmed with white, help to bridge the gap from fall until spring.



When immature, the ½ inch diameter fruit resembles a small green tomato. It ripens to purplish black. The fruit and the plant contain alkaloids, including solanine, the toxic component of green potatoes. But the fruit is distributed by birds, seemingly without harm, and at least one tribe of California Indians reportedly used the fruit as a food source. The name *Solanum* is Latin for “quieting”, referring to the narcotic properties of some members of this very large, mostly tropical genus.

Along with tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, and peppers, blue witch is a member of the nightshade family, Solanaceae. Flowers of these plants may all undergo a process known as “buzz pollination.” Because the anthers have only a small opening at the end, pollen grains do not easily fall out. Bees grasp the anthers and use their indirect flight muscles to rapidly vibrate, causing the pollen grains to fall onto their hairs. Although their wings do not flap, the buzzing noise can be heard some distance away.

Blue witch is found throughout most of western California and into Arizona and Baja California below 5000 feet. It grows in chaparral edges, on road cuts, and in open areas of oak woodlands and mixed evergreen forests.



Elements of a Bird Feeding Station

By Freddy Howell

Bringing birds and other wildlife into your yard can be fun and rewarding. It can be done by planting shrubs, flowers and trees that provide food and cover for the birds. It can also be done by placing feeders and birdbaths within viewing distance of a window that you look through often. Feeders for black oil sunflower and nyjer/thistle will attract house finches, chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, goldfinches as well as the larger jays and woodpeckers. Adding a millet mix on the ground will take care of the quail and all the winter ground feeders such as juncos and our winter sparrows (fox, white-crowned, golden-crowned). When it's cold, suet is very popular as an added source of fat. A peanut feeder will also provide good winter food for the woodpeckers and chickadees.

Birds and other critters need water all year long, especially during dry times. Low, shallow dishes, hanging baths or baths on pedestals all work well. Adding a dripper makes your bath stand out. Cedar waxwings and robins are very fond of the dripping water.

This is the time of year to put up nesting boxes. Chickadees and titmice start looking in January. The appropriate hole size for the little cavity nesters is 1-1/4” to 1-1/2”. As nesting progresses, consider putting out mealworms. The easy source of protein is a great hit with the frazzled parents.

One last reminder, keep your hummingbird feeder up and change the four parts water, one part nectar at least once a week. If it does rain, make sure the nectar does not get diluted. If it freezes, have an extra feeder to swap out for the early birds. Hummingbirds are already nesting and the early morning stop at your feeder really helps Mom get going.

Hiking at Sanborn / Skyline County Park

By Jerry Peters



Sanborn / Skyline County Park has a rich history ranging from the Ohlone Indian culture, through the homesteading era of the 1850's, to the present day. Between 1876 and 1883 the San Jose Water Company developed Lake Ranch into a reservoir. In the early 1900's, two historical properties were built (the Dyer house and the Welch Hurst house), which can still be visited today. The Dyer house is now operated as the Youth Science Institute with exhibits covering the natural diversity of Sanborn / Skyline Park and Santa Clara County. The Welch Hurst house is now operated as a youth hostel.

The lower portion of the park and park headquarters (Ranger Station / Visitor Center) are located on Sanborn Rd. Sanborn Rd. connects to Hwy 9 about two-miles west of Saratoga. Proceed one-mile up the hill to the park entrance. The standard parking fee for SC County parks (\$6.00) will apply. I suggest parking in the Coaston Group area which is the second lot past the entrance. The third lot is for RV camping and their guests.

Before I describe in detail the hike options from the headquarters area of the park, I will mention some other hiking opportunities at Sanborn / Skyline Park not requiring the parking fee. There is a small trail network on the east side of Sanborn Rd. as you go up the steep hill with several turnouts for limited parking (look for park signs). You can also park on Black Rd. (about one-mile down from Skyline Blvd.) at the John Nicholas Trailhead and walk to Lake Ranch. (Note: This hike was previously discussed by Ruth Waldhauer in a previous Skylines edition). Along the east side of Skyline Blvd. there are four trailheads: Indian Rock which is across the street from the Castle Rock SP parking lot, Summit Rock which is about one-mile north of the SP lot, Sanborn Trail (hard to find with very little parking) which is about one-mile south of the SP lot and Sunnyvale Mountain which is about two-miles south of the SP lot. These four trailheads all access the Skyline Trail and are probably the reason for adding Skyline to the parks name.

From the headquarters area there are two trails which travel up the hill, the Sanborn Trail goes all the way and connects to the Skyline Trail and the San Andreas Trail ends at the Sanborn Trail about a mile below the Skyline Trail. My preference is to go up the Sanborn Trail although it is generally steeper. To access the Sanborn Trail, walk past the restrooms and across the grass (usually wet) to the paved service road. You can get a map here at the kiosk. Take the road past the Walk-In Campground and water tank where the pavement turns to gravel. At this point the redwood forest is changing to mixed evergreen and some decent views of the south bay can be enjoyed. Once past the Peterson Trail junction, thankfully, the trail becomes less steep. At two points along this trail there are unmarked junctions. Don't worry, these are either/or situations;

go to the left in each case as this direction is less steep. Appreciate the ruggedness of the terrain as you climb to the San Andreas Trail junction. If you go back now, the loop hike will total to about five-miles and 800 vertical feet. Continue up the Sanborn Trail's rocky terrain for another mile and you will reach the Todd Creek Redwoods. This is an impressive stand of redwood trees surrounded by a Douglas fir forest. There are several large old-growth redwood trees in this very beautiful setting. You will reach the Skyline Trail junction after another half mile of climbing (although you are not close to the highway at this point).

The next decision is which way to go for lunch. If you go to the south, at the end of the trail (2.5-miles) you will have reached Sunnyvale Mountain. This is a former Sunnyvale Municipal Camp which was apparently pretty well-developed before it was abandoned. This is still a nice spot with numerous picnic tables and an impressive stone wall. If you go to the north, at just over two miles, you will reach the Indian Rock Trailhead. Take the trail toward the big rock and you will see many smaller flat sandstone rocks which are quite comfortable for sitting. Don't miss checking out Indian Rock while you are there. After lunch, one must return on the Skyline Trail to the Sanborn Trail junction. From Indian Rock it is the same way you came; from Sunnyvale Mountain, take the road to the left up the hill at the first junction and you can see an old house foundation, a unique large oak tree with concrete blocks placed into the trunk for support and a nice clearing before you rejoin the Skyline Trail. Once you have again reached the Sanborn Trail junction, proceed down through the Todd Redwoods until you reach the San Andreas Trail junction. Take the San Andreas Trail back towards park headquarters. This trail is one of my favorites since it is a single-track hiking trail and was designed with many switchbacks. Toward the bottom, the trail is slightly harder to follow. There are proper signs and with the map you should be able to tell where you are. At the very end, you can take either the Nature Trail or the San Andreas Trail, as they end at the same place. While here in the headquarters area, you will want to check out the Dyer house, the Peterson Grove and the other unique attractions nearby.

Final Note: Taking the hike from the park headquarters up to Skyline Blvd. should be considered a strenuous hike. With the lunch spot options described, the mileage should add up to around 10-miles with a 2000-foot cumulative elevation gain.

South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization Annual Report 2007

By Kenneth R. Broome P.E. . President

Community Emergency Response Training (Cert) Programs

The surrounding communities, Woodside and La Honda in particular, are inviting SSA residents who are concerned to help their families and neighbors during an emergency, to participate in their CERT programs in January at no cost, thanks to support from the Department of Homeland Security. Check the website of the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) at www.smcready.org for dates and locations of their programs or call Barclay Slade, our Operations Director at 408-354-7818.

Medical First Aid Station And Supplies

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) has agreed to have us locate our container of medical supplies at the Ranger Station at the intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Page Mill/ Alpine Roads. In an emergency we will set up a First Aid Station in the Community Room at the Ranger Station, thanks to the efforts of our Medical Services Committee chaired by Bill Fowkes MD and Rich Lee MD.

Communications During An Emergency

We will not be able to rely on either landline or cell phone services following an earthquake or wildfire. All residents are urged to purchase GMRS type radios and to keep them charged at all times. They are available at Radio Shack or Fry's or Big Five Sporting Goods for less than \$75.

This type of radio has an advertised range of two miles under line of sight conditions and should be able to reach the Neighborhood Coordinator (NC) in each group of residences. The NC's will be issued GMRS radios with enhanced antennas able to reach our Operations Center by way of Repeater Stations to be located on high points along the ridge. Tom Anderson, our Director of Communications is currently surveying the area to select the best places for the Repeaters. The Operations Center will be equipped with longer range radios able to reach the OES headquarters in each County.

Wildfire Damage Prevention

Our area may not be as vulnerable as similar terrain in Southern California but under unfavorable conditions of low humidity, easterly winds, and careless people, we could suffer in ways comparable to the fire in the Oakland Hills a few years ago. Every homeowner is urged to comply with the latest official recommendation to clear and maintain at least 100 feet of defensible space around all building structures and to protect or replace any exposed wood surfaces and overhanging eaves or decks. Your insurance company may require such compliance as a condition of renewal of your fire insurance policy. Chuck Schoppe, our Director for Fire Prevention is available to advise anyone who needs to discuss their particular situation. He spent many years as a member of the South Skyline Fire and Rescue service including all their monthly training exercises. His telephone number is 408-867-9229.

Call for Volunteers

Each neighborhood needs a group of people able to ensure coverage at all times. The Neighborhood Coordinator can not be sure of being home when an emergency occurs, and in many situations there could be a need for several volunteers to deal with multiple incidents simultaneously. The principal requirement is attendance at one CERT series of 40 hours spread over several weeks. Qualified volunteers are eligible for liability insurance coverage under County OES and State regulations. Please call Barclay Slade at 408-354-7818 for further information.

Financial

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation was good enough to award SSEPO a third and last grant of \$3000 this year and the members of SSA provided donations of \$1395 so far this year. The bank balance as of October 31st was \$6934.27. About \$6000 is needed for each GMRS Repeater Station. Thank you, members of SSA for your continuing support.

Santa Cruz County Voters Reject Tax Increase for Rural Fire Protection

By George Johnson

The Santa Cruz County CSA 48 Fee Increase ballot measure, which was concluded October 23, 2007, did not pass. Ballots were mailed to 8559 affected Santa Cruz County property owners. The final tally was 3,219 against the increase and 2,960 in favor.

Santa Cruz County Fire is considering a combination of options to reduce the budget in the short term until a long term plan is developed. This could include, reducing staff at county fire stations from three to two in the non-fire season and deferring the replacement of aging fire engines and rescue vehicles.

A good article with more information on this subject is available on line From the Valley Post 11/20/07.

Voters Reject Tax Increase for Rural Fire Protection at www.thevalleypost.com/article.php?id=394

BAAQMD – Wood-burning Devices

Informing mountain residents of new air quality rules that might impact wood burning in our area.

By Ruth Waldhauer

Bay Area Air Quality Management District held a workshop on November 10 regarding “rule development” on the following: Regulation 6 Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions Rule 3, to reduce emissions of harmful Particulate Matter (PM) from wood-burning devices including indoor and outdoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. For more information go to the website at www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/workshops.htm. You may also see the web cast there.

For scientific studies regarding this topic, check Google and Google scholar for “adverse health effects” and “wood smoke”. Scientific findings describe adverse health effect caused by PM 2.5 (small particular matter, about 2.5 microns and less), and PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons). These small particles can bypass nasal and throat filters and penetrate the lungs. Long-term exposure can cause eye and throat irritations, headaches, loss of lung function, bronchitis, heart attacks and premature death. Particles from wood smoke are far more damaging than smoke from cigarettes!

The regulatory proposals are:

6-3-301 Mandatory Solid Fuel Burning Curtailment: No person shall operate (combust wood or solid-fuel products in) any wood-burning device during a curtailment period. (Curtailment period is a “Spare the Air” day.)

6-3-110 Limited Exemption, Natural Gas Unavailability: Wood burning devices in areas where natural gas service is not available, as determined by gas utility service to an area or household, are exempt from requirements of Section 6-3-301.

6-3-111 Limited Exemption, Sole Source of Space Heat: Wood-burning devices relied upon as the sole source of heat (for residential space heating) are exempt from the requirement of Section 6-3-301. A household claiming this exemption cannot contain another means of functioning space heating.

Mary Bordi, Judy Grote, and I attended the meeting. I wish more mountain dwellers were there. Most attendees were from the Valley. As Mary Bordi writes: “No, they weren’t foaming at the mouth radicals, they were kind looking, mostly soft spoken people who are totally clueless about country life OR the ever expanding technology of the efficient wood-burning stoves. More than once, a speaker said that they would love to see all wood burning banned completely.”

Certainly, wood smoke is a problem in urban areas. At the meeting during the presentation, a slide showed locations where EPA air quality standards were exceeded:

Location	Maximum 24-hr (ug/hr)	Days over standard
San Francisco	51	4
Livermore	52	9
Redwood City	75	7
San Jose	62	12

One source of wood smoke in these cities is from restaurants that use wood for their grills. Regulations requiring control of the smoke need to be enacted with financial help offered to restaurants that cannot afford to purchase the needed equipment. It is not clear from the above data, whether emissions from cars and diesel engines are included or excluded.

No data was given for locations in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Given the small population in the Santa Cruz Mountains, wood-burning probably does not contribute significantly to exceeding air quality standards. Of course, in areas like Boulder Creek, or the bowl of La Honda, wood smoke only slowly dissipates. Many residents have cleaner burning US EPA Phase II wood stoves. Those who do not, but burn wood regularly, learn to burn efficiently; hotter with less smoke.

A limited exemption (6-3-110) is proposed for those who do not have natural gas available. Propane is not natural gas. Some SSA areas where associate members live, such as Boulder Creek, are served by natural gas. For a resident to connect to the natural gas line, then buy and install gas heaters, is very expensive. Many cannot afford this. The proposed regulations place a great burden on those least able to afford it. This problem needs to be addressed.

Another proposed limited exemption (6-3-111) is for those with wood as the single source of heat. In San Mateo County, if you live in a home built with a permit in at least the last 30 years, you had to have another source of space heating besides a “wood-burning device” before you could be signed off on the house.

David Theodoropoulos sent us his comments on “green wood”. Proposed regulations will require that only seasoned wood be sold, and labeled with notification of adverse health concerns and mandatory curtailment requirements. Included are both wood and manufactured logs. Everyone who burns wood regularly is well aware that dry, fully-seasoned wood burns hotter, cleaner, and more efficiently than wet wood. The only people who would benefit from having wood certified as being dry are city-dwellers who occasionally burn wood recreationally in their fireplaces. The purchase of “green” firewood in order to season it yourself is a traditional way of saving money. The wood cutter has lower costs because less yard space is needed to store cordwood while seasoning. This proposed regulation needs to be revised.

Future workshops will be held before the policy is put in place. Until then, there is no enforcement or penalty. Our intent is to keep you informed. See www.southskyline.org for announcements of future BAAQMD workshops.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

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Georgia's custom-made & colorful cloth bags, unique totes & more. Visit www.CoastalSeams.com or phone 650-941-1068

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Four Corners on Skyline
Locally owned and operated
(650) 851-0303
8:30AM-9:00PM daily; 7:00PM
(Tuesday)

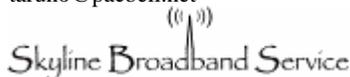
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Licensed Roofing Contractor
in business since 1983.
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References available

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References available upon request.

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Massage & Yoga. Group yoga classes at Kings Mountain Community Center. Massage, energy therapy & private yoga sessions available. Please contact Deborah at 650-851-0891 or pranadancer@yahoo.com

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Skyline Broadband Service

1 Mbps symmetrical broadband is now available in the South Skyline area.
<http://SkylineBroadbandService.com>
650-917-9279

THE CORK'S BEEN POPPED! NOW GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT with **professional tax services** provided by Janice Compton, CPA, who has a Masters in Taxation. Have a Happy New Year & Welcome to 2008. Do you really want to purchase tax software go through the hassle of upgrades to prepare your Form 1040 after or if Congress passed new laws in December? A better solution is to let Janice deal with the new laws & prepare your tax return while you enjoy the beginning of 2008. Start by getting a large envelope or a colorful pocket folder, so it will be noticed & easier to locate, I find red is good, to start collecting your tax information now! When tax information, Form 1099s', year-end statements, arrive put them in the tax folder & you will be a step closer to preparing your taxes.
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SERVICES

The Mountain Terrace
Charming and rustic atmosphere. Now available for private events. Open for wine tasting on Fri., Sat. a Sun. 11:00-4:00. (650) 851-1606

Wild Bird Center, 792 Blossom Hill Rd @ Los Gatos Blvd. Complete line of bird feeders, seed, bird baths and optics. Gift items include wind chimes, books, clothing and jewelry. Exciting things for the holidays. 408/358-9453

Yerba Buena Nursery is your Skyline resource for California Native Plants and advice on how to sustain local wildlife by what you plant in your garden. We offer classes, monthly Tea-Lunches, a Gift Shop and extensive Demonstration Garden. Open Tues-Sat, 9-5.
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taruno@pacbell.net

FREE

Free fire fitting. This fitting will allow the connection of a fire hose to your water supply and can be utilized by the fire department to access the water necessary for fire suppression. South Skyline Fire and Rescue, George 408-354-1401

Pescadero Education Foundation Wine and Food Tasting Event

Sample local wines and gourmet food and enjoy live music and an auction at the Fifth Annual Wine & Food Tasting on Saturday, February 2nd from 4pm to 8pm. This popular event will be held at the fabulous Hill House at Thomas Fogarty Winery with breathtaking views of the Bay Area. All proceeds will go to the La Honda and Pescadero Educational Foundations to benefit local schools. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door and will go on sale in January. For more information go to www.lahondaschools.org or call 650-747-0372

SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION

Box 400, Star Route 2

La Honda, CA 94020

SSA Calendar

General Meeting – January 26 at Las Cumbres Community Center 7:00

Business Meetings at 7:15 pm:

Thurs. February 14

Thurs. March 13

Thurs. April 10

(Call Bill Prince for location and directions)

President Bill Prince 650-917-9279

Editor Patti Begley 408-867-3973

SSA and SPUG Membership

Are you confused because you receive your South Skyline Association (SSA) newsletter but not your propane discount? Are you wondering why Amerigas doesn't have you on the membership list when you talk with them? If so, it's likely that you are not actually a member of SSA and therefore are not eligible to receive propane discounts through the Skyline Propane Users Groups (SPUG).

We provide SSA newsletters to all households in the SSA region, regardless of membership status, so that residents are aware of our activities and events.

To be eligible for SPUG, you must be an SSA member. You can join in one of two ways:

- Read the notice in this issue of *Skylines* and return the form with your check.
- Go to <http://www.southskyline.org> Click on "about SSA" and follow the instructions for sending in your membership. You can also read more about the Skyline Propane Users Group by clicking on "SPUG" at the SSA website.

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Send all ads and articles to: Patti Begley c/o 22400 Skyline Blvd #35, La Honda CA 94020, or SkylinesEditor@earthlink.net.

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