SSA Summer Potluck Picnic
Saturday August 18, 2018 • Jaqua Ranch • Noon – 4:00pm

Zero Waste and Toxics Reduction in the Santa Cruz Mountains
Guest Speaker: Kristine Scully

Please bring an entrée, salad or dessert to share.
SSA will provide plates, utensils, lemonade and soft drinks.

Join us for our annual summer potluck lunch and presentation. Kristine Scully, an environmental consultant, will talk to us about how to reuse, recycle, compost, and reduce our carbon footprint.

This is a general meeting for all SSA members and Skyline residents. We will meet on the shaded patio of the Jaqua Ranch on Langley Road (directions below).

Directions to Jaqua Ranch:
The SSA Meeting will take place at Dick and Ami Jaqua’s ranch on Langley Hill Road.
- From Highway 84, drive south on Skyline Blvd. 4.5 miles.
- From Page Mill Rd. drive north on Skyline Blvd. 3 miles.
- Turn west at Rapley Ranch Road which is across from Thomas Fogarty Winery.
- Follow “SSA Meeting” signs.

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Members Come, Members Go, But SSA Continues to Grow!

With 2018 half over and looking back to the beginning of 2018 we can report our membership continues to grow by significant numbers. At the beginning of 2018 SSA had approximately 1,650 members and at mid-year 2018 approximately 1,830. This growth rate has been the trend for the past few years since I’ve been the Membership Chair. Our growth is principally due to the success of our SPUG program.

Our Board occasionally pauses to ask ourselves if this rate of membership growth is a good thing in that it increases our efforts and costs to communicate with members and manage the SPUG program. But then we remind ourselves of the benefits to the whole Skyline Community resulting from the increased dues, which go primarily to our grant program. The grants we award impact everyone who lives not only within the South Skyline Association boundaries but well beyond when you consider the range of services offered by those organizations supported by these grants.

Additionally, this year SSA is beginning to sponsor some recreational activities, like the line dancing event at the end of July, in keeping with our mission to foster community spirit. So, you can look forward to more fun activities like this in months to come.

Finally, thank you to all members for your support and your patience as we improve our website and other communications. Our association is strong in numbers and spirit because of members’ dedication.

SPUG QUARTERLY REPORT

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement, please email propane@southskyline.org

Information is also available on our website: www.SouthSkyline.org/spug/

SSA has agreements with Amerigas, Kamps, Suburban Propane Scotts Valley, and FerrellGas. The open market price is more than $1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price. Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices SSA posts are for the first of the month. Our SPUG rate is based on a keep-full basis, not will-call service.

You are not required to pay sales tax on propane if you do not have natural gas available where you use propane. If you get your propane from Amerigas, you will need to submit a sales tax exemption form. Contact Amerigas for the form.

Those whose SSA membership has lapsed will be disqualified from receiving the benefit of the SPUG price for propane. Membership can be renewed online at: www.southskyline.org/membership/. To pay by check see article on page 3.

For updated monthly prices go to www.SouthSkyline.org/spug/

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This past April SSFSC co-sponsored the very successful and well attended Wildfire Evacuation Workshop at the SSA General Meeting at Fogarty Winery. We also completed our Spring Chipping event, which had the most number of homes participating since we began this program in 2014. We served 38 homes in 3 counties and chipped almost 100,000 cubic feet of brush.

If you missed our Spring 2018 Chipping Program or did not yet have your piles ready, please sign up for our Fall 2018 Chipping Program. The deadline for applications is October 15, and applications will be accepted on our website starting mid-September.

Our work on the Charcoal Road Fuel Break Project is in its second year and should be completed this summer. It has been a cooperative effort with 7 agencies involved: South Skyline FireSafe Council, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, Santa Clara County Parks, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Cal Fire Santa Clara Unit, Ben Lomond CDCR/CalFire Camp and Civilian Conservation Corps. We are creating a fire break on the east side of Skyline Blvd. that should help to protect dozens of homes between Highway 9 and Page Mill Rd.

Now that fire season is upon us, make sure that the defensible space around your home is adequate and prepare your “go” bags. For more information, fact sheets and action plans see: https://calfire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact_sheets/ReadySetGo_Plan.pdf

SSFSC is seeking new volunteers to help us with our various committees and projects. Committees meet at various times throughout the month. The following committees are quite busy, and can use more help:

- Fire Trail Maintenance
- Strategic Placement of Water Tanks
- Education and Outreach
- Chipping and Home Inspection
- Agency Liaison

The SSFSC board generally meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at various locations. Contact our Board President if you are interested in attending. We encourage community members to get involved and help our council to better serve the community.

For more information and contact information for Board Members, please go to our website at www.southskylinefiresafe.org. SSFSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, so all donations are tax deductible and welcome - please visit the “DONATE” button on our website. And come see our booth at the SSA Summer Picnic at the Jacqua Ranch!

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How to Join/Renew SSA Membership

Annual membership dues of $20.00 are payable in January of each year. If you join after January, dues are not prorated, and benefits will expire at the end of every year. You must be a member to receive the South Skyline Propane User Group (SPUG) discount.

**Pay online:** Go to our website at http://southskyline.org/membership/ 

Online payment can be made via PayPal or credit card. You will be first asked to pay via PayPal. If you prefer to pay by credit card, hit the *No Thanks* button and you will be directed to the credit card options.

**Prefer to pay by check?** Download a current Membership Application from http://southskyline.org/ membership/. Mail the completed application along with a $20.00 check payable to "South Skyline Association" to:

400 Skyline Boulevard,
La Honda, CA 94020.

If you do not have access to the internet or cannot print out the application, please include your name, home address, phone number, email, and propane provider (if you want the SPUG discount).

**Have questions?** Send an email to membership@southskyline.org or write to:

SSA Membership Chairperson
400 Skyline Blvd., La Honda, CA 94020.
Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and Neighborhood Communications
By Pat O’Coffey

Emergency Communications, When All Else Fails

On October 8, 2017 fires began to sweep across multiple counties in Northern California, the start of what would become the most devastating firestorm in California history, in terms of loss of life and property destruction. Forty-four lives were lost and almost 9,000 homes were destroyed. Emergency alert systems failed, or were not used, and traditional communications – cell phones, landlines, internet -- were non-existent. Over 77 cell towers and most landline wires were destroyed. The lack of communication was directly responsible for many of the deaths and much of the destruction that occurred in the days that followed.

Throughout the ordeal, one communication option that helped fill the gap was ham radio operation. HAM radio operators provided invaluable communications at area hospitals, nursing homes, Red Cross shelters and the Emergency Operation Center.

Amateur radio operators INVENTED wireless communications and were a 100 years ahead of the cell phone. HAM Radios are two-way transceivers. Depending on the radio, the antenna and the band being used, HAM Radios have the capability of communication around the world, and even to outer space. To operate a HAM Radio, you must have at least a “Technician” license, which requires the user to pass a written test.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a national corps of volunteer amateur (“HAM”) radio operators dedicated to providing auxiliary communications for disasters, such as the horrific event with our northern neighbors. During an emergency, these ARES operators are activated and provide invaluable information: who needs help and what kind of help is needed, information provided by first responders on evacuation orders, evacuation routes, road closures, etc. For instance, if a major earthquake happens and all traditional communications have been knocked out and roads are closed, it could be impossible for anyone to get in or out of a specific neighborhood. If there are critically wounded people that need help, HAM communications from that neighborhood to the Emergency Operations Center can initiate rescue efforts, such as a helicopter rescue to the scene.

Within the San Francisco Bay Area, there are three levels of ARES organization and leadership. The Santa Clara Valley Section Manager is responsible for the following Bay Area counties: San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey. The District Manager is responsible for a specific county. Because of the diversity of San Mateo County, we have two District Managers: one for Bayside and one for Coastside. In the Coastside District, we have three ARES groups: Half Moon Bay, La Honda and South Skyline, each led by an Emergency Coordinator. As we all know, South Skyline consists of three counties --- San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz. The South Skyline ARES group is unique in that it incorporates HAMs from all three counties into one ARES unit.

South Skyline ARES currently has three major hubs for emergency HAM communications. One is at the MROSD Skyline Field Office, one is within the Castanea Ridge / Portola Heights community and one is at Las Cumbres. Each of these locations is equipped with radios and antennas for long distance communications. A fourth hub is planned at Saratoga-Summit fire house. South Skyline residents are likely to be “cut-off” from our urban neighbors during a disaster, such as a large earthquake or storm. It may be days, or even weeks before emergency services can get to us or to restore normal communication. We will need to depend on each other, our neighbors and our radios.

We have many HAM radio operators within our neighborhoods. The national average is that 1 of 400 is a HAM operator; in our mountains and coastside the ratio is 1 of 40. But, we need more ARES trained HAM operators. If you are interested in becoming a HAM radio operator, visit our website at www.SC4ARC.org. If you are a HAM already and would be interested in joining the South Skyline ARES group, contact Pat O’Coffey, at pat.ocoffey@lahondafire.org.

Emergency Communication Within or Across Neighborhoods: MURS or GMRS Radios

Preparing for an emergency or disaster begins at home and then with your neighborhood. This is especially true for us, where we are likely to be on our own for some period of time. When disaster strikes, we will be relying on our neighbors for help. A key element in responding to an emergency is always effective communication. If phones are still operating, this can be accomplished by having a neighborhood phone tree. But, what if the phones and internet are down? (continued on page 5)
Most of us are not licensed HAM radio operators, so how do we communicate within our neighborhood and with other Skyline neighborhoods when traditional communications fail?

One answer is with what most people call, “walkie-talkie’s”. These types of radios vary widely in terms of how effective they are across distances and in “rough” terrain, such as our environment. One type of radio is the Family Radio Service (FRS) radio. This is typically what your kids play with over very short distances. No license or FCC registration required, but they are not very effective.

The next step up is Multi-Use Radio Service (MURS) radios. Again, no license required, but is limited to 2 watts of power. The community of Las Cumbres has found that MURS radios work well in their environment. However, in neighborhoods where there is a large distance between residences and there are lots of trees, valleys, hills, etc., like Portola Heights, a higher powered, longer distance radio is required. This is the 5 watts General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radio. Officially, a GMRS radio operator is required to obtain a license with the FCC. No test is required, and the cost is $70 for a 10-year term.

A number of South Skyline neighborhoods, such as Portola Heights, Castanea Ridge, Rocky Creek, Monkey Rock, Rosemary Lane and Las Cumbres, have developed an emergency communication infrastructure, which consists of both phone trees and MURS or GMRS radios. This works well within a neighborhood. But, how do we communicate across neighborhoods when the normal options are not available? In contrast to the limited use of FRS and MURS, GMRS radio service allows the use of a repeater system with up to 50 watts of output to extend communications range.

The South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization (SSEPO) conducted signal tests across neighborhoods from Rocky Creek to the Saratoga-Summit fire house and found that with the addition of a GMRS repeater, we could effectively communicate with all the communities within this corridor of Skyline and probably beyond. A repeater is an electronic device that receives a weak or low-level radio signal and retransmits it a higher level or higher power so that the signal can cover longer distances without degradation. Thanks to your generosity, SSEPO received a grant from SSA to purchase a GMRS repeater which will be installed in Portola Heights. The repeater purchased is a commercial product manufactured by Broadcom Communications in the U. S. It will be powered by an on-site, off-grid power system with backup generator and dedicated battery back-up. The antenna will be mounted on a 35 ft. mast. The residence where it will be installed is at 2418 ft. Once installed, additional testing will be done to determine range. It is expected that the range will far exceed the boundaries identified above.

Given the earthquake scenario described above, this GMRS repeater will allow these neighborhoods to communicate with each other about the welfare of their residents. If help is required, we can mobilize local resources to the appropriate area, and if necessary, the HAM operators will then convey this information to the Emergency Operations Center, which can deploy the appropriate emergency services.

SSEPO encourages other neighborhoods to develop a similar communication infrastructure. If you would like help doing so, visit the SSEPO website (www.ssepo.org) for information and contact a SSEPO officer for assistance.

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**The South Skyline Story**

author, Janet Schwind

Almost 20 years of research and work by members of the Skyline Historical Society have gone into this fascinating biography of our Skyline area, richly supported with historic photographs and detailed maps. This book would make a great addition to the library of anyone who loves our Skyline area.

A reader’s comments: “I’ve already poured over the book (couldn’t wait). It’s simply wonderful . . . comprehensive, logically laid out, a pleasure for the eyes, just full of interesting stories. It is simply splendid!” John Harriman, Las Cumbres resident and local realtor.

Your cost is $27.07 incl. tax for local pickup or $34.27 by two-day priority mail to you or your recipient. To order: email chuck_sch@hotmail.com or phone 408-867-9229.
New Castle Rock Entrance to Open in September
by Doug Brown, Vice President Portola and Castle Rock Foundation

For years the Castle Rock parking lot has been quickly filled on weekends and the remaining parking along Skyline is crowded and dangerous. After many years of planning and fund raising, Sempervirens Fund is constructing a new entrance on the old Christmas tree farm land adjacent to the Park. Work started late last summer and Phase 1 is scheduled for completion in September 2018.

The opening of the new entrance, named the Robert C. Kirkwood Entrance after the father of a major project donor, corresponds to the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Castle Rock State Park. To celebrate the two events, Sempervirens Fund is planning an opening day celebration on Sept 29th. The event, which will feature speakers, rock climbing demonstrations, live music, food, tours and education on a variety of volunteer opportunities, will run from 12 to 6 p.m. at the site of the new Castle Rock State Park entrance, 15451 Skyline Blvd., Los Gatos, CA 95033. Volunteers are needed to aid with the festivities, if you are interested, please visit: https://sempervirens.org/castlerock50_pr/

The Portola and Castle Rock Foundation, in cooperation with REI is planning on having a temporary Visitor’s Center/Store at the new entrance. The store will offer merchandise to enhance visitors experience and all profits will go into projects at the park.

Volunteers are needed to help run the store on a part time basis. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact:
info@portolaandcastlerockfound.org
Pancake Breakfast
Thanks to everyone who joined us for a fun time at our pancake breakfast on May 20! About 160 people attended the event. We really enjoyed serving you and we’re glad to have the event back on the calendar.

Another New Engine
Santa Cruz County Fire has taken delivery on two new Type 3 (wildland) fire engines: one for South Skyline, and one for Loma Prieta. This engine has a number of uses, from fighting local wildland fires to providing a vehicle for Cal Fire personnel to staff while all of the other engines in the unit are out of the county. We had Engine 2936 on display at the breakfast. In the two weeks following the breakfast, we spent 3 days at the Hollister off-road park doing training specific to this vehicle.

We hope to have Engine 2936 in service soon. With this engine, the new utility delivered last fall, and the new Type 1 engine delivered in May of 2016, we have completed the replacement of all of our vehicles. Our water tender is now the oldest (from 2011). This is a big investment in our area, and a huge return on Santa Cruz County CSA48 fire district fees and taxes.

Recruiting
We have been actively recruiting for a few months, and we have several potential candidates. We are still looking for more. Anyone who is interested can contact us any time via the website:

http://southskylinefire.org

Midpen Breaks Ground on Public Access to Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve
Los Gatos, CA - The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District ceremoniously broke ground on May 1st in Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, which it plans to open to the public next spring thanks to the support of voters who passed Measure AA. Los Gatos Mayor Rob Rennie and local environmental leaders attended the celebration.

The event kicked-off construction of a parking area on Bear Creek Road, an easy-access path around a historic pond and six miles of trail through forested slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains above Lexington Reservoir. It is the first of several phased public-access projects in Midpen’s plan to restore the 1,432-acre preserve’s natural environment and provide opportunities for the public to connect with nature and discover local history.

People have been drawn to Bear Creek Redwoods for centuries. Native Californians ground acorns in mortar stones still visible there. Since the gold rush, the property has been the site of elaborate estates, logging operations, the West Coast’s first Jesuit school of theology and a century-old horse stable still in use.

Midpen is working to share Bear Creek Redwoods’ layers of local history while restoring the health of its forests and creeks for the many benefits they provide people and wildlife.

Grants from Santa Clara Valley Water District support the removal of harmful non-native plants like English ivy and French broom along the preserve’s creeks. Old logging roads are being regraded or converted into trails to improve water quality by reducing erosion. And Midpen is partnering with researchers to protect the area’s forests from sudden oak death.

Historic pond at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve.
Chamise Deserves A Closer Look
by Sarah Schoen and all photos by David Schoen

Chamise (Adenostoma fasciculatum) is an evergreen shrub, 2 to 12’ tall. It grows commonly in chaparral, and is well-adapted to hot, dry conditions.

Leaves are needle-like, short, thick and leathery, and are less prone to water loss. They grow clusters called fascicles along the branches. The plants are highly branched into straight stems. The bark is reddish on newer stems, gray and shredded on older branches.

Roots are strong and extensive, compared to the size of the plant. They extend well into the topsoil and down into the bedrock, helping reduce erosion. A taproot is also present but is not dominant. The plant stores water and nutrients in these roots, allowing it to grow into the start of the dry season.

Flowers are creamy white, blooming in compact, pyramidal clusters at the ends of the stems locally from May through June. Many are surprised that chamise is a member of the rose family, Rosaceae. But close up, the individual flowers look like tiny white roses. They have 5 sepals, 5 petals, and 10 to 15 stamens.

In summer the plants take on a rusty brown appearance. This is from dried flowers and the bronze, 1-seeded achene fruits. The fruits drop near the plants and are not eaten or dispersed by animals nor spread by the wind.

Chamise is the most common chaparral plant away from the coast. In addition to being drought and heat tolerant, it grows well on low nutrient soils, including the dry, rocky soils of chaparral. To minimize competition from other plants, chamise uses 3 strategies. First, it may use allelopathy, producing toxic compounds which rain wash into the upper soil. This suppresses the root growth of other plants, even its own seedlings. Second it may inhibit growth of other plants by using up water and other soil nutrients they need. Finally, it can shade out other, smaller plants that might grow below it.

Chamise is fire-adapted, even fire-dependent for its survival. The plant is very flammable due to highly resinous compounds (it is also known as greasewood) and low moisture content. Fire in pure chaparral stands commonly occurs every 10 to 30 years. Following a fire, the upper plant is killed, although large branches remain standing. Leaf litter is also removed. Then many individual chamise plants will crown sprout from their basal burls. Individual chamise plants can survive in this way an estimated 100 to 200 years. The hotter the fire, the fewer plants that can survive. Chamise seedlings provide a backup strategy. Fire scarifies seed coats, removes toxic chemicals from the soil, and reduces shade, allowing chamise seedlings to sprout. Seedlings of other plant species also sprout following a fire. Not all survive and diversity is highest for the first 1 to 2 years. Within 10 years after a fire, chamise once again forms dense, mature stands.

New shoot growth is more palatable to rabbits, but deer eat chamise year-round. Synchronized crown sprouting after a fire helps reduce herbivory. Dusky-footed woodrats gather the leaves and bark, storing them in their nests for later consumption.

Chamise was used by native Californians. As a material of construction, unspecified tribes used branches for arrows, fences, ramadas, the wood to make bull roarers (a type of musical instrument), and gum from the plant could be used as glue. For food, the Cahuilla and Coahuilla of southern California ate the seeds, although the preparation method is now unknown. Medicinally, the Cahuilla decocted leaves and branches to bathe infected sores or swollen areas of the body. The Coahuilla made a drink to give to sick cows. The Chumash, near Santa Barbara, made a balm with chamise and animal grease to treat skin ailments. The precise method of preparation was lost. Pharmacologists at USC used the Chumash information to inspire a balm by infusing olive oil with chamise, then thickening the oil with beeswax. They used the balm to produce a clinically proven treatment for eczema and similar skin ailments.

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Adopt-A-Highway
by Jerry Peters

On Monday, May 7th, volunteers Hilary Hart, first-time participant Diana Bell and Jerry Peters met at the Russian Ridge Vista Point at 10 am to gather litter.

The weather was very pleasant while we worked and after an hour we had collected 3 large bags. The amount of cans, bottles and plastic containers was amazingly light and the small crew was grateful.

Cal Trans crews showed up two-times while we were collecting litter to empty the garbage cans; they had also weed-whacked the area below the parking lot. It appears that they have stepped-up their efforts to keep this area cleaner. Hooray!

Photo (left-to right): Diana Bell and Hilary Hart; Jerry Peters took the photo.

SSA & SHS volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep normally takes about an hour and a half. So far over 185 names are on the honor role listing those who have participated. We would love getting some new recruits. Please volunteer once. You will find it both rewarding and fun.

Jerry Peters is the Coordinator of the Adopt-A-Highway project. Contact Jerry if you wish to volunteer. JPontheridge@gmail.com

Free Docent-Led Hikes for August

One of the great benefits of living in the South Skyline area is the opportunity to join Midpeninsula Regional Open Space on their free docent-led hikes that are available here in our own backyard, as well as other areas around the peninsula. There are several hikes scheduled for August.

♦ Sat, 8/4 8:30am to 9:30am: Mount Umunhum: Past and Present at Sierra Azul Preserve, 1 mile.
♦ Sun, 8/5 2:00pm to 4:30pm: Earthquake Hike at Los Trancos Preserve, 2-3 miles.
♦ Wed, 8/8 10:00am to 1:00pm: Scenic Aerobic Hike I at El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve, 4-6 miles.
♦ Sat, 8/11 5:00pm to 10:30pm: Arachnophilia! at Monte Bello Preserve, 4 miles. Reservation required.
♦ Mon, 8/13 9:00am to 12:00pm: Signs of summer at Pulgas Ridge Preserve, 4 miles.
♦ Wed, 8/15 10:30am to 2:30pm: Explorer Hike: Nutmegs of Red Mountain at Long Ridge Preserve, 5 miles.

Check their website for more details and how to register. https://www.openspace.org/what-to-do/calendar

Chamise Deserves A Closer Look (continued from page 8)

Chamise is found in California in the coastal mountains south from Mendocino County, the hills and mountains surrounding the Central Valley, and in southern California into Baja California and southern Nevada below 5000’. It is mainly present in chaparral in pure or mixed stands, but can also occur in woodlands and forests. Pure stands are more common in southern and hot, dry locations. Mixed stands, particularly with manzanita and Ceanothus are more common in northern and relatively wetter locations.
As spring 2018 begins, drought predictions loom, so now is the time for each mountain property to prepare for the upcoming fire season. The 2017 Bear Fire, which threatened hundreds of homes in the South Skyline area and destroyed nearly 400 acres in the Bear Creek Canyon - Lost Valley area, taught us a lot about the value of creating defensible fire safe zones around our home and along roadsides. Equally important, it taught those of us who were evacuated the importance of being registered with emergency alert systems in the different counties that serve mountain communities. With the exception of our local fire fighters, those of us in the South Skyline area were not experienced nor prepared for what to do when the call or door-knock to evacuate came without warning in the middle of the night.

**Wildfire Evacuations are Different**

Wildfire evacuations are ordered by CalFire and executed by the local sheriff’s department (Santa Cruz County Sheriff for the Bear Fire). This protocol is crucial for the safety of residents and responders because fire incidents are often immediate and life-threatening, as wine country residents experienced last fall, and South Skyline residents experienced with the Bear Fire. Firefighters want residents out of the way quickly, so they can focus on fighting the fire and easily move their equipment into and throughout the area.

Mountain residents are served by Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties Offices of Emergency Services depending upon where their property is located. This is important to understand BECAUSE:

- Multiple, overlapping alert methods are used within each County;
- Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties use different alert systems.
- No one system is perfect, nor assures you will get an alert if the emergency is nearby but you are not physically in the evacuation zone.
- Most alert systems require registration and updating by residents.
- You will not get an evacuation or emergency alert via Reverse911 automatically, if you do not have a landline. If you have multiple lines, check with your carrier to know which line is listed in their system for emergency alert calls.

**Register Cell & VoIP Phones for Alerts NOW!**

Residents and businesses with landlines are automatically enrolled in the Reverse911 system. However, **none of the alert systems call cell phones or VoIP landlines UNLESS the phone owner registers their number(s) with the County’s system.**

- In Santa Clara County, register for AlertSCC at [www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home)
- In San Mateo County, register for SMCalert at smcalert@smcgov.org.

**To Receive Emergency Calls if your Cell Phone is in Sleep or Do Not Disturb Mode:**

Change settings to accept calls from the 911 emergency calling numbers:

- For scr911, enter 866-419-5000.
- For AlertSCC enter the County-wide number 408-808-7817; also enter city numbers for Saratoga 408-868-1280 and Los Gatos 408-808-7803.
Community

SC4 Amateur Radio Club Welcomes those interested in amateur radio for emergency communications and neighborly talk. License is free. Simple exam: No Morse code. We offer classes. Visit www.sc4arc.org or write: SC4ARC, PO Box 237, La Honda, CA 94020

Free Fire Fitting for those in the South Skyline Fire & Rescue primary response area. This 2-1/2 inch 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. Please visit http://southskylinefire.org/ for more information under the “Help us help you” section.

Services

Barbara and John Mountain Realtors Residents here for 21 years. We LOVE the mountains—even with all the rain & road closures! John 408-332-4780 Barbara 408-656-8209 With Coldwell Banker You set the pace. We make it easy. john.harriman@cbnorcal.com barbara.harriman@cbnorcal.com Check out our testimonials! www.theharrimanteam.com

The BirdHayes Real Estate Team. Specialists in rural property sales, Karin Bird and Scott Hayes with Alain-Pinel of Woodside. 5 Stars for exceptional results and service on Zillow. We live and work on the mountain. Please visit our website www.BirdHayes.com give us a call at 650-851-8100

C.Stille Excavation On the mountain serving South Skyline Rd / Summit Rd areas for over 30 years. We offer Quarry Supply, Hauling, Paving and most forms of Excavation including defensible space for fire and slide debris removal. You can reach us at 408-781-2731 or get more info through www.ifyoucandreamitwecandigit.com

Dog Days- Award Winning Dog Training Group Classes- Monday evenings in Portola Valley/Ladera. GIFT CERTIFICATES – great for any dog owner! Private Lessons Please call 650 851-5500 (Best) or Email: Dog.days@comcast.net

Hunner Associates General Contractors Local family owned and operated general construction and project management firm specializing in new and remodel residential projects in the San Francisco Mid-Peninsula area. Licensed since 1979, visit our website to learn more: www.hunnerassociates.com or connect by email: info@hunnerassociates.com

Learning Strategies One-on-one tutoring in your home by qualified educators. K-12, all subject areas including test prep ISEE, HSPT, SSAT & SAT, Contact Learning Strategies, www.creative-learning-strategies.com or email victoriaskinner@creative-learning-strategies.com or call 650-747-9651 for a free phone consultation.

Pineda Tree Service Inc. A local and reliable business that specializes in crown thinning & cleaning, hazardous tree removal, poison oak removal, and property cleanup, 24/7 emergency. Free estimate Insured and bonded. CSL#991767. Phone: 650-208-2734 Email: pinedatreeserviceinc@gmail.com

Portola Valley Farmers’ Market Every Thursday, year-round 2-6pm (2-5pm winter) Weekly farmers’ market brings local fruits & veggies, eggs, meat, fish, bakery & specialty foods, crafts and ready-to-eats. 765 Portola Road, PV at town center in front of the Historic Schoolhouse. www.pvfarmersmarket.com

Residential Design: Country and urban custom houses, remodel and additions. 20+ years experience in California. See some of my work at: www.tsvresidential.com - Taruno S. Vega Phone 650-747-0654, email: taruno@coastside.net

Russian Ridge Winery 919 Washington Street, San Carlos. Award winning wines, many Santa Cruz Mountains varietals. Tasting room opens Fridays 5-9 pm and Saturdays/Sundays 12-5 pm.

Skyline Broadband Service Offering high-speed wireless Internet with speeds up to 50 Mbps in much of our 500-square-mile coverage area. http://skylinebroadbandservice.com phone: 650-712-5900

When placing an ad: Please limit each ad to 45 words. Due to many requests, we will attempt to keep a list of ads that will run every issue. However, there is no guarantee that an ad won’t be missed because of our changes in staff. If you want be on the list, make a request to “run until canceled”. It is best to resubmit ads for each issue.

Classified Ads are free to SSA members. Membership is $20 per year. www.southskyline.org/membership/

Email ads to: skylineseditor@yahoo.com
SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION
400 Skyline Blvd.
La Honda, CA 94020

**SSA 2018 CALENDAR**

SSA General Meeting:
Saturday August 18, 2018 at
Jacqua Ranch • 12:00 noon

Board Meetings will be held on:
August 9
September 13
October 11

For locations and more information contact
Michael Rowe rowe517@gmail.com • 408-872-1775

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**Current SSA Board Members**

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Board positions are available. Contact Michael Rowe if interested — rowe517@gmail.com

**Skylines Ads and News Articles:**
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Send all ads and articles to: **SkylinesEditor@yahoo.com**

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