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South Skyline Association General Meeting

South Skyline Summer Picnic and Arts & Crafts Fair

Local Artists and Craftspersons are Invited to
Come and Share Their Talent

Sunday, August 8

Jaqua Ranch

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Pot-Luck Picnic

Bring a potluck dish to share. SSA will provide plates,
utensils, lemonade and soft drinks.

This year the South Skyline Association's July picnic will feature its second exhibition of local arts, crafts, music, and various subjects of interests within the South Skyline community. Some may recall our similar event in July 2003 which was met with great enthusiasm.

We are looking for Skyline residents to share their talents, hobbies, and interests. This is an opportunity for Skyliners to network and share a variety of interests and ideas. Some examples of current and past exhibits are: Artwork, writing, pottery, photography, wine making, emergency preparedness, bird watching, antiques, music, gardening, baking, wood carving, bee keeping ... and more!

There will be no sales at this event. This will be an afternoon for sharing good food and interesting talents amid the beauty of the Jaqua ranch and pond.

Each person entering an exhibit will be responsible for bringing tables, umbrellas, and other equipment needed for setup.

If you would like more information about sharing your talent, hobby, or interest please contact Ruth Waldhauer 650-948-1466 or email ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com.

This event 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. 1.5 miles.

Turn west at the sign for Yerba Buena Nursery which is across from Fogarty Winery. Follow the SSA signs along the unpaved road to the Jaqua Ranch.

Please – no smoking and leave your dogs at home.

What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

By Judy Grote

- The SSA April **General Meeting** was held at the Fogarty Winery on Friday, April 30th. The featured presenter was Kevin Bryant speaking on California Native Plants. Kevin presented plants he discovered in his travels, mainly in California. Membership turnout for this event was ~ 130. Our next General meeting will be the Summer picnic at Jaqua Ranch on Sunday, August 8th. The focus will be a day of sharing arts and crafts of local artists and craftsmen.
- The spring **Skylines Newsletter** was published to the Community. The next newsletter is being developed for distribution on the weekend of July 25th.
- **Santa Clara County Sheriff's Forum:** SSA sponsored this forum. A few more than twenty attended the Sheriffs Candidate Forum meeting at Lakeside School on the evening of May 3. Though Sheriff Smith could not attend, the other two candidates - Richard Calderon and Martin Monika - both gave opening and closing statements and responded to a number of questions from the audience.
- **Fire Safe Council:** Received an exempt (501(c)3 status. The council passed a list of objectives, a budget, and a reimbursement plan for chipping, masticator for homeowner defensible space plus fuels reduction work to the communities' access roads. The focus this past quarter was getting defensible space chipping lined up for the Lower Alpine-Portola-Middleton neighborhood. A very full day of chipping was scheduled. The contractor had a very big chipper which made the chipping go quickly between 08:30- to early evening on 6/10/10. The next chipping days, supported by the grant, will focus on Skyline Blvd in September.

- **Land Use Planning & Building Permits:** SSA will sponsor a meeting for State Parks to present to the membership on a Castle Rock trails and road plan in the fall. The meeting objective is to inform the community on a Castle Rock plan update and to solicit input and concerns from the community.
- **Public Works:** Work is about to start on repairing SR 9 where it was undermined by the creek and was reduced to one-way traffic. The work will take several months to complete. The other work on SR 9 is being done by AT&T installing underground telephone cable. CALTRANS is objecting to putting signs to SR 17 at the intersection of SR35 and Black Road because Black Road is maintained by Santa Clara County and is not a State Highway. We are working with both agencies to resolve the matter.
- **SSA Board Member Opening:** One of the SSA Board members has resigned, so there is an opening on the board. Anyone interested in serving please contact SSA President Fred Glover 408-354-7121

Visitors are welcome at Board meetings. Please check the website for meeting dates. Meeting minutes and agendas are also on www.southskyline.org.

Mark Your Calendars for the Fall SSA General Meeting: Trails in Castle Rock

State Parks Representatives will hold a meeting to solicit input from neighbors of Castle Rock Park about their wants and recommendations for trails in this park. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 2 pm at the Saratoga Summit Fire Station. In the meantime questionnaires are available at the Park kiosk and from rangers.

The current SSA Board is as follows:

Name	Neighborhood	Board Responsibility
Patti Begley	Highway 9	Communications Committee; Skylines Editor
Open	Open	Open (Public Safety would be good)
Ken Broome	Crazy Pete's, Rocky Creek	SSEPO Treasurer; Public Works; Adopt-a-Highway
Bo Gimbal	Highway 9	Treasurer; Parks
Fred Glover	Southern part of Skyline	President; Land Use policies
Gary Gechlik	Highway 35	Vice President; Programs Chair; BAAQMD
Jer Granucci	Skylonda	Secretary; Membership Services
Judy Grote	Alpine-Portola	Parks, Land Use policies; Fire Safety – Old Haul Rd Fire Safe Corridor; SSFSC
Karim Khaldi	Highway 35	Public Safety
Kim Hamilton	Oakridge	Public Works
Frances Mann-Craik	Highway 35	Public Works
Larry Myers	Las Cumbres	Public Safety
Ruth Waldhauer	Portola Heights	Membership; SPUG; Communications; Adopt-a-Highway program; Hwy 35 Fire Safe Corridor





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, Kamps Propane, or Suburban Propane, please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com, or 650-948-1466. Information is also available on our website at www.southskyline.org.

Recent SPUG prices with Amerigas/San Jose are:

January	\$2.29/gallon
1/14/10	2.55
February	2.40
March	2.40
April	1.94
May	1.94
June	1.94

Recent SPUG prices offered by Suburban Propane are:

January	\$2.29/gallon
1/14/10	2.55
February	2.40
March	2.36
April	2.14
May	2.14
June	1.96

Recent Kamps Propane SPUG prices are:

January	\$2.48
1/14/10	2.75
February	2.43
March	2.43
April	2.07
May	2.12
June	1.96

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. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will-call" service. Some propane suppliers offer members 55 years of age or older a 2 cent/gallon discount in addition to the SPUG group price.

Those whose membership in SSA has lapsed will be disqualified from receiving the benefit of SPUG price for propane.

Defensible Space and Fuel Reduction Progress

By Dick Schwind

The free defensible space chipping programs is in full swing in all three counties. NOW is the time to finish your defensible space and roadside fuel reduction efforts. We don't expect these free defensible space programs to continue much past the end of the year, if that long. Contact these South Skyline FireSafe Council volunteers to get into these programs:

- ✓ South of Rte 9 to Bear Creek Rd: Ken MacLean 354-5636, kenymac@verizon.net
- ✓ Las Cumbres: John Drew 395-9955, [<johndrew@msn.com>](mailto:johndrew@msn.com)
- ✓ Rte 9 and north (starting Aug 1): Dick Schwind 408-867-9422 [<schwindr@yahoo.com>](mailto:schwindr@yahoo.com)

These three will get you in touch with your local coordinator who will handle the details with the appropriate group doing the chipping.

Your donations to the SSFSC (South Skyline FireSafe Council) are being used to help defray roadside fuel reduction efforts. Contact the above volunteers for more information. Much has been and is being accomplished along these lines in our South Skyline community, such as:

- Defensible space chipping in Middleton Tract (SMFSC, volunteer Judy Grote)
- Imminent defensible space chipping for central Skyline & Rte 9 (SCFSC, Jim Craik)
- Defensible space chipping in Las Cumbres (SCRC, John Drew)
- Defensible space chipping for Skyline south of Rte 9 (SCFSC, Ken MacLean)
- Fuel Reduction on trails and escape roads by Cal Fire with CDC crew in Las Cumbres and Indian Rock Ranch
- Fuel Reduction along Skyline Blvd by CalTrans and Cal Fire with CDC crew.

Adopt-a-Highway

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to pick up litter along our adopted stretch of Skyline Blvd. Volunteers are always needed. If interested in signing on to help, **contact Ken Broome at 650-529-1810 or e-mail at broome.assoc@gmail.com.**



Douglas-Firs Oversee Skyline

By Sarah Schoen

For the 50th article in this series, I wanted to pick something big. And then it struck me – why not the second tallest conifer in the world, coast Douglas-fir?



Along the Pacific, coast Douglas-firs (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* var. *menziesii*) grow to 125, 200, 300 feet or more. They can live 500 to 600 years or, very rarely, over 1000 years. Because they reach 90% of their full height in 70 years or so, age is better gauged by trunk diameter at chest height. One reference estimated 3-4 foot diameter at 150-200 years, 4-8 foot diameter at 200-375 years, and 9 foot diameter at 435 years. Of course growing conditions add to the uncertainty. Only coast redwoods are taller. The tallest living Douglas-fir, in Coos Co.

Oregon, stands at 329 feet, while the tallest coast redwood in Redwood National Park stands at 375 feet.

Douglas-firs are not true firs like members of the *Abies* genus, such as white fir and red fir. They are all members of the Pine family Pinaceae, but Douglas-firs are most closely related to hemlocks of the genus *Tsuga*. Because of this, the common name is hyphenated and the genus name, *Pseudotsuga*, means false hemlock. Douglas-fir bark is brown and resinous when young, brown and corky with deep irregular fissures when older. The bark patterns help distinguish them from coast redwoods, which have fibrous reddish brown bark with parallel vertical grooves.

Douglas-fir stems droop downward while upper branches are uplifted, giving an overall erect appearance. When the trees are young, they have a pyramidal shape. As they age, lower branches are eventually shaded out and drop off, giving the trees an overall more conical shape.

Needles are flat, 3/4 to 1 and 3/4 inches long and joined to the stem by a short, twisted stalk. They are arranged all along the stem like a bottle brush. The coast Douglas-fir needles are green to yellow-green, with two whitish bands of stomata on the underneath. Although evergreen, nothing is forever, and individual needles are shed about every 8 years, mostly in the fall.

Douglas-firs are most easily identified by their cones. There are separate female seed cones and much smaller male pollen cones. Seed cones are 2-4" long, brown to reddish-brown and pendant. They have numerous rounded scales. The distinguishing features are 3-lobed bracts, long and thin, and not fused to the scales. The bracts resemble the

hind quarters of a hiding mouse, with the hind legs and tail protruding. Douglas-firs start producing cones at age 20 to 30 years. They are pollinated April to June and ripen the same year late summer to early fall. There are 2 winged seeds per scale and 26-50 seeds per cone. Seeds are primarily dispersed by wind and gravity a short distance from the tree. Cones are produced most years, with heavy crops every 5-7 years.



California Indians had many uses for Douglas-fir, primarily medicinal and in construction. An infusion of new needle growth was used to treat colds and tuberculosis. In sweatshouses, an herbal steam from heated boughs was used to treat rheumatism. Bows and arrows were exposed to smoke as a charm so hunters would not be detected by deer. Thin roots were used in basketry – woven around frames of hazel or willow. Branches were used to fashion shafts for salmon harpoons and dip net poles. Fallen logs were made into planks for houses. The presence of Douglas-fir was felt all the way to the South Pacific, with Hawaiians using driftwood logs to fashion war canoes.

Before the arrival of the Europeans, Douglas-fir old growth forests rivaled those of coast redwoods, with similar animal species and diversity. Douglas-fir became and remains the primary source of lumber in the western United States. Old growth forests are now very limited in distribution in the Pacific Northwest. According to one source, it takes at least 200 years for Douglas-fir forests to begin to take on old growth characteristics of a Douglas-fir over story with smaller trees of other species underneath and about one half as tall.

Douglas fir are very adaptable to different climates and are found in more different types of forests than any other western tree species, from rainforests to the edges of meadows and chaparral. This is in part due to an association between their roots and mycorrhizal fungi. The fungal hyphae form mats on new root growth and produce a hormone that causes root tips to branch. This increases the root surface area and the tree's ability to absorb water and minerals. The mycorrhizal fungi also protect against parasitic root fungi. In turn, the mycorrhizal fungi obtain sugar and vitamins from the tree.

Douglas-fir has limited fire adaptations. Young trees are consumed by fire, while older trees have thicker bark to protect from heat and no lower branches to provide a fuel ladder. Areas with infrequent, but catastrophic fires (every 200-1000 years) select for old growth Douglas-fir, while areas more frequent, less intensive fires (every multiple decades) select for mixed evergreen forests. In areas habitable to both coast redwoods and Douglas-fir, fire, flood, and mudslides select for coast redwoods over Douglas-fir. Unlike coast redwoods, Douglas-firs do not stump sprout after fires or put up new shallow roots after floods or

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Santa Cruz / San Mateo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan

By George Johnson

The Santa Cruz / San Mateo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan was completed in May 2010 and is available for review. The plan provides a good reference for understanding the wildfire environment we live in and also provides recommendations that both individuals and community groups can take to improve our safety. As stated in the plan executive summary:

The risk of significant wildfire exists in both San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties. The San Mateo - Santa Cruz County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) attempts to identify those hazards, as seen across the landscape, and provide strategies to mitigate wildfire risk and restore healthier, more resilient ecosystems while protecting life and property. A CWPP also serves as a tool for the accrual of grant funding to aid in the implementation wildfire prevention projects.

A web link to the plan is located on the home page of the Santa Cruz County Fire web site at <http://santacruzcountyfire.com/>

There is also a link to the Santa Cruz County Fire web site located in the Links section of the South Skyline Fire & Rescue web site <http://www.southskylinefire.org/>

It looks like our wet Spring is over and that the warm weather of Summer is finally on the way. The additional rain has also provided for an abundance of grass and weeds this year resulting in the need for multiple cuttings. I hope your home wildfire defensible space is in good shape, or well along in the process. Don't let the cool, wet, Spring cause you to think you should let down your defenses. The best time to react to a fire is before it occurs. Our prime wildfire time is in the month of October.

You can substantially increase the chance of their home surviving a wildfire by following these fire safe practices:

- Maintain the recommended "defensible" space by clearing vegetation
- Clean all needles and leaves from roof, eaves, and gutters.
- Trim tree limbs within 10 feet of your chimney and trim all dead limbs hanging over the house and garage.
- Cover chimney outlet or flue with a spark arresting ½ inch mesh screen.
- Make sure the address of the house is clearly visible for easy identification in an emergency and have proper road and driveway access.
- Make sure there is an adequate water supply.
- Stack woodpiles at least 30 feet from buildings, fences, and other combustible materials.
- Clear all vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath decks. Enclose the underside of elevated decks with fire resistive materials.

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mudslides. Douglas-fir is a pioneer species. Following a fire, plants germinate in mineral soil with partial shade. Once roots reach deeper and soil moisture is less critical, the trees need full sun.

Animals use Douglas-fir for food and shelter. Deer browse new needle growth and young saplings. Small mammals, including gray squirrels, cache and eat the seeds. During winter, birds, including juncos, also eat the seeds. Cavity nesting birds, such as pileated woodpeckers, use trees over 100 years old to raise their young. Douglas-fir beetles (*Dendroctonus pseudotsugae*) bore into weakened trees to create an egg gallery. They bring with them the blue-stain fungus that blocks adjacent water-conducting channels. This keeps the tree's resin, its main chemical defense, from flooding the chambers and drowning the beetles.

Douglas-firs are one of the most common trees in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The coastal variety ranges from British Columbia south along the coastal range to Monterey County and along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada south to Fresno County. A shorter close relative, blue Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* var. *glauca*) grows in the Rocky Mountains. In the South Skyline area, Douglas fir can also be found in pure stands or upslope in redwood forests. However, they most commonly grow in association with other trees in a mixed evergreen forest. These include tanbark oak, California bay laurel, Pacific madrone, coast live oak, and canyon live oak. Locally, it appears the Douglas-fir are moving in and thriving. This may be due in part to fire suppression over the last 100 years or more.

Summer Fire Incidents

There were two fire incidents in the South Skyline area this July. A small wildfire near Skyline Blvd. and Highway 9 was contained in a few hours. According to the Mercury News a marijuana grow was discovered in this area.

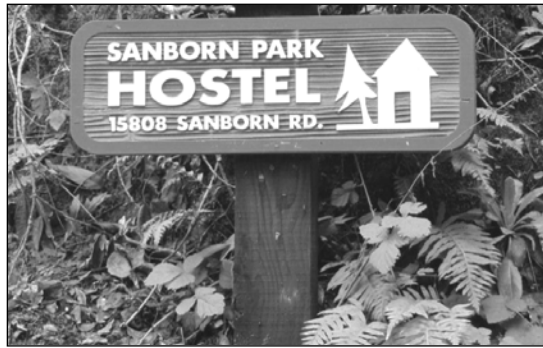
A house fire occurred about a mile from the Page Mill Rd. intersection of Skyline Blvd. Unfortunately the house was not saved, but firefighters did keep the fire from spreading. In both cases firefighters attacked the fire on the ground and from the air. There were no injuries in either fire.

As the summer gets hotter and the grass drier, these are grim reminders that fire is a serious danger in our mountains.



Welch Hurst Hostel Closes

By Eric Isacson



The AYH hostel in Sanborn Skyline County Park closed on June 14. It had been established more than 30 years ago in large part to avoid the County demolishing Welch Hurst, the historic building in which it operated.

Welch Hurst was built by Judge J. R. Welch in 1908-12 as his place to enjoy his beloved Santa Cruz Mountains. Judge Welch is often credited with being the father of Skyline Blvd. He was one of the first and most ardent advocates for opening the Santa Cruz Mountains to the public for their enjoyment. He wrote beautiful prose describing the Mountains in the San Jose newspaper and traveled throughout the State advocating for the building of Skyline Blvd. His story is included in the skyline history book now in final editing and soon to be published under SSA sponsorship.

In his passion for the Mountains Judge Welch purchased many small parcels putting together much of what we know today as Sanborn Skyline County Park. He owned Castle Rock as well and made it available for visitors to enjoy. His heirs intended that it be made a memorial to him but this did not come to pass for various reasons.

When the County eventually acquired the lands, Welch Hurst was in poor condition and likely to be demolished. A group of volunteers stepped in, leased the building, made necessary repairs and operated it as a hostel until this June.

Walden West is located adjacent to Welch Hurst. Its manager had hoped they could take it over for use in their environmental education programs. However the building is in such poor condition that it is unsafe for use by children. It might cost as much as \$1 million to make the necessary repairs.

The County Parks Department currently plans to close up the building, install intrusion and fire alarms and has made arrangements to have a caretaker live on the premises. These measures will at least preserve Welch Hurst in its current state.

The County will decide what to do with Welch Hurst after it conducts a planned study of all unused buildings in all

county parks this summer. Presumably that study will also include another building of some historic interest in Sanborn Park, the Pick Laboratories. While the Laboratories are quite interesting and have some historic value County Parks' stewardship has allowed them to suffer severe damage due to vandalism.

Welch Hurst is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. While such a listing does not prevent an owner from tearing down a historic building it does give it some priority for Federal historic restoration funding and possibly some relief from modern building codes.

Because Judge Welch is an important part of Skyline history and Welch Hurst is the only remaining legacy of his contribution to the community we enjoy today the SSA Board is writing a letter to the County expressing our interest in Welch Hurst and urging them to preserve it until funds for proper restoration might become available.

Take a Hike...

Upper Wunderlich Park

By Ruth Waldhauer

Redwoods once covered most of Wunderlich Park. These forests, part of Rancho Canada de Raimundo, were heavily logged during the 1850s and 1860s. After the timber was cut, some of the lower hills were cleared for farming, but on the steeper mountainsides redwoods began to grow once again.

Parking for this hike is on the west side of Skyline Boulevard just north of the intersection with Bear Gulch East. Cross to the east side of Skyline to get on the Skyline Trail heading south and east. Walking along, note the size of the stumps of the old trees of the virgin forest. After 2 miles you will arrive at "The Crossroads" where The Skyline and Alambique trails meet. You are now in one of the coolest canyons of the park, a delightful woody destination for a hot day. You may hear deer crashing through the brush, but no sounds of civilization reach you.

Follow the Alambique Creek Trail back to Skyline Boulevard, about 2.4 mile and a good hour's walk to the top. Alambique, which is the Spanish word for "still", reportedly was the site of a distillery in the logging days. This part of the trail winds in and out of ravines which support sword fern and woodwardia, the 4-foot tall, feathery chain fern. In the grove of big redwoods near the summit is an old loading platform from which logs were put on wagons for the mills below. As the trail goes through the cuts for power lines, you have a fine view northward to San Bruno Mountain, the San Francisco skyline and Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County. Just beyond here is the gate to Skyline Boulevard at Bear Gulch Road. Follow the trail connection going north, the Ridge/Skyline Trail, to the convenient parking spot.



Emergency Preparedness In The Santa Cruz Mountains

By Ken Broome, President SSEPO

It is difficult to imagine the situation that will follow a major disaster like a major earthquake or wildfire that overwhelms the availability of our professional first responders in CALFIRE and the County Sherriff's Departments. The probable lack of basic utility services like electricity and telephones only makes the situation worse. Even cell phones that depend on electricity powered local repeater stations will probably not be in operation.

All this means that in the South Skyline Area – we will be mainly dependent on our own resources – particularly since the area's Professional First Responders will deal first with problems in the more densely populated areas where they can do the most good.

The South Skyline Emergency Preparedness organization was formed early in 2002 by Irene Long following the 9/11 disaster which showed how vulnerable even the most stable and iconic buildings like the World Trade Center could be leveled in minutes by a few determined terrorists.

Our efforts to date have been mainly focused on establishing a First Aid Center with a container of essential medical supplies and equipment at the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District's Skyline Ranger Station at the intersection of Alpine Road and Skyline Blvd. We are much appreciative of the efforts of Dr. William Fowkes and Dr. Rich Lee in providing the professional expertise and disaster relief experience needed to establish such capability.

The other major activity that SSEPO has been working on is to organize an emergency communications system that will enable SSA residents to get help when they most need it. Sherry Niswander and Peggy Wargo have established a system in the Portola Heights Neighborhood that is based on small groups of about five residences in each group that use a telephone tree under normal circumstances but are within walking distance if necessary. In addition each residence is advised to use GMRS radios to reach their Neighborhood Coordinator for help in obtaining Search and Rescue and Medical Assistance or to request assistance in Fire Fighting.

The Neighborhood Coordinators will then either use HAM Radios themselves to reach the SSEPO Operations Center or will have access to a nearby licensed HAM Radio Operator who will pass on any requests for help.

Locating the SSEPO Operations Center is still a work in progress. The present concept is to locate it in an Office Trailer at or close to the MROSD Skyline Ranger Station and the SSEPO First Aid Post, and to equip it with the necessary HAM Radio Gear to communicate both with each neighborhood and with each County Office of Emergency Services. The Operations Center would

also be able to contact nearby operators of heavy lifting equipment to remove collapsed buildings that have trapped the occupants and dirt moving equipment to deal with landslides. The Operations Center would also relay calls to the CALFIRE Fire Stations and County Sherriff's Departments.

SSEPO has also organized several CERT Training sessions for local residents to help them get prepared for all types of emergencies in their own homes and referred local residents to CERT Training Sessions in nearby communities.

In addition to continuing all of the activities described above, the SSEPO is exploring ways to work more closely with the recently formed South Skyline FireSafe council that is helping the residents and public agency land owners reduce the risk of wildfires in our heavily wooded mountainous environment.

We greatly appreciate the financial support that SSA Members have provided since our founding in 2002. We now have more than \$15,000 available to pay for an Emergency Operations Office Trailer and the necessary communications equipment.

What we are always in need of however are new volunteers to replace those who have become exhausted by years of service to our community. Please contact Barclay Slade 408-354-7818 if you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Coordinator or myself at 650-529-1810 if you would be willing to serve as a member of the Board of Directors in either an administrative or professional capacity.

500 Bicyclists Expected on August 1

The Tour de Peninsula bike ride will be held on Sunday August 1. The ride benefits the San Mateo County Parks Foundation and Bicycle Sunday -- car-free biking on Canada Rd.

The route includes Kings Mt Rd, Skyline, West Old La Honda Road and Highway 84. Approximately 500 riders are expected to register for this route. Riders are expected to be staggered on the route from 8 AM-noon.

For more information, people can visit www.SupportParks.org/tdp/ or call Julia Bott at 650.321.5812.





Theatre in the Woods Presents Alice in Wonderland

We are proud to present our 9th annual Theatre in the Woods production, Lewis Carroll's beloved classic ALICE IN WONDERLAND. You are invited to join us for an experience like none other (that we know of!), where you actually get to follow Alice herself down the rabbit hole, across the pool of tears, under the Caterpillar's mushroom, beside the Cheshire Cat, amid the Mad Hatter's tea-party, beyond the Queen of Hearts' croquet-ground, past the garden of live flowers, opposite Tweedledum and Tweedledee, and more!

August 1, 2010 - September 19, 2010
Saturdays & Sundays @ 1:00pm
Come picnic from 12pm - 1pm!

\$25 General Admission
\$20 Seniors, Students/Children (ages 10 and up are encouraged to attend), TBA Members
\$15 July 31 Preview
Tickets & Info: www.atmostheatre.com

Kings Creek Truck Trail Fuel Break Grant Request

By Eric Isacson

As reported in the last issue of Skylines, the South Skyline Fire Safe Council (SSFSC) (<http://www.southskylinefiresafe.org/>) worked with several other agencies to submit a grant application for creating a fuel break and emergency access route over the Kings Creek Truck Trail (KCTT). It would serve as a major ridge-top line-of-defense in the wildland triangle formed by Skyline Blvd., Highway 9, and Bear Creek Road. It was originally proposed by Cal Fire to improve fire protection for homes in Las Cumbres, along Skyline Blvd. and in other neighborhoods.

Unfortunately the grant application was not funded. Preference was given to smaller projects, and those identified in an approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Only 39 out of 205 applications were funded.

At the time the grant application was submitted, the CWPP was still in draft form. It has since been approved by the Boards of Supervisors of both Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties.

http://www.santacruzcountyfire.com/resource_mgmt/2010-05-01_cwpp_final_draft.pdf.

The SSFSC is considering revising and resubmitting the grant application, possibly under a different funding program. The project may be divided into two phases, allowing for smaller grant requests and delay of the 2nd phase if necessary.

Many thanks to all who offered funds and labor and helped prepare our part of the grant request. The SSFSC will continue to need your help as we reapply and try different funding programs.

Classified Ads

FREE

Free Douglas Fir fire wood.

Several cords, 5" to 30" dia. in 5' long logs. Easy access. Can cut at my place or take as logs. I cut down green trees Feb. 2010. Contact me at ghj.2904@gmail.com

FREE Two 29 lb propane tanks: one full, the second partially full.

408-867-6244 bookercreek@gmail.com

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, web site, <http://www.southskylinefire.org/> in the "Help us help you" section.

FREE

Free honeybee swarm removal. If you have a big clump of bees (softball to football size) hanging from a tree or other structure, I will happily relocate them to a hive. Call 650-291-1926. Note: if the bees have nested in a structure, I can take a look, but can't make any guarantees.



Classified Ads

FOR SALE

Georgia's Homesewns: Several varieties of bags, pillowcases and other fabric goods & gifts. Made in South Skyline region. Phone 650-941-1068 or visit <http://www.CoastalSeams.com>

CLUBS & EVENTS

The 2nd annual Sully's to Surf race is coming up on Saturday July 31st. The race starts in La Honda and ends in San Gregorio. Run, bike, walk or??? It is wild and wacky and last year fun was had by all. We invite all our mountain neighbors to join the extravaganza. For race and registration info go to www.SullivansLaHonda.com

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

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