

MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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It's been one heck-of-a winter!

This is our Spring newsletter but the winter we had is hard to ignore. I received many wonderful photos from cabin owners, more than I can use in this issue. I plan to use others in our next MLIA newsletter.

The photos cabin owners shared are placed throughout this newsletter for you to enjoy!

Thank you for sending your photos!



Craig Badgett

President's Report

Frank Kalinoski

Well this year, 2019, is certainly different than this time last year, when it was dry and warm and the Forest Service had a contractor tearing up the forest removing dead trees. Now it is cold and snowy and rainy and the forest is quiet. This should be a great spring with all the rain. I can't wait to see what will be revealed when things warm up.

Please consider attending the NFH Annual Conference being held May 3rd and 4th at The Dana on Mission Bay if you can afford the time, effort and expense. This is the first time the NFH Conference has been held in San Diego. Mount Laguna Improvement Association is an official sponsor of the meeting and it would be wonderful for MLIA to have a big turnout. Give it some thought to make the effort.

You will be able to see for yourself what your NFH annual
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Save the Date!

MLIA Board Meeting

Sat April 6

9:00 – 11:00 am
Community Center
(The Haven)

ChiliFest Social

Sat April 13

RSVP NOW!
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NFH Conference
May 3rd & 4th

Full conference information on page 3

President' Report, *continued*

dues supports. You will have an opportunity to meet members of both the NFH and US Forest Service leadership. You will be able meet and get to know cabin owners from all over and from neighboring forests. When they discover that you can visit your cabin almost year round, they can be quite envious of our wonderful opportunity to enjoy the forest often and fairly easily.

Remember the Chariot Fire in 2013 that burned down almost all of the Shrine Camp and 10 cabins? After five years of litigation the Shriners have finally settled with the Forest Service. We are going to be discussing with the Cleveland NF environmental folks what their plans are for the official decommissioning of the Shrine Camp and what we can do to secure access, power and water for the remaining Shrine Tract cabins. Bob Heiar, the Descanso District Ranger, is committed to a win-win solution.

Over the past two years, I think we have had about twenty-four cabins change hands. Recently Cal



Cal & Linda Turner

and Linda Turner (#583 El Centro Tract) sold their cabin. They have had the pleasure of enjoying their cabin for over 40 years. Cal has been a leader on Mount Laguna and the MLIA (Director, President, host of the Oktoberfest, and other efforts to make the MLIA a viable organization. He really helped me when I became president of our organization. This will be a huge loss for our mountain community, but we all must move on. Their leaving is an indication that things are changing as the old stalwarts leave and make room for the new generation.

Remember to mark your calendars for the ChiliFest on Saturday April 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Mt. Laguna Community Center (Sunrise Hwy and Desert Overlook). This is the official kickoff for our MLIA "social season". You get to show up with some Chili or other fixins and some beer or wine and a chair and a smile and meet your fellow cabin owners (new and old). And if you are game, you can enter a Chili dish to see who gets to win the honors of best Chili on the mountain for 2019.

See you on the mountain!
Frank



Richard Willis



Craig Badgett

Cabin Advocacy: A Community Approach **2019 National Forest Homeowners Annual Conference**

Friday and Saturday, May 3– 4, 2019
The Dana on Mission Bay
1710 West Mission Bay Drive

All MLIA cabin owners are members of the National Forest Homeowners, the key advocacy organization for the 14,000 recreational cabin owners across the country. The benefits we have received from NFH membership include the Cabin Fee Act (which reduced our annual cabin fees), the cabin insurance program, and most important, a cohesive voice to represent forest cabin owners with the Forest Service.

This is your opportunity to meet and talk with cabin owners from across the country. Many Forest Service officials will be at the meeting to both talk to us and listen to us including a Q & A panel. This direct communication has many benefits for all cabin owners including our on-going efforts to increase the consistency of cabin regulation by the Forest Service.



*Trina
Wiener*

It is critically important we keep our interests and needs in front of the Forest Service, and this NFH Conference is an excellent place to do it.

As the largest local group of cabin owners, the MLIA will be a sponsor of this meeting. We strongly encourage as many of our members as possible to register for NFH Conference and attend as many of the sessions as possible. We also need volunteers to host at the MLIA table.

For registration and meeting details go to the NFH website at
<https://www.nationalforesthowners.org/page/SanDiego2019>

The cost is \$175 for the 2-day event. (One day options available.) It starts late Friday morning. There is a social hour on Friday at 5:00 pm and a luncheon on Saturday. The event will have many interesting and helpful break-out sessions to attend.

Thanks and we hope to see you there.

Brock Houston, Director MLIA

Frank Kalinoski, President MLIA

MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

CHILI FEST SOCIAL

All MLIA Cabin Owners,
Private Property Owners, LMVA,
Visitors and Guests
Are Invited.



Saturday, April 13

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Mt. Laguna
Community Center
(The Haven)**

Sunrise Highway at the
Desert Overlook turnoff.

**\$10.00 Gift Card or
Cash Donation
Per Person**



**Good Food!
Good Neighbors!
Lots of Fun!**

**Bring your favorite Chili, Cornbread,
Salad or Dessert to share.**

Vote for this year's "Best Chili."

**Hand made craft items welcome for our
"Opportunity Drawing."**

MLIA will supply drinks, plates, utensils and cups.
Bring your chili in a crockpot to keep it warm and
serving utensils for your dish.

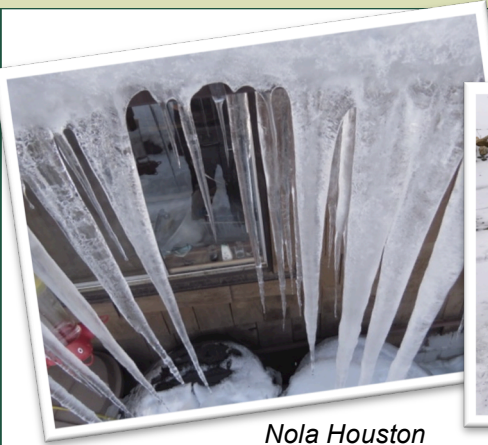
Please bring a chair or two for seating.

*San Diego County Regulations allow only Service Animals at
functions serving food. No pets, please.*

**RSVP to Kerry Anderson so we have a head
count and know who's bringing what!**

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Nola Houston



Carl Sessions



Tina Pivonka

Our Cabin Access

A drive by inspection of Upper & Lower Boiling Springs, Escondido Ravine, and Burnt Rancheria cabin access roads took place Saturday March 16 after several significant rain and snow events.

There are notable access areas needing significant repair. They are listed here by cabin number near the needed repair.

- Cabin 1113 has a significant hole still filled with water.
- Cabin 1129 and beyond has significant drainage damage from runoff that splits the access in half.
- Cabins 1114 and beyond and cabins 1134 - 761 have significant drainage damage from runoff.
- The drainage culverts just north of cabin 797 continues to need reinforcement to prevent a washout of the access.

- Cabin 805 at the south entrance to Burnt Rancheria is seriously washed out and unable to be accessed by other than a high profile vehicle.

Interestingly, from cabin 813 to the bottom of Escondido Ravine, someone has brought in material to create water bars the full length of access leading to cabin 977.

It may be time for this committee to inquire with the Forest Service about assistance they might provide the MLIA in its effort to rehabilitate and maintain cabin access for medical and emergency vehicles.

Take it slow on the rutted access as you proceed to your cabins. Your car's suspension will thank you!

Carl Sessions, MLIA VP
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Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Saturday, April 6 11:30 am

Volunteers meet at the Mt Laguna Community Center (church) for sign-ups and road assignments. A light Bar-B-Que will follow at the Sessions' cabin for the cleanup crew. We look forward to your participation!

MOUNT LAGUNA FIRE SAFETY

Doug Reed, President MLFSC

All the snowfall was wonderful, but it is time to start spring and enjoy the warm weather. Springtime cleanup for cabin owners will get help from a brush disposal site provided by the US Forest Service. It is just south of Thing Road in the same location as last year. The Fire Safe Council will also provide a dumpster for leaves, grass cuttings and pine cones at this location. Please see Tom at the Store for a key to access the site. Keys must be returned immediately upon leaving the site.

Our meetings for 2019 begin on April 20th at 10:00am at the Red-Tailed Roost. The meetings will continue to be on the third Saturday of each month through November. There will be no FSC meeting in September due to the MLIA Annual Meeting on the 21st. The November meeting will include any elections for the FSC board.

Thanks to the Mount Laguna Community, US Forest Service and the MLIA for their continued support of the Fire Safe Council.

Hope to see everyone on the mountain!

Mount Laguna UCSD HPWREN Camera

<http://hpwren.ucsd.edu/cameras/>



February 21, 2019, 5:15pm
View East



February 22, 2019, 7:30 am
View North

MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1935 the Mount Laguna Improvement Association acts as liaison between the cabin owners and Forest Service addressing water, roads, and wood removal.

MLIA website

www.mtlaguna.org

Need a contact for the Forest Service or the Sheriff's department?

Look on:

<https://mtlaguna.org/contacts/>



*Craig
Badgett*

Rite of Spring . . .
heading out on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Keep MLIA Current!

Send updated contact info to

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Water line problems or questions?

Let Dan know.

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