

CABIN NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening

Saturday, September 17th **MLIA 60th Annual Meeting**
10:00am – 12:00pm
Red-Tailed Roost
See page 3 for details

Saturday, October 15th **Fall Food Fest**
Comfort food bonanza
Watch for flyer with details

Saturday, November 5th **MLIA Board Meeting**
10:00 am -12:00 pm
Location to be announced



President's News

Surprise! Surprise! We are going to have our **MLIA Annual meeting** in person at the Red-Tailed Roost this year! **Saturday, September 17th at 10AM is the place to be.**

For the past two years we have had to use Zoom to accomplish this annual feat. Our Secretary, Joanne Odenthal, found a way to do so much electronically and she deserves many thanks for her efforts. With this experience behind us, we will be doing things some electronically and some manually this year. I know it can be a chore [for some] to trek up to the mountain for the Annual Meeting, but please put this event on your calendar and try to make it to the Red-Tailed Roost on Sunrise Highway. We want to see your smiling faces. We want you to enjoy the company of your fellow cabin owners. You really are quite a select group of people.

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President's News, *continued*

The **water system** continues to function well. The well is pumping okay and the water level is remaining constant. We pump water a few days a week [at night] to keep the water in the storage tanks turned over. The monthly bacteriological samples have all come back as Absent. Dan has been notified of a few leaks and they have been fixed. One leak in a 2 inch distribution line happened by tree roots putting pressure on a fitting which caused it to crack. We will be reading the cabin water meters in September so that the annual bills can be sent out in October. San Diego County has officially handed over its oversight of the county's small water systems to the state to save money. We will see how that works out.

We had quite an interesting **MLIA Quarterly Board meeting on August 8th**. It was held outside at cabin 505. Cabin owners were invited and a few showed up to witness our proceedings. Everybody brought a chair and participated in the shade of an old oak tree. It is amazing how a particular topic or problem is viewed by different people! Besides the usual business, we discussed compensation for Dan Fritz, our water operator, job descriptions for our Officers and Directors, the formation of a Nominating Committee, the election ballot for the Annual meeting, and planning for the Annual meeting. Then we had social time with sandwiches and snacks afterward.

This organization is going through a change. We have two Directors resigning, Brock Houston and Dennis Wilkerson, due to health reasons and change of lifestyle. Bunny Krall, Cabin 584, and Elizabeth Dunn, Cabin 608, are interested and will be on the ballot as for Director.



Last year our longtime Treasurer, Karen Motta, resigned because she sold her cabin. Newly elected Director Mary Ladewig stepped up to fill Karen's position and she is doing a fine job and bringing some of our old practices into this century.

Our hard-working Social Director, Kerry Anderson, will be stepping aside at the end of this year. So, we need some one or some ones to help plan our social gatherings that so many enjoy.

Next year I will be resigning as President. After 10 years, it is time to step aside and let someone else lead. I bring this up because Officers are elected from the Board of Directors. So next year you will need to elect one new President and one new Director, at least. This is why our Vice-President, Carl Sessions, has formed a Nominating Committee to enable us to recruit replacements.

*This is your organization and now is the time to consider how you can be of some help. It really is not difficult. It takes some of your *time* and some of your *effort* to get involved. Besides, if you try and don't like it, you can quit [no questions asked]! And, if you try it and like it, then you will be *challenged and rewarded*. It is quite a wonderful group of hard working and concerned folks who keep this organization going.*

See you on the mountain!!

Frank

MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PO Box 91, Mt. LAGUNA, CA 91948

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 60TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
TO BE HELD AT 10:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022.**

The meeting will be held in person at the Red-Tailed Roost
on Sunrise Highway.

The meeting is for the following general purposes:

- ◆ General Business Operation
- ◆ Secretary's Report
- ◆ Financial Report
- ◆ President's Report 2021-2022
- ◆ Current Water System Activity
- ◆ Transact such other business as may properly be brought
before the meeting
- ◆ Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors



All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Instructions for voting and the reports listed above will be sent
electronically in advance of the meeting.

~ What to Know for the Annual Meeting ~

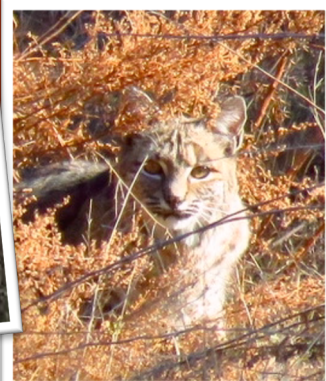
Sent by email on September 3rd

- Ballot for Directors
- Candidate statements

To be sent by email on September 6th

- Agenda
- Director and committee reports
- Minutes of MLIA 2021 Annual meeting

MLIA financial statements will be sent prior to the
meeting upon completion of review.



Director Nominations Coming Up

I have agreed to Chair this Committee, along with current board members, with the sole purpose of not only filling vacant board positions but finding the best of the best within our community to provide leadership and innovation for the future. Recently Dennis Wilkinson and Brock Houston, both, valued, long term members, tendered their resignations to the Board and will step down. We thank them for their friendship and service during their valued time on our Board.

The Committee was fortunate to find two volunteers, in Bunny Krall and Elizabeth Dunn, who we believe will help guide us as a community organization into the future with new ideas and a strong sense of direction. Their

statements will be presented to you during the voting process prior to and during the upcoming Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17th. Please vote!!

We want to thank Bunny and Elizabeth for stepping up and request your vote for Director of the MLIA Board.

Carl Sessions
VP-MLIA

Annual MLIA Fee Bills

Don't be surprised if you see Dan Fritz or one of the MLIA board members out reading your water meter in the next few weeks. The annual MLIA invoices are scheduled to be issued on October 1st. The invoice includes membership to MLIA and NFH (National Forest Homeowners), your water usage for 2021/2022, a capital assessment and an operating fee.

All invoices must be paid no later than 30 days after the invoice date.

Late payments are subject to penalty fees.

Watch for the bills in your postal mail. If you have a new address that hasn't been reported to MLIA please update your information by requesting a [contact update](mailto:MLIAcabins@gmail.com) form at MLIAcabins@gmail.com.

Remember that payments not made by December 31st may lead to suspension of water service. Also, please remember we are all volunteers and it takes time and energy to process late payments.

Thanks,
Mary Ladewig,
MLIA Treasurer

NFH Serves Cabin Owners Nationwide

Hello Mount Laguna Cabin Owners!

Here are a few items of interest from the National Forest Homeowners this time around.

The NFH Fall Forum will be held October 1st in Boise, Idaho. Unlike the Annual Meeting which runs a good part of a weekend, the Fall Forums are half-day events located in different areas of the West. For the most part they are attended by cabin owners and Forest Service personnel from that region. It will be held at The Riverside Hotel from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Cost is \$30 (until September 16th) for NFH members (which we all are). Details about the meeting are on the NFH website.

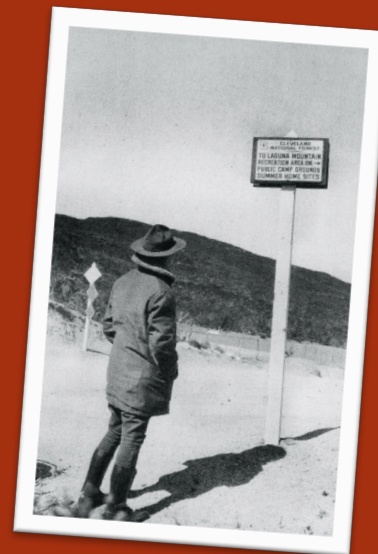
NFH Economic Benefit Study – As an advocate for National Forest cabin owners, the NFH strives to emphasize our value to the National Forest Service and the communities in and around the National Forests. The Economic Benefit Study was undertaken to determine and publicize the financial value that the recreational cabin program generates in local communities. These benefits include the money we spend on recreational activities, taxes, fees, cabin maintenance and improvements, and support of local businesses. It also includes the additional indirect economic activity stimulated by our activities.

The preliminary results show that nationally the 13,800 cabins “spend” over \$4 Billion (yes, Billion) each year in the local economies. More data on the study, including a video, is on the NFH website.

Finally, this will be my last report on the NFH program. After nearly 12 years on the MLIA board I am stepping down. Nola and I will remain cabin owners and continue to use our cabin as many months as possible during the year.

Being active on the board is an excellent, rewarding (and painless) way to be involved on the mountain. You will meet many cabin owners and get a much better understanding of the issues and solutions regarding cabin ownership. I strongly encourage anyone who may have an interest in serving on the board to contact any board member to learn more.

*Thanks everyone!
Brock Houston,
Cabin 807*



Early access to the mountain was from Kitchen Creek wagon road.

Laguna Mountain History

Car navigating the ‘new Laguna Road’ in 1920. Originally a 12’ wide single track road built for \$39,078.32!



“Images of America, Cleveland National Forest” by James Newland. Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p 57

Working Together for Fire Safety

The **September MLFSC meeting** will be a part of the MLIA annual cabin owners' meeting and is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 am at the Roost. The regular FSC meetings will finish out the season on October 15th and November 19th at 10:00 am at the Roost. Our annual elections will be held at the November 19th meeting. If you are interested in a Board position or Director position, please contact me at the email below.

The Forest Service and Cal-Fire inspections are complete and I hope you have received your reports by email or in the mail. Please complete any remedial work listed on your report as soon as possible. This helps to reduce the wildfire fuels in our beautiful forest and community.

Now would be a good time to **plan to harden your cabin or home against wildfire**. You can start with installing 1/8" steel screening on all house vents and openings. And adding 1/8" screening under your decks, if they are not enclosed already, to help stop the spread of fire embers. We will have more information on home hardening ideas at the MLIA annual meeting.

Thanks to the US Forest Service, the community only brush pile and leaf dumpster at Camp Ole will continue to be open for our use 7 days a week from 9:30am to 5:30pm. These hours and days of operation may change during the fall season and we will send out an announcement when there is a change in operation.

Please follow these rules when using the leaf dumpster and brush pile:

- The dumpster is for leaves, grass/weed cuttings, pine needles and pine cones only. Unload to the back and up to the edge of the dumpster first. **No bags and no trash.**
- The brush pile is for native shrubs, brush and branches up to a maximum of 6" in diameter only. Unload toward the back of the brush pile first.
- Please keep the site clean, and no trash, bags or construction debris is allowed at this site.
- This site is for Mt Laguna community members only, no contractors allowed.
- Follow the signs that are posted to and from the brush pile and dumpster only, no entering of any buildings and drive slowly while in the Fire Station.
- While on this Government facility, COVID-19 precaution masks are required to be worn at all times.

Cabin Access Plans

The long-awaited community road drag is nearing reality thanks to recent efforts by Dan Fritz, our Water Master, and our President, Frank Kalinoski. I had hoped for a picture to send to you but some minor flaws remain to be ironed out. It will be coming to a road near you in the very near future!

I do plan to reach out to previous volunteer "road captains" within each tract to verify your continued interest and to put together a plan of action for the upcoming rain/snow season. If any of you wish to be a part in your access improvement and maintenance or have issues that need to be addressed, please call or write me.

Carl Sessions, VP-MLIA
(619) 571-2284
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Fire safe equipment available for community members:

1. Gas powered weed whackers, trimmer and pole saw for \$20/1 or 2 day to use.
2. Pick-up truck to use for hauling approved debris to and from Camp Ole only, for a \$20/day donation.
3. Gas powered wood splitter for \$30/day to use.

Please contact one of our equipment managers, Jack Splinter @ 858-472-4368 or Richard Willis @ 619-990-1404, for availability and to schedule the equipment usage.

Thank you to those members who donated to the MLFSC in the past. If you wish to make a contribution t(may be tax deductible to the Fire Safe Council, please mail your check to:

Mt. Laguna Fire Safe Council
P O Box 292
Mount Laguna, CA 91948

How about a party?

MLIA is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our Social events.

We usually have four events a year. A back up crew of knowledgeable and experienced cabin owners comes together to work with Kerry to make the events come to life. We just need someone to coordinate us!!

Have questions? Talk to Kerry.
Want to lead the band? Talk to Kerry!
(928) 503-7965



Speaking of cleanup and roads . . .

Sunrise Highway cleanup party!

Saturday, September 17th at 1:00 pm.
Meet at the Desert View parking area.

Let Arthur know you will be there.
(619) 457-2317

Snacks and cold drinks after at Desert
View for all participants.



Mount Laguna Improvement Association

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

mtlaguna.org

Water Maintenance

Please report any problems
with the MLIA
water system to

Dan Fritz
(619) 405-1452.

New Email? Phone? Address? Let Us Know!

Send changes to

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