

# CABIN NEWSLETTER

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## MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### The Pres' Sez . . .

*by Frank Kalinoski*



It looks like 2022 got us closer to some kind of normalcy. We had a successful in-person Annual Meeting in the Red-Tailed Roost in September, instead of Zoom. We also have two new Directors, Bunny Krall and Elizabeth Dunn. Both are enthusiastically jumping into their roles and that is much appreciated.

I took the opportunity to give Bunny, husband Dan and Elizabeth on a guided tour of our water system. They had lots of good questions and hopefully did not go away too confused. They are both interested in creating an updated map of our water system, either physical or electronic. This will certainly help in the future.

Dan and I are busy locating and marking the major water lines in our system so that if we do have a major distribution problem we will know where to look instead

### Coming Up

#### Board Meeting

Saturday, February 4  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Via Zoom

#### Chili Fest

Saturday, April 15  
2:00 - 6:00 pm

Mt. Laguna  
Community Center  
(The Haven)

Watch for flyer!

Want to be more social?  
See page 6!



of guessing. The water system appears to be in good shape. The water level at the well is steady. The water tanks are full. We do not have any major leaks or mechanical problems. The monthly bacteriological water samples came back from the lab as Absent.

Dan and I are still working on a "permanent" solution to the water supply for the remaining seven Shrine Tract cabins in the old Shrine Camp. We are attempting to connect to the Laguna campground water supply via some old Shrine Camp infrastructure. The problem is the Forest Service is adverse to any ground disturbance. It is a slow process but we are making progress despite the hurdles.

The Forest Service has finally removed all physical traces of the former Shrine Camp. Too bad they did not think it important to leave some historical reference to the Shrine Camp that had been there almost 100 years.

The Forest Service is working on establishing an alternative access to the Shrine Camp tract cabins from the Laguna Campground.

Our Treasurer, Mary, is still laid up recuperating from a broken foot, but she is still on the job collecting the annual dues/fees. *For those few who are delinquent in their payments: please make an effort to meet your obligations as members of the MLIA.* The invoices are sent out every year in October. If you do not receive an invoice then, you need to contact MLIA to find out why.

We do have occasional difficulties communicating with cabin owners due to address changes or ownership changes or responsible party changes. If you are having difficulties, please communicate with Mary to explain your situation so that we are aware of what is going on. Mary and the Board take these annual payments seriously and non-payment has consequences.

## The Prez . . .

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Likewise, The Forest Service sends out their annual billings in November. If you do not receive an e-mail or letter with your USFS annual fee bill, you must contact the Forest Service as soon as possible.

The Fall Fest hosted by Joe and Joanie at #554 was an adventure. It rained - hard!! This has not happened before. So, we all moved inside and enjoyed our food and our close company.

Looks like we will have a ChiliFest on April 15. We still want someone to take Kerry Anderson's role as popular Social Coordinator. Members enjoy these events so much and there is great value in our social gatherings. Take a look on page 5 for more information about this.

Despite the weather you have to appreciate the mountain and everything it can throw at you. We seem to be having a cold, wet winter, which will surely help the forest. And grow more weeds to cut down next Spring.

Do not forget to "winterize your cabin. Shut off the water at the meter. Drain your water lines in your cabin. The last thing you want is a leak due to a broken water line caused by frozen water.

*See you on the Mountain!!*  
*Frank*





## Winter Cabin Safety

During this winter, it is a good time to check your heater and fireplace flues and dampers for proper operation and that they are free of any obstructions and soot build-up. Test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries if they are older than one year. Please check your detector manual for requirements to replace batteries.



As a reminder, SDG&E will set-up power Community Resource Centers (CRC) during a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) or an emergency evacuation of our community. Check the SDG&E website for exact locations of these charging stations. The SDG&E website shows these CRC locations, outage maps, weather reports, area cameras and power shutdown status. Be sure to sign up for weather and power outage warnings and alerts to your cell phone and email through your SDG&E online account.

## ~ News from Mt Laguna Fire Safe Council ~

Happy New Year to All!

The MLFSC annual elections were held at this year's November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The results of this election and the Board and Directors from now until the November 2023 election are:

President – Doug Reed  
Vice President – Joe Cochran  
Treasurer – Tom McNicol  
Secretary – Meg Moore  
Directors – Mike Jacobs, Tina Pivonka and Richard Willis

*Congratulations to each of you and thanks for your commitment and hard work.*

The brush pile and dumpster at Camp Ole has **NEW hours of operation, 9:30am to 4:30pm.** Our access to Camp Ole is subject to closure due to bad weather and/or bad road conditions. Please follow the rules for using the brush pile and keep this area clean. The last dumpster will be removed as soon as conditions allow. Please check if it is there before you plan to do any clean-up. We will bring in a new dumpster next spring.

As discussed at our last meeting, our existing CD has matured and has been rolled over into

a new 14 month CD at a 4.35% APY. Additional money from the checking account has also been moved into this new CD. The April 2023 financial report will reflect these changes.

Thank you to all who made donations to the MLFSC this year. This money will support our 2023 operations and expenses.

Please continue to contact our Equipment Managers, Richard Willis (619-990-1404) or Jack Splinter (858-472-4368), to schedule your usage of the MLFSC equipment.

Our next MLFSC meeting will be on April 15, 2023. This date, time and location to be confirmed at a later date. We will send out an email with the details.

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

Have a wonderful and safe winter!

*Doug Reed, President MLFSC,  
ohio0411hotmail.com*



# Roads, roads . . .



Many hands make light work!

## Boiling Springs Repairs

Joe Cook lent his expertise in wall building to repair the road section shown in the photos. Four cabin owners participated in the work part,

We are seeking a road captain for the Burnt Rancheria Tract. Road captains set up work parties with local cabin owners to do maintenance and needed repairs. Please let Carl know you are interested.

Carl Sessions  
VP MLIA  
619-571-2284

Before



After



## Sunrise Highway Clean-up

We had a wonderful turnout for Adopt a Highway on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Many hands made light work of our Highway section. Everyone enjoyed some snacks and light lunch after. Lots of great conversations!

Bunny and Dan Krall recently completed a Road Clean-up after late December snow. They were really saddened at the disrespect shown to the Forest by the “snow-play” visitors. The Krall’s picked up a lot of large items between Cabin 572 and the Visitor’s Center. Lots of broken sleds, coffee cups and misc. trash items.

Thanks, Dan and Bunny!

The next Clean-up event will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm after the Board Meeting. We will meet-up in the Desert View day use area to divide into our clean-up sections. We will have refreshments immediately after!

We really appreciated the support for the September clean up and the Kralls’ December road clean.

*Denise and Arthur*



## Hello fellow cabin owners!

My name is Bunny Krall and I am a new Director to the MLIA Board.

My husband, Dan, and I purchased our cabin in August, 2021 after spending many nights at our friends Mt Laguna cabin and years of camping at the local camp grounds. We love the serenity and hiking that Mt Laguna has to offer and were attracted to the feeling of “community” among cabin owners.



I look forward to meeting each of you. Recently, I personally called each of you who bought a cabin within the past two years, listened to your feedback and provided it to the Board. I’ve been engaged for a short time, but see the dedication and hard-work displayed by MLIA Board members and volunteers.

I had the opportunity to be given a tour of our water system by Frank, MLIA President. The monitoring and work that is done on a weekly basis by Dan and Frank to ensure that clean/safe water flows to our cabins is more than I ever imagined. I will never take water to our cabin for granted again!

In my Director’ role, I will be our liaison to the National Forest Homeowners Association (NFH). Frank and I attended a ZOOM call with the NFH leadership team in November. NFH is the voice of the cabin owners in Washington. We discussed:

- Cabin Association Economic Benefit Survey - How cabin owners positively impact the local economy. (The results are on the NFH website).
- Cabin Fee Act - 80-85% of Forest Service monies will be allocated back to the local forests beginning in 2025.
- Permit Renewal – The Cleveland National Forest is due to re-issue cabin permits in 2028. This will rapidly approach and it is going to take ALL of us to prepare.

Please check out the National Forest Homeowners Association website at <https://www.nationalforesthowners.org>. It is full of valuable information and resources. You can pose questions on the community forum and hear back from other cabin owners and NFH leaders. The National Conference is May 5 &6, 2022, Lake Tahoe, CA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions on how MLIA can better serve you or how you might be able to become involved – we welcome volunteers.

Bunny  
ekrall415@cox.net

## Welcome to the mountain!

Please welcome the Schaefer family, Kevin and Erin, Jack (24), Mitchell (16), Allyson (13), and Evelynne (10) to the mountain. Kevin shared that they have enjoyed Mount Laguna over the past 15 years, as their main residence is in nearby Alpine. They had been looking for a cabin for quite a while, and when cabin 326 became available, it was the right fit for their family.

All are very excited to be part of the Mt. Laguna community. Kevin says “the cabin provides dedicated family time as we enjoy the mountain, hiking, biking, wildlife watching, and just a place to decompress from our everyday routines.”

Kevin shared a bit more detail about his family. Kevin is retired from the Navy after over 20 years of service and currently is a small business owner. He has a passion for the outdoors with many off-road motor sport activities, fishing and boating. Erin is involved in commercial real estate, property management, and is a small business owner. She is engaged in her community with a passion for baking, enjoying the outdoors, hiking and snow skiing.

Jack lives in LA and works for IBM. Mitchell is involved with cross country, soccer and track at his high school. His passion is fishing. Allyson attends school in Alpine, is a Girl Scout and enjoys babysitting. She shares a passion with her mother for baking and enjoys playing soccer. Ev (Evelynne) also attends school in Alpine and is a Girl Scout. Her passions are horseback riding, dance and soccer.

### Bunny Krall



MLIA thanks Kerry Anderson for all her service in helping MLIA cabin owners have a good time!

Kerry has led cabin volunteers in creating our social events for the last several years. These social times have been phenomenal creating a sense of community among cabin owners and Mt Laguna residents. Kerry has identified that it's time to retire from her role and we are seeking folks to come together to create one or more social events.

It is a great way to be engaged with and meet neighbors, and a chance to bring your party ideas forward.

Interested?

Contact Bunny Krall (MLIA Director)  
at [ekrall415@cox.net](mailto:ekrall415@cox.net) or (858)663-4390

### New neighbors

These cabin owners joined our Mount Laguna community in the last year.  
Welcome!

Bob Dixon, Cabin 572

Elizabeth Dunn,  
Cabin 608

Henry and Shannon Gonzalez,  
Cabin 582

Leonardo Hatefi ,  
Cabin 806

Jay and Barbara Moser,  
Cabin 589

Kevin and Erin Schaeffer,  
Cabin 326

### Want to be more social?



# Pine cones are amazing

*Joanne Odenthal*

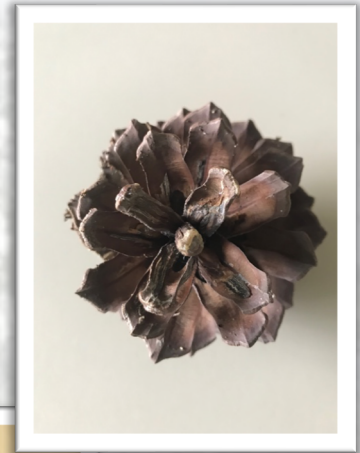
What do pinecones and mathematics have in common? Fibonacci, of course!

The Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers where the sum of the two previous numbers gives the next number in the sequence. For example: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89 and so on. This series of numbers was first described in the mathematics of India around 200 B.C.E. The sequence appears frequently in nature, as in the spiral whirl of a seashell. It also appears in the spiral shape of pinecones.

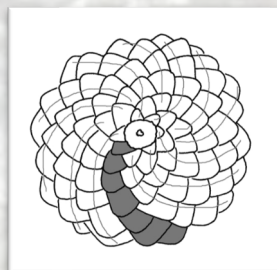
Find a pinecone. First, look at it from the top down. Notice how the bracts open in a spiral fashion.

Next, turn the pinecone over. Find the center of the cone, where it attached to the tree branch. Then note the spirals of bracts that come out of the center. If your pinecone is large enough, you should be able to count the spirals going in both directions—clockwise and counterclockwise. (Use two different colors of magic marker to really see how it works.)

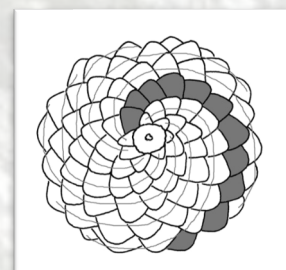
The number of spirals should be two adjacent numbers in the Fibonacci sequence.



The sample drawings show 8 going in one direction and



13 in the opposite spiral direction.



Nature is full of Fibonacci spirals—the petals on a flower, the Nautilus shell, spiral galaxies, and more. Check out <https://instead.com/blog/fibonacci-sequence-in-nature/> for more examples.

Next time you're walking on the mountain, look around for the Fibonacci sequence. Take a picture and send it in to [mliacabins@gmail.org](mailto:mliacabins@gmail.org). We'll start a collection to put on the website. Happy viewing!

# MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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

[www.mtlaguna.org](http://www.mtlaguna.org)

## Water Maintenance

Please report any problems with the MLIA water system to

Dan Fritz at  
(619)-405-1452

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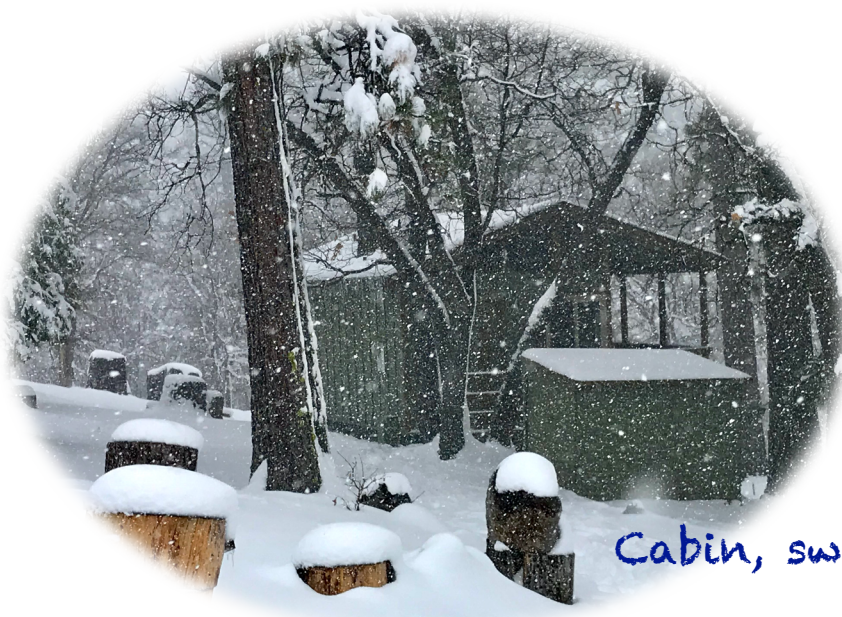
## New Contact Information?

### Let us know!

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*Cabin, sweet cabin.*