

# MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## CABIN NEWSLETTER



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### KEY DATES

October 4, 2025  
Red Railed Roost

**MLIA  
Annual Meeting**  
10:00 am - Noon

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**October Fest**  
Noon - 3:00 pm

**Fire Safe Council  
Meetings**

October 18  
November 15  
10:00 - 11:00 am

## MLIA President's News

*Jay Moser*

Our annual meeting will be on October 4, 2025. This is an important meeting because we elect our board members at this meeting and cover important information regarding our water system. It's important that you attend because we need a quorum to carry out elections, changes in bylaws and make decisions.

This meeting will be immediately followed by our Oktoberfest Bratwurst Bonanza. Please RSVP to Toni (619-701-1519) regarding your attendance at the Oktoberfest.

At the time of this writing, September 10, 2025, I am reflecting on all that the Board accomplished this past year. The Ole tank project is moving forward from concept to reality. We have a temporary 5,000 gallon tank in place next to the Ole tank. On September 22, 2025, we plan to bring the temporary tank in-service and begin the process of taking the Ole tank off-line. This includes disinfecting the new temporary tank and flushing the lines and draining the Ole tank and disconnecting the pipes to and from the tank. Also, during this week, RCP will deliver rock for the tank base to the tank staging area.

On October 6, 2025, Superior Tank Company will begin dismantling the Ole tank. The build is expected to take about two weeks. So, this means Cabin owners who draw their water from the Ole tank will need to be mindful of their water usage from September 22 to October 20'ish.

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**President's News, continued from page 1**

This includes the cabins in the Boiling Springs, Piedra, El Centro, Burnt Rancheria, and Escondido Ravine tracts.

Please remember to turn off your water at the meter before you leave your cabin. In the past years we have lost thousands of gallons of water due broken pipes which burst due to freezing.

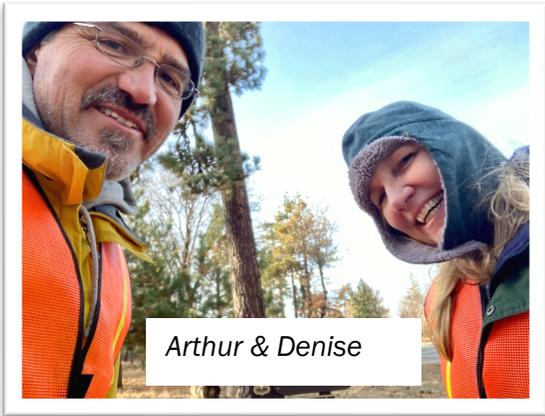
In other news, during my last conversation with Ranger Smith, he proposed that the cabin permit fees be used to maintain cabin access roads. These are the main roads into our tracts. Ranger Smith is unable to attend our Annual Meeting, so he plans to present this proposal to cabin owners for input at a later date.

There is no new information on Permit Renewal. I would expect more information as we move into 2026.

Lastly, the social events MLIA and Fire Safe Council host on our mountain foster a sense of community. If you haven't yet attended one, please come and see what they're about. It's a chance to meet people, have fun and have some really good food.



*Current Ole tank (left) and smaller 5000 gallon temporary tank (right).*



*Arthur & Denise*

*~ Our Appreciation ~*

Your MLIA wishes to acknowledge and express our appreciation to **Arthur Miramontes and Denise Whisman** for captaining our ongoing Adopt-a-Road program with the County of SD Dept of Public Works.

MLIA has been a part of this volunteer program to clear litter and debris from the 2.6 miles of roadway between the Visitor Center and the entrance to Laguna Campground since 1990. Arthur and Denise work directly with staff at the County, on behalf of MLIA, to ensure the terms of the program are completed on a quarterly basis including submission of required reporting.

**Our thanks to you both from the entire Mt Laguna community!!**

Carl Sessions, MLIA-VP  
on behalf of the Board of Directors



*Junk from Sunrise Highway*



## MLIA Annual Billing Information

The MLIA annual billing will be sent out via email on October 5-6. Bills will be due 30 days after the billing date.

Annual billing fee has not increased, but the late fee has increased to encourage prompt bill payment.

The late fee will be \$50 when the payment is 31-59 days overdue. An additional \$50 dollars will be charged when the bill is 60 days overdue.

At 75 days, MLIA may disconnect your water service if the bill remains unpaid.

To reconnect to the water system, an additional \$300 dollars and the past due bill payment is required.

*Bunny Krall, MLIA Secretary*

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD AT 10:00 AM, OCTOBER 4, 2025.**

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 2024-2025
- ◆ 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.

**OCTOBER FEST**

The MLIA cordially invites you to our "Bratwurst Bonanza", bursting with scrumptious toppings galore. Could you please delight us with your legendary 'comfort food' side dish, casserole or crockpot side dish!

BRING A COMFORT FOOD SIDE-DISH TO SHARE

BRING A CHAIR TO SIT UPON, PLEASE  
SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY

BYO BEVERAGE WE WILL PROVIDE ICE TEA AND WATER

RSVP PLEASE TONI CLEVELAND CALL OR TEXT 619-701-1519

**OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 12:00-3:00 AFTER THE MLIA ANNUAL MEETING AT THE RED TAILED ROOST**



## MLIA Board of Directors Elections

As part of MLIA's annual meeting, elections will be held for any open positions. As members of the MLIA each cabin has one (1) vote for each position on the Board. It is very important that you vote!

Expect to see a ballot in the mail 1-2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2025.

### About the MLIA Board

MLIA board members have two year terms with no limits of the number of terms. The board has nine total positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors. The following Board Member is stepping down and we would like to thank Daniel for his service:

- Daniel Morris - Treasurer

The following members are up for re-election:

- Jay Moser - President
- Kelley McGue - Director, now running for Treasurer
- Barbara Bellini - Director
- Frank Kalinoski - Past President, now running for Director
- Meg Moore - Director

The following members remain on the Board with one more year to serve:

- Carl Sessions - Vice-President
- Bunny Krall - Secretary
- Bill Cleveland - Director
- Per Martin - Director of Communications



*Signing the contract for the Ole Tank. Left to right: Bunny Krall, Meg Moore, Frank Kalinoski, Per Martin, Carl Sessions. Seated: Jay Moser.*

### Candidate Statements below, pages 5, and 6

#### For President Jay Moser- Cabin 589



I've been a cabin owner since February 2022. I've served as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster for approximately 20 years. I'm proud to say both of my sons are Eagle Scouts. I'm currently on the board of directors for a small nonprofit that deals with juveniles with mental health issues.

I was elected to the MLIA board at the last general meeting as a board member. I was appointed to fill the position of president on February 8, 2025, following three resignations. The term of the position I filled expires this October.

Since becoming president, I continued to work on our tank refurbishment project. I kept you informed on the need for a Special Assessment as our capital fund was insufficient to support our project. We held public meetings so that I could clearly explain why the Ole tank needed to be refurbished. Thanks to our cabin community's overwhelming support we obtained the needed funding and now have a contract with Superior Tank Company. We received approval from the Forest Service and State Water Board to proceed and should be building our tank sometime in October or September.

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**Jay Moser.** *continued from page 4*

In addition, we are now working to bring automation to our system along with strategic use of flow meters to improve reliability and provide early leak detection.

It has been a challenging time to be president, but it is absolute pleasure to work with each, and every board member both past and present. We now have brought the board back to full staffing and have a very talented and dedicated group working together to ensure that you have clean and reliable drinking water.

I respectfully request you vote for me to continue to serve as your president.

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**For Director**

**Barbara Bellini - Cabin 709**



My husband and I purchased our cabin in March, 2024. A few years ago, I bought my husband an 8-inch telescope for Christmas. We went to the desert a few times so he could use it, but it was quite a drive and I wondered if there was anything at Mt. Laguna. I started looking on Zillow and Redfin without saying anything to Allen until I found our cabin. He's very happy to use the telescope within a close distance to the cabin.

**For Treasurer**

**Kelley McGue - Cabin 545**

I have lived in San Diego County since I was 10 years old. My husband, Del, and I married in 1977 and were married for 46 years. We have two adult children who are, fortunately, living near me in La Mesa. I worked for Bank of America in the operations department. I love to travel, read and spend time in the mountains.

We purchased our cabin in 1997 and have enjoyed every minute! I like to serve my community and I read in the last newsletter that they were needing a treasurer so, I contacted them and, as they say, the rest is history.



I have been involved in the San Diego community as a member of The Thursday Club for 30 years.

I am a past president and chaired our major fundraising event three different times. I am also involved with Urban Surf 4 Kids, serving foster and under-served youths in our county. I was the Board Treasurer but stepped off when my husband became ill, and I still am the bookkeeper for them. I am on the board for Peter Pan Junior Theater, a local community youth theater, served as the Production Manager for 20 years and continue to serve as their treasurer.

I am a good team player and look forward to being part of the future of this unique mountain.

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I am the mother of two grown sons who were in Boy Scouts. I was very active with the Scout troop and served as Treasurer for a while. I belong to the World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA) and been on Board for the WDTs Foundation for about 10 years. The foundation, the scholarship arm of WTSDA, awards scholarships to members.

My career was in banking, primarily managing the loan boarding and loan customer support. In my final years, I worked for FIS Global and managed bank conversions to FIS products, testing and developing processes for bank specific projects.

This year Allen and I volunteered to do water meter reading. It was a good experience; we met some neighbors and saw the area. This position will be a good opportunity to meet others on the mountain and understand more about the MLIA. I noticed there had been several resignations and it's important for people to step up.

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### For Director Frank Kalinoski - Cabin 504

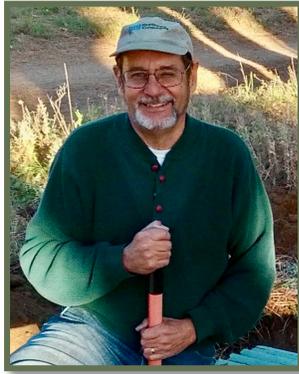
I was born and mostly raised in San Diego. I graduated from Monte Vista High School, Grossmont College and San Diego State University.

In my career, I worked for Sharp Healthcare as Medical Technologist/CLS at Grossmont Hospital Laboratory and as a Clinical Systems Analyst supporting Laboratory, Radiology, Pharmacy, Cardiology and Interface Engine.

I have been the owner of Cabin 504 since 1995 and have volunteered with Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association (LMVA) for 30 years mostly doing trail Maintenance

I feel I still have ability to help the MLIA organization. I have held the following positions: MLIA Director 2005 to 2012, Vice-President 2013, and President 2014 to 2023. I oversaw MLIA improvement/replacement of the wellhead structure & well pump/pipe, transfer pump, Los Huecos water storage tank and numerous distribution lines.

I have attended numerous classes regarding water system/water tank maintenance. I was awarded the Bob Ervin Outstanding Leadership Award by NFH in 2020. The future goals I foresee for MLIA are automation of water system monitoring and mapping of water system infrastructure.

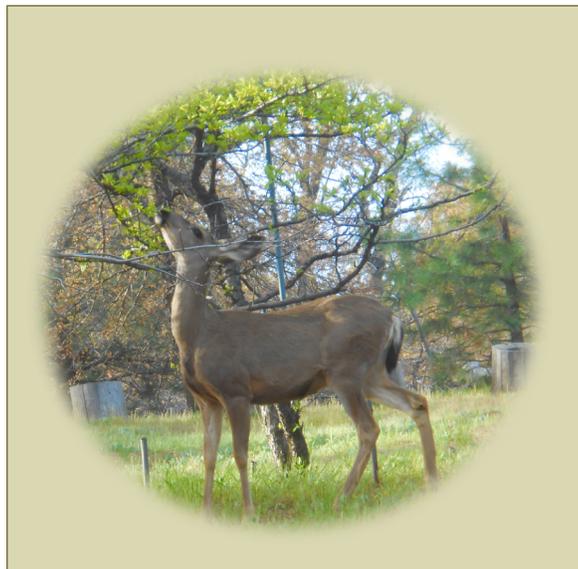


### For Director Meg Moore - Cabin 472

Hello Mount Laguna Community!

For those who don't know me, I was raised in San Diego, and began my decades long love affair with Mount Laguna, from my first camping trip with my family at age nine. (We had inadequate sleeping bags, with a little snow, but . . .) My husband Jack and I camped on the mountain since our college days, and our friends the Johnsons have had their Mt Laguna cabin since 1964. It was through the Johnsons that we were encouraged to purchase the cabin next to them in 2012, and we love it here! In under an hour, we are in paradise.

We didn't realize at the time we purchased, what an amazing community we have here, and the deep friendships we would make. I have served on the board for over a decade and would consider it an honor to serve again.



## FIRE SAFE COUNCIL NEWS

The Forest Service and CalFire are complete with their respective inspections and re-inspections. If you are not in compliance with your defensible space clearing, please do so as fast as possible. This helps to reduce the wildfire fuels and risk in our beautiful forest.

- Forest Service inspection questions: Please call 619-445-1725.
- CalFire inspection questions: Please call 619-590-3100.

The Forest Service Fuels Reduction crew is stationed at the old Volunteer Fire/CalFire station across from the Roost. The crew has been creating all the brush piles around town. The Camp Ole fire crew will burn these piles as soon as the weather permits. Please do not add to these piles! Take your brush to the community brush pile at the Old Air Force Station.

The FIREWISE application for the Mt. Laguna Community has been submitted and awaiting the certification.

The next MLFSC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th at 10:00am at the Roost. A reminder will be emailed prior to this meeting along with the meeting agenda and the previous meeting's notes.

Meeting agendas and meeting notes are posted on the MLIA website, under the Fire Safe Council heading. Our meetings conclude with the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, and elections will be held at this meeting. If you are interested in a Board or Director position, please contact me at the email below.

*Doug Reed, MLFSC President,  
ohio0411@hotmail.com*

### Turn them in!

Please email your volunteer hours for your home defensible space clean-up and home hardening improvements to [mountlagunasafe@gmail.com](mailto:mountlagunasafe@gmail.com).

These hours are now required to submit for SDRFF/SDRC Grant reporting records.

### Thank you . . .

to all who have donated to MLFSC. Tax deductible donations always welcome.

Mail checks to: Mt. Laguna Fire Safe Council P O Box 292  
Mount Laguna, CA 91948.

### Gas Powered Equipment Available

- \$20 for 1 or 2 day - Weed whackers, Trimmer, and Pole saw.
- \$30 per day - Wood splitter

Contact one of our equipment managers, **Jack Splinter** @ 858-472-4368 or **Richard Willis** @ 619-990-1404, to schedule equipment usage.

## How to use a dumpster!

Thanks to the US Forest Service, the community only **brush pile and dumpster** continues to be located at the Old Air Force Station.

### The Basics

Open seven days a week, 8:00am to 6:00pm  
close and lock the gate when entering and leaving.

Follow the posted signs to and from  
brush pile and dumpster.

Dumpster and brush pile areas only.!

No trash bags or construction debris allowed.

Mt Laguna community only; no contractors.

Keep site clean.

### Dumpster:

- Leaves, grass/weed cuttings, pine needles and pine cones only.
- No dirt, rocks, wood chips or bags allowed.
- Unload to the back & up to the top of the dumpster first.
- Please close the doors when done.

### Brush Pile:

- Native shrubs, brush and branches up to a maximum of 6" in diameter only, and only from the Mt. Laguna community.
- Unload toward the back of the brush pile first.

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*Thank you to Mount Laguna photographers Nola Houston, Terri Weiner, Bunny Krall.*

## **Water system problems?**

**Immediately call**

**Dan Fritz  
MLIA Water Supervisor  
(619) 405-1452**

## **Keep MLIA Up-to-Date!**

Have you moved recently?  
Changed email or phone  
number?

**To make changes  
use the  
"update preferences"  
link at the bottom of any  
MLIA email.**

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