

MOUNT LAGUNA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

CABIN NEWSLETTER

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Jay's Notes

The National Forest Homeowners just announced that our permits will be issued for a 30-year period. As you know our Forest Service permits are due to be renewed in 2028. I encourage you to work with the Forest Service to complete the permit renewal process. Before you sign on the dotted line, read your permit and ensure it includes all improvements you have made to your cabin and surrounding landscape.

I'd like to thank those of you that volunteer to help MLIA with meter reading, brush clearing, dig trenches, and setting up for events. If you are interested in volunteering or serving on the Board, feel free to contact me or any board member for more information.

In the last part of June, we completed our Consumer Confidence Report which covers the calendar year of 2025. Our water continues to be pure and requires no treatment. We meet or exceed all state requirements for water testing. The CCR report is posted on the bulletin board at the Mount Laguna lodge.

State testing requirements continue to expand and increase our costs exponentially. *continued page 2*

NFH Works for Us!

And part of our MLIA dues supports the NFH!

I hope you check the NFH website (<https://www.nationalforesthowners.org/>) to keep up with what NFH is doing to help cabin owners right now. Currently, NFH is working on passage of the Cabin Program Restoration Act (CPRA) which ensures support for our cabin program for years to come. (Read about CPRA).

As part of CPRA, the Forest Service has agreed to 30-Year Permit Terms for our cabins. Beginning with the 2028 permits, cabin permits will be issued for 30 years, rather than the current 20. This is excellent news!

DATES TO KNOW!

Saturday, July 18 & Aug15th
10:00 am

Fire Safe Council
Red Tailed Roost

Saturday, August 1st
9:00 am

MLIA Board Meeting
Red Tailed Roost

Saturday, August 8th
2:00 pm

Craft Beer and Wine a Bit
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Saturday, October 3
10:00 am

MLIA Annual Meeting
& BBQ
Red Tailed Roost

Jay's Notes

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For example, we have a state requirement to complete a Hazard Assessment which is part of our Cross Connection/Back-flow Prevention Report due to be completed in FY 2027. The Hazard Assessment can only be performed by a state certified inspector at a cost estimated to be \$5,000. In addition, our lab costs have also increased dramatically. At the time of this writing, we just received a \$4,600 bill for a single month of lab testing.



Jay Moser

We formed a work group to work on our budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The purpose of the group is to work closely with the MLIA Board regarding water projects, but their focus is the financial perspective. The work group will recommend an ongoing 5-year financial budget plan for maintenance/replacement which will help the MLIA reserve sufficient funds for anticipated future projects.

While we personally have all been affected by rising costs, those same rising cost have also affected MLIA. With increase the cost of parts and materials, labor, and state mandates, I hope you understand why I will be making a recommendation for a rate increase at our next board meeting on August 1, 2026.

*~ Jay Moser
MLIA President*

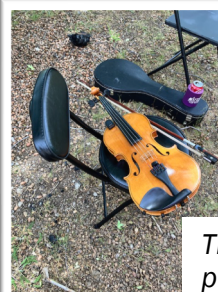
2026 Chili Social
... really delicious
and loads of fun!

*Cabin owner Stein Finstad
won the Chili Cook-Off.*

*Toni Cleveland, Social
Events Coordinator*



Lots of good chili to eat!



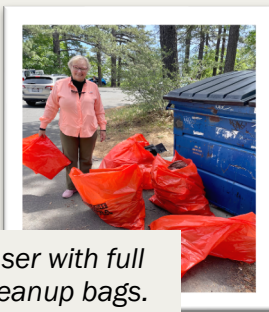
*The "Cabin Owners Quintet"
provided entertainment.*



MLIA Board members (L-R) Bunny Krall, Meg Moore, Jay Moser (seated), Carl Sessions, and Frank Kalinoski and Per Martin (back).

**Our next Mt Laguna
Sunrise Highway clean-
up is slated
for October 17
at 11:00am.**

MLIA supplies the bags, vests
and pickers.
We just need your
helping hands.



Evelyn Fraser with full
Sunrise cleanup bags.

Join in by meeting at the
Desert View overlook picnic
area at 11:00am.

Hello, Fellow Cabin Members!!

Your MLIA board is seeking volunteers to serve on our Board for two available positions. While we hope to get volunteers with certain skill sets, both positions come with cross training support from current board members.

We would like help in one Board position for someone who has experience and can assist in water resources, irrigation construction and/or the ability to assist in water system related repair and maintenance.

The second Board position is for someone who would learn the ropes and take over the Secretary role in a couple of years.

Bunny Krall has been on the Board for four years, and after a couple more she will be ready to turn over the secretary position to someone else. The job involves working with President to set the agenda and take minutes for quarterly meetings and gather all the required documents for the MLIA Annual meeting. Familiarity with Google Drive and Google Docs as well as MailChimp is helpful. (They all can be learned!) If you think you might be interested, please contact Bunny at 858-663-4390.

Service on your board is both fulfilling and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow cabin owners that appreciate our community and work to make it a better place for family and friends to enjoy. We meet quarterly and terms are for two years.

Send your interest to santeeduo@cox.net and we will help with a Candidate Statement for to our Nomination Committee for submission to the Annual meeting election ballot in October.

Please consider joining us in making our Mt. Laguna community the best place it can be.

~ Carl Sessions, VP-MLIA
Nominating Committee
Chair (619) 571-2284

2026 SAFE GRANT AWARDED TO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Thanks to The San Diego Regional Fire Foundation for this year's 2026 Safe Grant award of \$9,725 to the Mount Laguna Fire Safe Council!



Again, this year, our grant was funded by the generosity of the San Diego River Conservancy. This grant money pays for the dumpsters that are provided to the Mt Laguna community members for green waste disposal at the Old Air Force Station.

Many THANKS to both great organizations and their supporters.

Left to right, Joan Jones, San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, Executive Director; Doug Reed, MLFSC President; Julia Richards, San Diego River Conservancy, Executive Director.

Fire Inspections Reports

Our Forest Service and CalFire inspection results should be in your email or mail very soon. Please be sure your home, cabin and property is ready for any required re-inspections. Your defensible space clean-up helps to reduce the wildfire fuels in our beautiful forest and community.

*Doug Reed,
MLFSC President*

Thanks to the US Forest Service we can take our clean-up debris to the community only dumpster and the brush pile at the Old Air Force station. This is for Mt Laguna community members only; no contractors allowed.

- Open seven days a week.
- Daylight hours only.

Brush Pile

- Native shrubs, brush and branches up to 6" diameter maximum only.
- No trash, dirt, rocks, wood chips or mulch or bags allowed.
- Unload toward the back of the brush pile first.



Access only
open to
dumpster and
brush piles.

Our lock has yellow tape on it.
Lock the gate when you enter and leave.

Dumpster

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

It's a Craft Beer and Wine - A - Bit



Please bring a favorite wine, or LOCAL craft beer to share. We also look forward to your favorite delicious appetizer!

We will also have a 50/50 drawing, a raffle, and an auction.

Saturday, August 8 ,
2026 2:00 'til 6:00 ish

**Held under the shady
oaks of
Meg Moore &
Jack Splinter
Cabin 472
Los Huecos Tract**

Take Los Huecos Road, go 1.8
miles and look for the signs.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MT. LAGUNA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Entry Donation:
\$15 per adult
Minor Children
Free
(Cash Please)

Bring your own
chairs
Service animals ONLY

*Pssst ... want to have more fun??
Help with the auction! Set up! Check
folks in! Send an email to
mounntlagunasafe@gmail.com.*



In case you need equipment to help with cleanup . . .

Contact Fire Safe Council equipment managers, Jack Splinter @ 858-472-4368 or Richard Willis @ 619-990-1404, to schedule equipment pick-up and return.

Gas powered available:

- weed whackers, pole saw \$20 for 1-2 days
 - trimmers \$20 for 1 day
 - wood splitter \$30 for 1 day.

Remember to turn in your clean-up hours!

Email your name, cabin number, dates, total hours, and hired help hours for yard clean-up and home hardening work to mountlagunasafe@gmail.com.

MLIA is an all-volunteer organization. And we get a lot of great help from a lot of cabin owners.

We need help with a couple more things!

Brush clearing around Los Huecos tank.

Pump house fire clearance in July.

Assist MLIA Board members who are trenching to replace pipe. We will call you when trenching is going to happen and you let us know if you are available!

Social event set up and clean up for the Fall BBQ following the Annual meeting on October 3rd.

Email MLIA@mtlaguna.org if you can lend a hand.

Wild Fire Resources

SDGE Wildfire Fairs:

- Vista – July 18, 9am-1pm
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum
Community Park
- Valley Center - August 29, 9am-1pm
Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Rd

Helpful phone apps for fire and disaster monitoring:

- Pulse Point
- Watch Duty
- Genasys

Home hardening websites:

- readyforwildfire.org and sdge.com/our-commitment-wildfire-safety

CALFIRE home hardening information:

- fire.ca.gov. Use the “prepare” tab.

Wildfire preparation and programs:

- ResiliencySolutions@sdge.com

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MTLAGUNA.ORG

**Providing cabin owners with clean and reliable
drinking water.**

Water System Problems?

Immediately contact
MLIA Water Supervisor
Dan Fritz
at

(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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