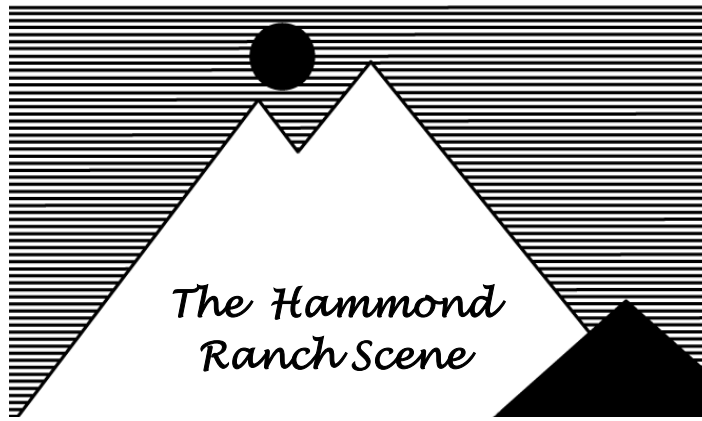


# Hammond Landowners Association



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## Message From the President

Happy New Year to all of our Hammond Ranch residents! In 2023 HLA will continue to address the problems and suggestions of our members as we pursue our goal of improving life and cooperation on the Ranch. We have power and influence when we join together to tackle issues, as shown by our success in the Love's Truck Stop case. Thank you to our long-time members and we welcome the energy and skills of new members.

Be fire safe and look out for your neighbors.

*Erich Ziller*



## Run Report

The Hammond Ranch Fire Company Responded to 42 calls during the last quarter. A very busy quarter!

Medical Calls - 26; Vehicle Accidents - 3;  
 Cooking/Warming/Ceremony Fires - 3; Debris Burning - 2; Public Assist - 1, False Alarms - 1; Commercial Structure Fire - 1; Other Agency Relay - 2.

Thanks to Cal Fire's Siskiyou Unit for the information. The Fire Company is very much appreciated for their service to our community.

## From the Chief

Not too much has changed during the last quarter down at the department. Currently, we are working to outfit the new water tender for the coming fire season.

As always we are looking for more able-bodied volunteers to come down and apply. Thanks for your time.

*Kyle Lunsford, Chief*

## 2023 Membership

It's a new year! Time to join or renew your membership in the Hammond Ranch Landowners Association. 76 residents took advantage of last year's promotion and joined for 2023 as well as 2022. This is directed towards those that didn't take advantage of the reduced rate for 2023.

Included with this newsletter is the 2023 Membership Application. 2022 had the highest membership, 120! Hopefully, more will join in 2023.

As some of you already know, there are many reasons to join:

- HLA provides road signs;
- Presents new residents with a welcome basket;
- Publishes the *Hammond Ranch Handbook*;
- Provides and maintains trespass authorizations;
- Negotiates with the County for needed improvements and support for the Ranch;
- Promotes the maintenance of our roads by reimbursing road maintenance costs according to a prescribed schedule established by the HLA Board;
- Hosts a website that is helping to inform residents of issues related to the Ranch ([www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org));
- Assists with the resolution of neighborhood issues;
- Members are eligible to purchase PHI (Mercy Air) emergency medical evacuation services at a discounted rate;
- Publishes *The Hammond Ranch Scene*, a quarterly newsletter, informing members of important issues;
- Members work with road committees, the fire department as well as the County and local Fire Safe Councils; and
- Hosts an annual picnic in July as well as the annual luncheon meeting in November.

## Love's Truck Stop Update

In June 2022, the Appeals Court in Sacramento ruled that there were deficiencies in Love's EIR and CEQA reports and returned the case to Siskiyou County Superior Court. At the November 11 Weed City Council meeting, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

"B. Development - by Motion, adopt Resolution No. 29-2022 Rescinding Adoption of Resolution No. 32-2018 and setting aside Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Project and Approval of the Love's Travel Stop Project."

At this time, there has been no statement or declaration from Love's about their intent. After communication with our attorney, it appears that the truck stop project is dormant, but Love's could conduct a new study, prepare a revised EIR and resubmit the project. If they do that, the process starts over, including public comment.

If anyone wishes to view a video on YouTube of the Weed City Council meeting, you can go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4mw9muhf>. The Love's agenda item begins at about the 18:00 minute mark.



### *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sounds's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.



## HLA Annual Meeting 2022

After a two year hiatus, the annual meeting of the Hammond Landowners Association was held on November 5 at the Mt. Shasta Brewery in Weed. About 55 Hammond Landowners Association members attended. It was a very informative meeting.

Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue spoke to the group extensively about knowing your zone on the Zonehaven app and being a member of CodeRed in case of emergencies. He also updated us on the current events in Hammond Ranch and the County and answered our questions.

Michael Kobseff, our District Supervisor, was a surprise speaker for the meeting. He shared with us the current state of affairs in the County as well and answered questions.

The Board conducted the regular business meeting, and the membership voted on the Board members. Jay Curtis, Tricia Elberts, Evan Hadfield, Doug Lathrop and Larie Wearing were elected to serve.

All that attended were happy to be at a more local venue and the pizza was great. It was fun to catch up with neighbors that we hadn't seen in quite a while and meet some new ones.



## Fuel Reduction Project Update

Work on the shaded fuel break halted when the snow fell. Nothing can be accomplished until the snow has melted and the area is clear. At this time we have no scheduled restart date.

*Randy Klokov*



## Welcome Basket

In February of last year, Scot and Cathy Castle visited friends in Mount Shasta for the first time and fell in love with the area, prompting them to look online for available properties. The first that came up turned out to become their dream home on Hummingbird Court. By the end of July, they moved in and are now looking forward to spending their retirement years here.

When HLA board members Tricia and Neera visited to present their Welcome Basket, they were met in the yard by Scot who had just recently acquired a tractor with which he put the finishing touches on clearing the drive. He clearly fits right in!

Scot is a passionate bicyclist and is excited about the abundance of trails and routes to explore. Cathy loves to sew and spend time in her well-equipped woodworking shop adjacent to the house.

Though the move meant they had to leave friends behind in Petaluma, Cathy and Scot are excited to be here and are hoping to make many new friends in our community.

Welcome Scot & Cathy!



## Wildlife Near the Ranch



Two endangered gray wolves, OR-85, and his female mate, WHA01F, welcomed eight new pups in 2022, the largest litter of gray wolf pups California has seen in more than 100 years. Wolves typically give birth to two to six pups at a time. That's why the eight gray wolf pups are a cause for celebration among wildlife enthusiasts.

The wolf parents are formerly known as the Whaleback Pair, and they showed up in Siskiyou County in November 2020, as the Mount Shasta News reported at the time. They became the Whaleback Pack when they gave birth to seven pups in 2021. According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, "The Whaleback Pack consists of the male wolf OR85 and an uncollared female. They occupy a 480 square mile home range in eastern Siskiyou County. OR85 was collared by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in February 2020 and was likely born in 2019. He dispersed from the Mount Emily Pack near La Grande, Oregon and entered California in November 2020. Genetic analysis indicates the female is closely related to southwestern Oregon's Rogue Pack. In 2021, the pair produced seven pups."

The male OR85 is named as such because he wandered into California from Oregon. The female is named WHA01F, as the Mount Shasta News explains, "WHA for Whaleback and 01F for the first marked female Whaleback wolf."

There are just two other known wolf packs in California, the Lassen Pack and Beckwourth Pack. The Lassen Pack currently sits at approximately 12 wolves, while the Beckwourth Pack is around two to three wolves.



## Watch Duty

There is a free mobile app available you should take a look at, Watch Duty. Watch Duty provides real-time push notifications about wildfires in California. According to their website, Watch Duty is a non-profit wildfire alerting, mapping and tracking service operated by experienced fire reporters and many other collaborators who diligently monitor radio scanners and other data sources 24/7. They have created dozens of tools, from messaging to alerting systems, to be notified of every fire start across the great state of California. At any given time there are a half-dozen reporters monitoring everything. The app has a Visual Map with newsfeed that provides up-to-the-minute information, Push Notifications to receive alerts about the conditions on the ground as they change and can help first responders and loved ones by sharing photos of fire conditions and other hazards.

Watch Duty focuses on high-risk vegetation fires and fires that have the potential to become high-risk vegetation fires. They will typically not report on structure fires unless they spread to the vegetation nor will they report minor fires that are classified by arriving first responders as having slow or no rate of spread within a small area, not threatening structures, and are expected to be handled quickly. They will sometimes post fires with negligible risk when there is obvious smoke visible over a large area or aerial resources are present that may be concerning to residents.

It's a good idea to keep informed. You can go to the website [www.watchduty.org](http://www.watchduty.org) or your app store and download it.

## Zonehaven Aware

In order to be prepared for fire season, another good source of information during a fire emergency is Zonehaven Aware. It is a Community Evacuation Interface (CEI) that serves community residents as the most reliable source for first-order evacuation updates and preparation resources. During an emergency, every second counts. Start preparing now to ensure you are ready in the event of an emergency.

Knowing your zone is critical to the evacuation process. If there is a wildfire or emergency situation, this is how you will check if you are in an impacted area. Find information about your zone, familiarize yourself with local fire and law agencies in your area, and find resources that will help you prepare: <https://www.zonehaven.com/aware/>.



## 2023 Board Members

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The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at [hla@hammondlandowners.org](mailto:hla@hammondlandowners.org).

## Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Call any board member or send an email to [hla@hammondlandowners.org](mailto:hla@hammondlandowners.org) for meeting location and/or Zoom link. Let us know of your questions or concerns so they can be included on the agenda.
- The Annual HLA Picnic is usually scheduled for the Saturday after the 4th of July. In 2023 it will be the 8th of July.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November, November 4 this year. We hope you can attend.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call the Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Siskiyou County Fire Safe Council - Next meeting is February 8 at 5:30pm.
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.



## Moving or changing email address?

Please send changes of address to:  
*The Hammond Ranch Scene*

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