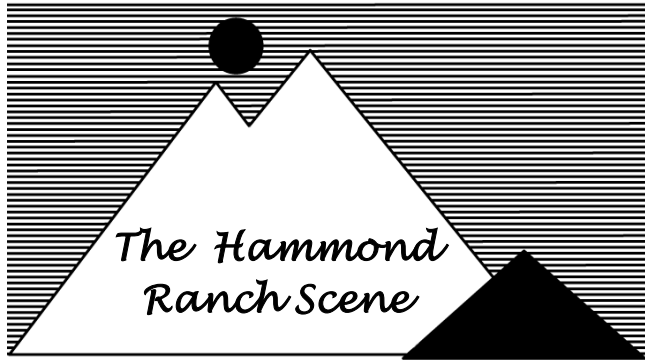


Hammond Landowners Association



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2024 Membership

It's a new year! Time to join or renew your membership in the Hammond Ranch Landowners Association. It's a great way to meet your neighbors.

Included with this newsletter is the 2024 Membership Application. 2023 had the highest membership, 124! Hopefully, we can welcome more members in 2024. Because of rising costs, the dues have increased to \$60.

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

- HLA provides financial assistance when replacing 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);
- 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.

Come Join the HLA!

Message From the President

Happy New Year to Hammond Ranchers and your families. I wish you good health and another enjoyable trip around the sun.

Winter has now arrived. Be sure to plan and take precautions for potential power outages and isolation during snow storms. Coordinate with your neighbors and be thankful and appreciative of those who work to clear our roads. And plowers, please be mindful about avoiding berms in intersections and active driveways. We are all in survival mode during these storms.

Erich Ziller



Election of Officers

At the monthly Board meeting in December, Erich Ziller was reelected as President; Larie Wearing as Vice President; Valerie Baake, Treasurer; Evan Hadfield, Secretary.



"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."

— **Edith Sitwell**

Run Report

The fire company responded to 12 calls in the last quarter: 8 medical calls; 1 cooking/warming/ceremony fire; 2 other agency relay calls; and 1 law enforcement traffic stop.



As always, we very much appreciate CAL FIRE's Siskiyou Unit and the HR Fire Company for their hard work.

Update From the Chief

At this time, we are trying to navigate the new California laws for PPE in the fire service as well as searching for grants to pay for new turnouts for the department as well as other PPE.

The department has gotten some much-needed improvements this fall with new floors, appliances and a backup generator installed so the power won't go out there anymore.

All new handheld radios have been acquired with the help of a grant, and we are currently working on replacing the vehicle radios as well.

Other than those things, it's the status quo, and we're always looking for volunteers.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief 4200



A Welcome Basket was also delivered to Gillian and J. Curtis.

In 2020, seven months into her pregnancy with their first child, Gillian and J. realized the Bay Area wasn't the right fit. They hadn't planned on moving so far, but the shift to remote work during the pandemic made it possible. Serendipitously, they discovered their dream home on Old Stage Road just before their first child's birth. Their second child was born in September 2023.

Gillian, originally from Toronto, Ontario, advises design agency founders on how to scale their businesses. J., hailing from Phoenix AZ, transitioned from a career in film and video to consulting for product development and operations teams in tech companies. Both continue their work remotely.

The outdoors beckons to both of them. They love hiking, swimming, engaging with their community and participating in a farm co-op, Homeward Bounty. Even with their busy schedule, J. has joined and is a member of the HLA Board.

Now their bustling household includes two dogs. It's a place they're proud to call home for their growing family.

Meet the Curtis family!



J., Gillian & Son #2

Welcome Baskets

HLA board members Tricia and Neera delivered a welcome basket to Gerard and Karen Mansell in early December at their beautiful home on Dogwood Drive.



Karen and Gerard met at UCSB. Karen is a retired special education teacher from Ventura, CA. She enjoys cooking and spends her time with intricate, fine needlework when she isn't busy landscaping. Once they are more settled in, she is considering mentoring students in the literacy program of local schools. Gerard, originally from Oakland, CA, works from home as a mechanical engineer on environmental certification for a variety of products like building materials, with a focus on reducing carbon footprint.

They got to know the area while visiting one of Karen's two sons at the fire academy at COS in Weed and immediately fell in love with it. They found their dream home last year and moved in in June. They like the outdoors, hiking and going on adventure road trips.

They both are looking forward to connecting with the Hammond community.

Welcome to Karen and Gerard, and enjoy the excitements of your first winter on the Ranch!



Karen & Gerard



Hammond Ranch FireSafe Council Coordinator Needed

The HR FireSafe Council requires a new coordinator as well as grant writers to help the Ranch become more fire safe. The founding coordinator retired a few years ago and the council has become inactive. Some new grants are becoming available soon that we may be eligible for as well.

The mission of the Hammond Ranch FireSafe Council (HRFSC) is to reduce the risk of wildfire in the Hammond Ranch Fire District. The HRFSC is a volunteer organization dedicated to making the community safer by planning, education and wildfire fuel reduction.

Wildfire safety begins with development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). A CWPP has already been in place since 2018. It may need to be updated and some of it implemented.

The HRFSC works with landowners, the HR volunteer fire company, Hammond Landowners Association (HLA), CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service and other interested parties.

More information about the Council is available on the HLA website, <http://www.hammondlandowners.org/>.

If you have a bit of extra time and interest, please contact the HLA.

Still Seeking Snowplowers

Many people have had private snowplowers clear their driveways during the winter. We have learned that several of the plowers have retired or are retiring soon. If you have equipment and are available for hire to clear driveways or know of someone that is available, please let us know.

Send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org. We will get the word out.

Snowplowers Presently Available

Darren Turner- 530-859-2122 - Various pieces of large equipment;

Russel Willis - 530-722-7515 - 56 hp tractor;

James Phill - 530-340-3893 - Backhoe;

Thad Wallace - 530-859-5817 - Bobcat & plow;

Matt Kosenko - 530-859-8065 - snowplowing & fuel reduction; and

Gary Scott - 530-859-5644 - snowplowing, brush clearing, driveway grading.



Early Warning System

The HLA Board is exploring the possibility of obtaining an emergency early-warning system for Hammond Ranch. Known as long range acoustic devices (LRAD), these sirens could have saved many lives in the Paradise and Maui wildfires by providing an early warning of the active disaster.

Hammond Ranch is at extreme risk of wildfire disaster because we live in a forest with mountain wind. Early warning provides the best chance for escape and survival.

Contact and planning has begun with Genasys, the company that provides LRAD systems. The hope is for a stationary tower and mobile units for the Sheriff's Department to coordinate an orderly evacuation.

These systems are quite expensive and will require a grant for financing. Most grants are for fuel reduction, so this is proving to be challenging.

Contact has already been made with CalFire, Congressman LaMalfa and Senators Padilla and Butler for information and support about state and federal funding sources. Input from Hammond Ranch residents is always welcome. This will be a long-term worthy project.



2024 Board Members

President	Erich Ziller	530-261-0683
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Secretary	Evan Hadfield	214-620-7434
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	Tricia Elberts	530-859-1036
	J Curtis	615-714-4759
	Doug Lathrop	530-219-5332
	Mahroushka Papazian	415-307-9709

Community Liaison - Neera Paine & Tricia Elberts
The Hammond Ranch Scene Editor - Larie Wearing

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.

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 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. This year will be July 6, 2024.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November. It will be November 2 this year.
- 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 - Meets monthly. Check their website for dates, <https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.

Helpful Links and Numbers

HLA Membership form:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/>;

Previous newsletters and Landowners Usage of Ranch Roads Newsletter Articles:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/newsletters>;

Road maintenance reimbursement:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/road-work-reimbursement>;

Hammond Ranch CC&Rs:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/hammond-ranch-cc%26rs>;

Trespass Authorizations and Landowner Handbook:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/news-and-information>.

Burn Permit Call-in number: 530-842-8123.



Moving or changing email address?

Please send changes of address to:
The Hammond Ranch Scene

c/o HLA

P.O. Box 795

Mt. Shasta, CA 96067-0795

or email to: hla@hammondlandowners.org