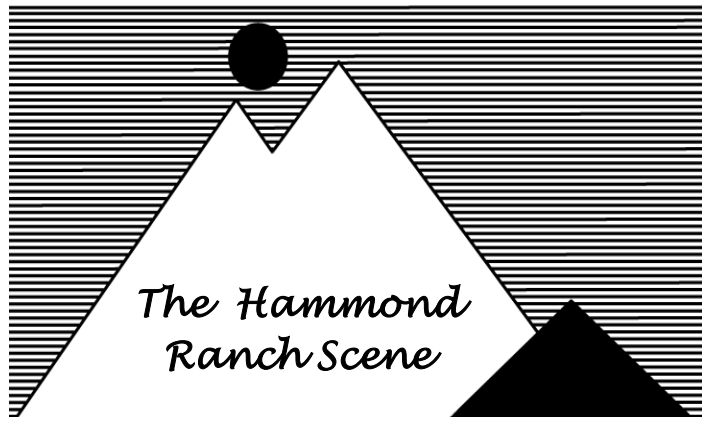


Hammond Landowners Association



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We hope you had a very happy Fourth of July!

Messages From the Board

Tricia Elberts has joined the Board as a Member at Large. Welcome, Tricia!

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If you are receiving this newsletter by US Postal Service and you have an email address, please consider receiving it by email. Send your email address to hla@hammondlandowners.org! You will get the newsletter sooner and it will save us funds.

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We also hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful Hammond Ranch summer with clear blue skies. The temperatures are hotter, and the winds are a little stronger than usual, so make sure you are prepared for any sudden emergencies. Have your go-bags ready, have a family plan, know your possible evacuation routes, prepare your pets, and be sure you are signed up with Code Red so you can get your earliest possible warning. If time allows, also think of your neighbors, especially any who might need assistance. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful natural place, so let us all do our best to protect it. Happy Trails and be safe.

Request for Storage

The HLA keeps picnic supplies and a shade awning as well as a microphone and amplifier. HLA has nowhere to store these supplies and relies on members to store them. Many thanks to Brooke Boyer for storing for the past year.

The Board is now looking for a new home for these stored items. They consist of about six large storage bins.

If you have storage room available, please give Valerie Baake a call at 925-788-9825 or send her an email at vbaake@jps.net.

Community Watch - Telegram

Because of the increasing break-ins, thefts, squatting, etc., there has been some discussion regarding starting an informal "community watch" for Hammond Ranch. After some research, an online application was chosen to help the Ranch alert each other about suspicious activity. That application is called *Telegram* and a group called "Hammond Ranch Security and Fire" was set up. There are now 57 members signed up.

It has been set up for the purpose of reporting crime, suspicious activity and fire on the Ranch. It is not for chitchatting or discussions about this or that. Another group, called "Hammond Ranch Security Discussions" was separately set up for chitchatting with neighbors.

The members should take pictures of license plates of suspicious vehicles or persons and post it to the site, stating what's happened, where and when. It could even be used to enlist help from neighbors. It is not intended to replace a call to 911.

If you are interested in joining either group, contact one of the administrators, Tricia Elberts at 530-859-1036 or Larie Wearing at 530-859-0990. They will send you an invitation to download the app and sign up. There is no need to allow Telegram to have access to your contacts. Once you have signed up, you can be added to the group.



Road Reimbursement

A request was received for the HLA to help those on Fuller Drive remove an abandoned fifth wheel. After much discussion, the Board approved a motion that residents can use their HLA road reimbursement funds toward removal of abandoned items that block an easement. Fuller Drive was given their allotment to help remove the abandoned vehicle.

Reminder to Ranch road committees to submit for road reimbursement no later than October 1.



Run Report

Hammond Ranch Fire has had 18 calls for service from April 1 through June 30: Other Fires, 2; Medical Aids, 12; Public Service/ Other, 4.

From the Chief:

The department has been busy getting new radio equipment and some building upgrades. The radio grant we applied for back in April was awarded, and the county will be paying for half of it.

We have added four additional volunteers to the department since our previous discussions. Things are getting more complete and ready to operate down at Hammond Ranch Fire, and I am pleased for that.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief

Fuel Reduction Project Update

The Fuel Reduction Project is now starting Phase IV. Phase IV will remove over 100 acres of wildfire fuel to create a "shaded fuel break" along Deer Creek, Mule Deer and Grey Fox roads.

Phase IV has been delayed numerous times by unplanned problems such as:

- Difficult and lengthy preparation and review/approval of an environmental study (CEQA);
- COVID 19 health and work restrictions; and
- CALFIRE and US Forest Service wildfire work restrictions. Fuel reduction work will be stopped if wildfire work conditions (such as high winds and/or low humidity) are not safe.

It's disappointing that the fuel reduction work has been delayed, but Phase IV work is scheduled to start by the end of July. To ensure the project can continue, CALFIRE has extended the project completion date if all the work is not completed before winter snowfall.

Randy Klokow

More information about Phases I-III can be found at the HLA website.

***Note** -- A comprehensive wildfire preparation checklist and Community Wildfire Protection plan are available on the HLA website. Landowners are encouraged to download and implement the plans to improve wildfire safety.

[Wildfire Preparation Checklist and Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A marvelous thing happened at the annual picnic. There had been an abandoned fifth wheel RV blocking Fuller Drive on the Ranch. Janet Zalewski, who lives on Fuller Drive, made an appeal to the picnic goers for donations to remove the RV. The picnic goers contributed almost \$600 toward the needed \$800 to have it removed! Evidently, the only business that hauls RVs is down in Red Bluff, which explains the cost.

Amazing generosity from our neighbors.



Love's Truck Stop Update

On April 25, our attorney presented an oral argument before the Appeals Court. On May 12, the Appellate Court rendered its decision. The Court concluded that the EIR's discussion of noise impacts violated CEQA because it did not consider the magnitude of noise increase and the EIR did not adequately evaluate the potential noise impacts of the project. The matter is remanded to the trial court with directions to enter a new judgment and issue a writ of mandate consistent with this opinion.

This means that the case is back in the Siskiyou County Superior Court for correction of the EIR noise problem. We were disappointed that the Appeals Court did not recognize the potential increased fire danger nor the health risks posed by air pollution, but it is a victory that will delay and possibly end the project. We will have to see the response from Love's and the City. Our attorneys have agreed to continue to represent us and to counter Love's at every step.

If any further changes occur, they will be posted to the HLA website at:

www.hammondlandowners.org/proposed-truck-stop

For more information contact:

erichziller@yahoo.com

"The crickets felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last for ever. Even on the most beautiful days in the whole year – the days when summer is changing into autumn – the crickets spread the rumor of sadness and change."

—E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

Wildlife on the Ranch



Pileated Woodpecker

The Pileated Woodpecker is one of the biggest, most striking forest birds on the continent. It's nearly the size of a crow, black with bold white stripes down the neck and a flaming-red crest. "Pileated" refers to the prominent red crest, from the Latin pileatus, meaning "capped."

Have you seen one?

The California range of the Pileated Woodpecker extends from the Oregon line in Siskiyou County, south in the Coast Range region to Sonoma, Marin, Santa Cruz and western Santa Clara Counties, and to Howell Mountain in Napa County. Further inland, its range extends from the Mount Shasta and Lassen Peak areas south throughout the Sierra Nevada to the Greenhorn Mountains in Tulare and Kern Counties.

Its primary food is carpenter ants and other ants, as well as woodboring beetle larvae, termites, etc. They dig rectangular holes in trees to find ants. These excavations can be so broad and deep that they can cause small trees to break in half.

They are monogamous and hold large territories. It's rare to see more than two birds together at a time. They are non-migratory. The average clutch size is 3-5 eggs.

They may live for up to nine years. The oldest known Pileated Woodpecker was a male, and at least 12 years, 11 months old when he was captured and rereleased. (Photo contributed by Linda Klokow.)

Hammond Landowners Association Annual Picnic

Over 70 people came to the annual HLA picnic, a great turnout! This was the first picnic since the COVID shutdown. It was an absolutely beautiful day to share with friends and neighbors. Many thanks go out to Janet and Linda for sharing their gorgeous property with magnificent views. Also, many thanks to the committee that put everything together and all those that helped: Valerie Baake, Neera Paine, Susan Brennan, Betty Leas, Paul and Tricia Elberts, Bob Keyser, Lynn Potter, John Brennan, Kunio Narasaki. Sorry if anyone was missed!



Set Up



The Cooks



Great Food!



Catching Up



Fundraising



Relaxing



Lunch in the Shade

From the Editor: If you have information you would like to share in the Newsletter with Ranch residents, give Larie a call or email her at lariedw@gmail.com.

2022 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.

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 4th of July. It was held on July 9 this year. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, near and far.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday in November. We hope to be able to meet in person this year.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Hammond Ranch FireSafe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.



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