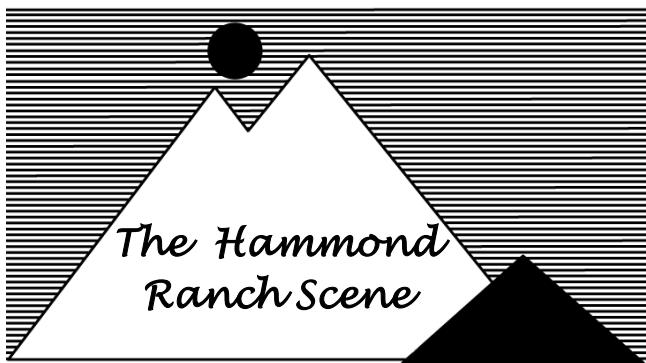


Hammond Landowners Association



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Message From the President

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a healthy, prosperous and adventure filled 2026.

Important Message!

Now to get down to business. While HLA membership has remained quite constant the last few years, our expenses have not. Last year our road reimbursements used almost 90% of our income. While HLA's goal is to assist in road (easement) improvements for comfort and safety, we did need to dip into reserves to cover all of our expenses. This is not sustainable. The options are to decrease road reimbursements, increase dues - currently \$60 (\$5/month) - or increase membership. We prefer the latter.

HLA is going to continue reaching out for new members, but we could also use help from members to talk to their friends and neighbors who have not joined. Working together in an organized manner benefits everyone on the Ranch through communication and collective action. More members in the HLA will mean more influence in the county. All we need is 15 more!

There will be information in this newsletter for you to share with non-members, in addition to what I will share now. Members of our community, including our Hammond Ranch Fire Chief and CalFire Battalion Chief, are close to finalizing our FireWise Community application. This program will improve fire safety on the Ranch, improve our fire rating and possibly make grants available in conjunction with other fire safety organizations.

HLA will work to access these grants for road improvement ingress/egress projects, shaded fuel breaks, and will assist members to get grants for fire safety projects on their personal properties and homes. The FireWise program and these grants can help homeowners in their negotiations with their home insurance providers.

Please take the time to review the other HLA benefits in this newsletter and help us to grow and improve our organization.

Erich Ziller

Membership

It's a new year! Time to join or renew your membership in the Hammond Landowners Association. Included with this newsletter is the 2026 Membership Application. Hopefully, we can welcome more members in 2026.

There may be a misconception about our Association. Membership is strictly voluntary. The Association is not an HOA and does not tell residents what color to paint their house, what kind of garden to plant, etc. See a further explanation on page 3.

There are many reasons to join:

- The larger the association is, the bigger voice it will have in the county.
- HLA assists financially with road signs;
- HLA presents new residents with a welcome basket;
- Publishes the *Hammond Ranch Handbook*;
- Maintains trespass authorizations;
- Negotiates with the County for needed improvements and support for the Ranch;
- Helps maintain our roads by reimbursing road maintenance costs according to a prescribed schedule established by the HLA Board;
- Hosts a website that informs residents of issues related to the Ranch;
- Assists with the resolution of neighborhood issues;
- Members are eligible to purchase PHI (Mercy Air) and AirMed Care emergency medical evacuation services at a discounted rate;
- Publishes *The Hammond Ranch Scene*, a quarterly newsletter, for members;
- The Board works 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. A great way to meet your neighbors.

Join the HLA!

HLA Annual Meeting 2025

The annual meeting on November 3, 2025 was held at the Treehouse Restaurant in Mt. Shasta. Over 60 people attended!

Michael Kobseff, Siskiyou County District 3 Supervisor, spoke about rural schools, the Klamath dam removal, the wolves at Whaleback, insurance rates, AirBnBs, among other subjects. He shared that next year will be his last year, as he is retiring. The HLA would like to thank him for coming to our annual meetings over the years. It was greatly appreciated.

Scott Irvine, CalFire Battalion Chief for the Weed/Lake Shastina district, spoke to members and answered questions about the Watch Duty App, burn permits, the chipping program and chipping pile sizes, equipment grants for tree removal, Genasys Protect app, and many more subjects. CalFire plans on continuing the chipping program in 2026.

The meeting continued with the Treasurer's Report, some discussion and concluded with the election of Board members. One Board member retired and two new members were elected. The new members are: Marisa DeAvilla and MJ Watt. Welcome!

At the later November Board meeting, the officers were elected as follows: Erich Ziller, President; Larie Wearing, Vice President; Valerie Baake, Treasurer; Evan Hadfield, Secretary and Tricia Elberts and MJ Watt, Community Liaison.

The Board would also like to thank Neera Paine for her many years of service on the Board. It was much appreciated. Happy travels, Neera!



Michael Kobseff Speaking



Scott Irvine Speaking



The Board



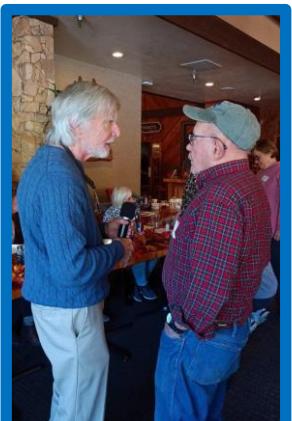
Treasurer's Report



Members



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Catching Up

Hammond Ranch FireWise Update

Greetings Hammond Ranch Neighbors,

As many of you know, we finally submitted our FireWise application on November 7, 2025 after tireless work with the support of Hammond Ranch Fire Chief Kyle Lunsford, CalFire Battalion Chief of the Weed/Lake Shastina district Scott Irvine and Cristan Norman with Siskiyou Fire Safe Council.

Unfortunately, just before the holidays, our application was returned for some needed revisions. I have been assured that this is quite common, and we are currently working to make those corrections.

Please continue to make note of the hours you spent and what was done on your property, as those hours will come in handy to be logged at some point in the future.

Thank you all so much for your patience. Please reach out to me with any questions or if you'd like to get involved in any way at all, including but not limited to, forming a pod or become a pod leader with your neighbors. From what I've heard this is the hard part and the fun starts soon!

Mahroushka Papazian



Watch Duty

In previous newsletters over the last year or so we have included information about ReadySiskiyou, FireWise and Genasys Protect. There is another app you should be aware of, **Watch Duty**.

Watch Duty provides real-time wildfire maps and alerts so you can receive notifications about the status and conditions on the ground as they change.

It monitors wildfires and prescribed burns to let the public know if that smoke in the distance is a fire you need to be worried about.

It also has a flight tracker that monitors firefighting aircraft flight paths in real-time, as well as shows Air Quality & Wind Direction.

In other words, it shows everything that impacts fires in one place.

Download the app at www.watchduty.org.



Run Report

Hammond Ranch Fire Company went on 9 calls the last quarter of 2025 as follows: 3 medicals; 4 commercial structure fires and 1 Public Assist Other.



From the Chief

Happy New Year to Ranch residents and visitors.

Hammond Ranch fire has been accepting a few new volunteers lately, which has been a nice change of pace. The rural fire department grant I applied for back in April was awarded to us. The money from this grant will go to the purchase of 10 sets of new structure fire turnouts for our department.

I am always looking for Ranch residents who would like to do some searching for grants or writing them, so please let me know.

Our FireWise community application has been sent back for a few updates and corrections but, hold tight, we will get it done.

As always, thanks for your continued support, stay safe and Happy New Year.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief 4200

The Hammond Landowners Association is not an HOA

Hammond Ranch was created as an unincorporated, parceled subdivision by an act of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors in 1968. They approved the parcel division and easements for access to the parcels. There was no provision for a mandatory homeowners' association.

HLA was created by early residents who recognized the need for communication and cooperative actions for community safety and cohesion. The subdivision is subject to all county ordinances, regulations, and laws. HLA's CC&Rs are merely a restatement of county regulations and gives no enforcement power. HLA is a voluntary association of neighbors who share common interests and problems. It works as a singular voice for its members in interactions with county, state, and federal agencies.

Local Service Providers

		Rate/Hour	Equipment/Service
Mike Laurer	530-918-8158		Electrician
Matt Kosenko	530-859-8065	\$100	Plowing & fuel reduction tractor. Will buy plow blade if has regulars
Gary Scott	530-859-5644		Snow plowing
Larry Tadina	530-598-5094	\$160	4x4 backhoe & snow removal
Darren Turner	530-859-2122	Negotiable	Gen. engineer/contractor: earthwork, road work, land development, septic, excavation & all phases of tree work - has various piece of large equipment
Thad Wallace	530-859-5817		Bobcat & plow
Russel Willis	530-772-7515		RGP Roofing
Cache St. Pierre	208-369-3812		cachestp@gmail.com - plowing & excavation

Calendar

HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 5:00 p.m. Call any board member or send an email to <mailto:hammondlandowners@gmail.com> 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, July 11, 2026.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November. It will be November 7 in 2026.
- 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 the second Wednesday monthly at 5:30pm. 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>.

Emergency Alerts:

<https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou>.

Burn day information number:

530-842-8123.

Firewise: cristan.firesafecouncil@gmail.com.

Evacuation info: <https://www.watchduty.org/>.

Incident Alerts: www.genasys.com.

2026 Board Members

President	Erich Ziller	530-261-0683
Vice President	Larie Wearing	530-859-0990
Secretary	Evan Hadfield	214-620-7434
Treasurer	Valerie Baake	925-788-9875
At-Large	Marisa DeAvilla	619-818-6478
	Tricia Elberts	530-859-1036
	Doug Lathrop	530-219-5332
	Mahroushka Papazian	415-307-9709
	MJ Watt	530-867-0202

Community Liaison - Tricia Elberts and MJ Watt

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 hammondlandowners@gmail.com.

Moving or changing email address?

Please send changes of address to: Hammond Landowners Assn., P.O. Box 795, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 or email to hammondlandowners@gmail.com.



Raging Dale Creek