



C.R.R.P.O.A Newsletter



Cedar Ridge Ranch Property Owners Association
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"WORKING TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY"

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER –

Tina Lanter-Skokan/President of CRRPOA

Hello old and new neighbors of Cedar Ridge!! Please enjoy this complimentary newsletter that is sponsored by the Cedar Ridge Property Owners Association. We are a volunteer, community service organization in place to support the citizens of our great neighborhood. The original group has been in existence in many different forms since 1968. We meet quarterly and welcome any resident who would like to attend our meetings. The dues from our loyal membership maintains our neighborhood websites, a six member board and various community projects. With the current real estate boom apparently still in full swing we have many new neighbors becoming a part of beautiful Cedar Ridge and we welcome you!! Please feel free to contact us through our website or the phone number listed above.

Be Fire Safe

SIERRA SLASH FACILITY

Days of Operation
Friday Saturday Sunday Monday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The facility accepts all slash and non-painted wood
\$5.00 per cubic yard dumping fee

Located on Plainview Drive off Highway 108
Directly across the Highway from the west entrance to
Twain Harte
532-6496
www.sierraslash.com

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A Twain Harte recycling site for leaves, brush and other yard waste has a new structure and source of revenue.

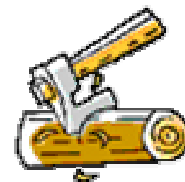
The Highway 108 Fire Safe Council, which established the Sierra Slash Facility, is now contracting the operation out to Mike McConnell Construction, an area excavator.

McConnell has taken over the operation, seeing a business opportunity, in what was a stumbling block for the center last summer. He is turning the site into a larger business operation with a new production to sell: dirt. Soil previously got in the way of burning the brush for electricity. But McConnell is planning to sift the dirt out of the slash dropped off and then sell it for landscaping uses.

People can drop off pine needles, leaves, branches and other wood and yard waste at the site, off Plainview Drive, for \$5.00 a cubic yard.

McConnell will continue to chip the slash and sell it to Sierra Pacific Industries' Lumber Mill in Standard to burn for electricity, as the Fire Safe Council did before. But he'll also sell the dirt, mulch, bark and other byproducts to gardeners, landscapers and businesses that serve them.

"It's a very beneficial program for the community, and I think that's the direction we'll see slash go in the future," McConnell said.



Selling byproducts could help bolster slash operations such as Twain Harte's.

The Plainview Drive site was the third established by the Fire Safe Council in the past three years. The goal, said council President, John Hardin, is ridding the area of excess flammable material.

With fewer leaves, branches, brush and pine needles on the ground, wildfires would have less fuel.

The program started in 2002 with a location near Pinecrest, then expanded each year with a new recycling center for green waste.

By last year, the three sites were serving 3,500 people and processing 5,000 tons of material, Hardin said. The council rented a tub grinder – a piece of machinery used to grind up wood – to reduce the material to chips and sold them to Sierra Pacific.

But at the end of last summer, the mill refused to take the slash unless dirt was first sifted out. The dirt was snuffing out the fire.

"That stopped us in our tracks," Hardin said. "Here we were all of a sudden faced with: 'How do we get rid of this material?'"

Sifting the dirt out was more expensive than renting a tub grinder, he said, and grant funds for the project were running low. But McConnell decided to try and make the dirt profitable. Through his excavation company, he already has the equipment to run a side slash business, he said.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection have been working together with McConnell to clear the land, site of the former Twain Harte dump.


"There's so many organizations that are all on the same page to make this site successful," McConnell said.

The slash site has been expanded from one acre to 10.

It will begin running on April 23 and will be open weekdays, 9am to 4pm. By June, it could be open seven days a week if there is enough demand, McConnell said.

Twain Harte Golf Course is already interested in buying some of the material McConnell will sift out of the ground cover, McConnell said. He will sell some of it at the Plainview site for customers who drop off slash and some wholesale to other businesses.

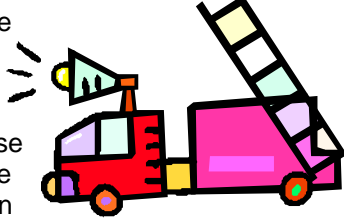
Clear your Property



Cedar Ridge is a beautiful forested area. It also has a very large fire hazard potential. Property owners are encouraged to clear their property 30 to 100 feet from their structure. This doesn't mean a total bare landscape. It is recommended to clear the ground of pine needles, oak leaves, etc. Also to cut the tree branches 14 ft. up from the ground. Cut any tree branches at least 10 feet from any chimneys. The more we clear the safer we are. If you need help with this process, please call 586-7838 and leave a message.

Fireman's Corner

We now have 6 active firefighters protecting Cedar Ridge and the surrounding areas! There will be an open house Memorial Day weekend so be on the look out for the sign on the firehouse. Please come by and see the station, meet the fire fighters, have a hot dog and find out just what it is that goes on there!



We are in a high risk area and need fire protection. Volunteers are needed to help keep our area free of fires, provide rescue and medical services. There is a very high fire danger in our beautiful mountains. The Dogwood Lake Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary have come together to give the volunteer firemen and families a free lake membership as a reward for their involvement. If you are interested in joining this program or need more information, please leave a message on our voicemail (586-7838) and we will forward your request to the appropriate person.


CRRPOA Annual Meeting – July 30th 11am

The CRRPOA will hold it's annual meeting on July 30th, 2005 at 11am at the Cedar Ridge Lake. Come on out and meet your neighbors and bring your input to the CRRPOA. Board members are needed. Elections will be held at the meeting for next year's board.

Fireman's BBQ - July 30th 2-7pm

The Annual Fireman's BBQ will be held on July 30th at the Cedar Ridge Lake (off West Brookside Dr.) from 2pm to 7pm. The menu will be deep pit beef, salad, bread, beans, soda and dessert (Plates and utensils are provided). There will be the annual raffle, Cedar Ridge logo baseball hats and mugs for sale and crafts & games for the children. There is a beautiful quilt to be raffled off made by the Ladies Auxiliary also. Donation is - Adults: \$8.50, Children: \$3.00. Please call Mary Hancock (209) 586-0734 for ticket reservations. Proceeds go to support the Volunteer Fire Department of Cedar Ridge. Come on out, have a great time and support the Firemen. Please contact Mary Buntin at 586-7649 to help at the bar-b-q and/or donate items to the raffle – both are welcomed.

Dogwood Lake Association



Dogwood Lake is starting its season for swimming, bar-b-ques and relaxation. If you would like more information on becoming a member of the Dogwood Lake Association, please contact Ann Rutter at (209) 586-7003. The lake is located off Mt Elizabeth Road and is secured by an electronic entry system. There are picnic tables, barbecue pits, a sandy beach area, volleyball court, and jungle gym and bathroom facilities. Any property owner that accesses their property off Kewin Mill Rd. may be a member of Dogwood Lake.

Kewin Mill Road Cleanup

In June of 2004, the CRRPOA assumed the duty of liter pickup on Kewin Mill Rd. between Big Hill Rd and Broken Pine. For many years the Squire's organized the pickup. The CRRPOA signed a one year contract with the county to do the pick up. The county furnishes warning signs, gloves, trash bags and very limited workers compensation. We furnish the manpower. If you would like to participate, contact the CRRPOA at 586-5878 or send an email to Crr-board@cedarridgeranch.org.

Litter Pickup

By Louis LaForce – Chairman of the Cleanup Committee. On April 20th, roadside litter was picked up on Kewin Mill Rd. downhill from Broken Pine. Eight bags of trash were collected. The majority of the litter was beverage containers. This makes me think we should be thinking “Don’t drink and drive” instead of “Don’t Litter”. But that’s not quite right. Most of us were taught pack out what you pack in. There are different types of litterers. The habitual type who discards in a particular area, like the wine drinker we have. Then there is the thoughtful type who put all of the cans and bottles in a bag before jettising it. The opportunistic type just chucks it out of the car whenever it’s at hand. Then there’s the kind who tries to hid their litter by heaving it as far as they can away from the road –



like it disappears? One interesting fact discerned from the litter is we are drinking more water these days. Also, Coor’s is way behind Budweiser and Smirnoff and mixed drinks are becoming more popular. The litter will continue to be picked up, but please keep our environment clean by disposing trash in a trash can. You can do it, we’ll help.

“Welcome to Cedar Ridge” sign

The “Welcome to Cedar Ridge” sign on Kewin Mill Road is under revamp. The revamp will be completed within the next month. The sign will contain information as to burning and fire safety. The sign will be repainted and upgraded while keeping it’s original look. Another sign or frame will be constructed after this is completed to hold the neighborhood advertisements, i.e. Ladies’ Auxiliary, Dogwood Lake, etc. It will be located near the Welcome to Cedar Ridge sign.

Mileage Sign at the intersection of Kewin Mill and Big Hill

You may have noticed that the Mileage Sign at the intersection of Kewin Mill and Big Hill was demolished due to collision. We all tell our friends and family to use that sign in getting to our homes. Louis LaForce took it upon himself to make a new sign to replace it. It is there now, and again tells the mileage to Cedar Ridge and Comstock Ranch. CRRPOA reimbursed Louis for the materials. Thank you Louis!!!!



T-Shirt Sales

CRRPOA still has T-shirts for sale with the Cedar Ridge Ranch Logo. The shirts are 2 prices: \$10.00 for the deluxe green with white logo or white with green logo. \$7.00 for the basic white. Order them on our website (www.cedarridgeranch.org) or call our voice mail (586-7838). The proceeds go to the projects to improve our local neighborhood and community.

CRRPOA Website

Just a reminder, the CRRPOA Website is a handy resource for Cedar Ridge Residents. The site address is <http://www.cedarridgeranch.org>. The site contains information and links concerning the Cedar Ridge neighborhood, weather and Tuolumne County. Webmaster, Jay Buntun continues to maintain the website. The live weather-cam displays the weather first hand in the neighborhood. The website contains an area for forum discussions. You may add a new subject or communicate with others regarding issues for Cedar Ridge Ranch Property.

Why Join CRRPOA?

- ? A resource for neighborhood issues
- ? Increase property values
- ? Community improvements
- ? Website, weather station
- ? Newsletter with local info
- ? It will feel real good supporting your local community.

Volunteers Needed

You can get involved in the Cedar Ridge Ranch Neighborhood. Please consider volunteering for any of the listed items. If interested, please call 586-7838 and leave a message and we will surely call you back and sign you up.

1. Help Cleanup Kewin Mill Rd.
2. Join the CRRPOA board.
3. Sign up on our volunteer list for future projects

CRRPOA Board

President – Tina Lanter-Skokan
Vice-President – Jay Buntun
Treasurer – Mike Lazar
Secretary – Judy LaForce
Director – Tom Schlenz
Director – Ed Renteria

The board welcomes suggestions or comments regarding the CRRPOA and the neighborhood. Please call the CRRPOA number at the top of this newsletter or email to

Crr-board@cedarridgeranch.org

CRRPOA PROXY

I appoint the CRRPOA Board my lawful proxy to vote and act for me in my name at all regular and special meetings of the CRRPOA in transacting business as may come before said meetings including but not limited to election of directors as fully as I could do if I were present. Said proxy shall vote at his or her discretion on all matters which may come before such meetings. All previous proxies are hereby revoked. This proxy shall remain in force for only one year. This proxy may be revoked at any time.

ALTERNATE PROXY: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Property Address _____

Print name _____

Return this proxy before July 31st, 2005 to CRRPOA, P.O. BOX 1894, Twain Harte, CA 95383

DUES REMINDER: Dues are due by August 30th, 2005 for the 2005/2006-year. You can bring them to our annual meeting on July 30th or mail them to the Twain Harte PO Box.



Cedar Ridge Ranch Property Owners Association Membership

Application / Renewal for Fiscal year 2005/2006 (August 1, 2005 thru July 31, 2006)

Return to: CRRPOA, P.O. Box 1894, Twain Harte, CA 95383

Make checks payable to CRRPOA.

Please Check One

- New Membership (\$55.00)
- Membership Renewal (\$40.00)

Name _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Property Address:

Street _____

Email Address _____

APN Number _____

Project Questionnaire

Your input is desired to help us decide where to direct our energies. Please fill out this form with any ideas, suggestions, questions and complaints regarding local issues or even compliments in the space provided below. We appreciate all input:



Send your letters to: Cedar Ridge Ranch Property Owners Association
PO Box 1894
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Or Email your response to: crr-board@cedarridgeranch.org
Or you may call or Fax your response in: (209) 586-7838

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