

# 40th Anniversary Newsletter

## AUDUBON HILLS ASSOCIATION

### Fire Danger! The Risks of Weed and Brush Removal

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This is a simple fact...metal sparks can cause fires. This means that if you are going to help yourself, your neighborhood, and your local firefighters, by removing fire danger...BE SMART!!

Any type of brush removal during the summer can be dangerous, especially when using those yard tools that have metal blades or gas motors. Many fires in the area have started from well intended people making, what later seem like, obvious mistakes. Please, if you're clearing your property, take the following steps. They will help you help yourself and your neighbors.

1. Metal blades striking

rocks can create sparks and start fires; use caution and don't run blades over rocky areas.



2. Instead of using a metal blade, use a weed eater with the plastic string that whips around and cuts the weeds.

3. Make sure all internal combustion engines are tuned up and equipped

with an operable spark arrester.

4. Always clear in the morning when the fire danger is lower.
5. Have a hose or fire extinguisher with you when clearing, so spot fires can be put out quickly.
6. Take a phone with you, to immediately call 911 if there is a problem.
7. Don't let overheated machinery 'cool down' on dry grasses.

These simple steps will help all of us keep safe in this unusually dry summer.

### S a f e t y   p l a n n i n g

Disaster specialists say "The more self reliant and independent you are, the greater your chances of survival will be. The greatest problem people have is apathy." In most cases, it's not a lack of concern; it's more of denial. Most people have a false sense of security; they think it won't happen to them. Well...that's what every person says that loses everything in a fire. "I didn't think it would happen to me."

So here's our challenge to you: Assume that it can happen to you, and hope that it won't. Kim McCarthy took a lot of

time to put together the guide for emergency preparedness, that everyone got with their dues letter. Please take those suggestions to heart, and be "pre"-prepared. Make a list of your valuables that you want to take with you and tape it to the inside of your cabinet so you can properly get yourself together if needed.

Take the time now, so later you can be self reliant and clear-headed. Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

## AHCS D-Your Road Committee Update

In June our AHCS D chairman, Mike Fennessy, lost his battle with cancer. His dedication and planning for our roads will be appreciated for many years to come. Our thoughts are with his family.

Currently AHCS D is focusing on paving the side roads. The number of residents served on each road, will determine the paving order. Waxwing will be the first side road to be paved, and Veerkamp was awarded the bid.

Paving will start this summer, and residents will be notified of the dates, as soon as we know.

All side roads within Audubon Hills will be widened, within their easements, to 14'; and cul-de-sacs will be graded and paved at the end of each road. The widening will allow for emergency personal to have room to pass each other, and the cul-de-sacs will give them room to turn around.

Please take note of the

AHCS D easements, represented by dashed lines, on your property plot map. If you currently have planted or built items within the easement, they may need to be moved. Help AHCS D help make your neighborhood safer; be prepared that you may need to move these items before paving.

This planned improvement will increase safety and insure that our homes can be accessed in the event of a emergency.

## Water Wise-Did you know?

You can save up to 8 gallons of water if you turn off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime. That adds up to a savings of more than 100 gallons of water per person each month.



A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day! To determine if your toilet is leaking, place a drop of food coloring in the tank. If the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

## R e c y c l e

**Did you know that you can request additional yard waste recycle bins for free or a reasonable fee? Just think how quickly you could get rid of that fire danger on your property, and the time you'll save not having to do *another* burn pile. Simply call Waste Connections at (530) 626-4141 to order yours. They deliver them on Tuesdays.**

### **Acceptable Items to place in, or next to, your recycle cart:**

- All California redemption value drink containers
- Clean paper and mail
- Corrugated cardboard
- Cereal boxes (without the liner) / Shoe boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Newspaper and magazines
- Shredded paper in tied clear plastic bags
- Paperback books
- Catalogs, phone books
- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soy milk cartons
- Frozen food boxes
- Plastic bottles, jars and jugs - No caps
- Plastic dairy tubs (yogurt, margarine) - No lids
- All colors of glass jars, bottles and jugs - No lids
- Aluminum foil or foil baking pans
- Aluminum cans
- Steel or tin cans

- All colors of glass jars, bottles and jugs, with lids and caps removed.
- Scrap metal (limit 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 pounds; without wood, plastic, or rubber attachments)
- Motor Oil Recycle

Contact customer service and we will send you containers. Fill the containers and call to schedule a pick up: El Dorado Disposal Customer Service at (530) 626-4141 or email [customerservice@eldoradodisposal.com](mailto:customerservice@eldoradodisposal.com)

### **Acceptable Items to place in your Yard Waste Cart:**

#### Plant material

- Grass
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Plant and tree trimmings
- Houseplants (no pots)
- Small amounts of sod (less than 60 pounds)
- Branches and twigs (<4" in diameter and <4' long)
- Small trees; sections <4' long; base <4" diameter.

# Order Your Reflective Address Signs by July 31st.

## Why do I need a reflective street address sign?



These are crucial to our community's safety. We found these signs in a pleasant reflective brown background, after many residents expressed hesitancy in purchasing the reflective green, because they didn't like the look. The brown has been well received.

If we get over 48 orders, the purchase price will include the post and brackets as well!! Currently, we've received 15, just from the picnic alone!

This is a community wide effort to help our law enforcement help us. Having the same signs also makes for a cleaner and more uniform look; they'll know what to look for! It's our responsibility to have our homes well marked so Emergency Services can find us.

Order yours immediately, this is a limited offer.  
Payments must be made by July 31st.

### Extra Benefits

- Fed Ex and UPS can find your house easier at night.
- Friends can find your home easier.

### These signs are made of:

- Made of corrosion resistant aluminum alloy.
- It measures 6 inch x 18 inch x .040 inch thick.
- Reflective house numbers are 4" tall and printed on both sides.
- Its brown background is engineer-grade reflective (Type II).

## REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN

### ORDER FORM

### \$25 PER SIGN

### (OR \$26 FOR ONLINE PAYMENT)

Write Checks to Audubon Hills Association and send to  
P.O. Box 631, Camino, CA 95709

**OR** pay online at

[www.audubonhills.org/BoardMinutesPayments.htm](http://www.audubonhills.org/BoardMinutesPayments.htm)

What number do you want on your sign?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your order

## Audubon Hills 40th Anniversary Picnic and Meeting

June 21, 2008 proved to be an interesting day. Sue Collier, Secretary/Treasure and Kim McCarthy, Vice President of AHA! are the mother and daughter team that have put this event on for several years now. Although they like getting the community together, and they've developed a keen sense of organization, both have decided to let someone else pick the date next time. It seems that they always pick days that are unusually, exceptionally, horribly hot. As Sue says, "We don't do hot well." At 103° on the deck, there was little that could be done but put up more umbrellas, plug in high power fans around the deck, and watch all the ice melt rapidly.

However, the ice cream was great! It seems that for many, the homemade ice cream was the cherry on the, well...sundae! There's nothing like watching the eyes of grown adults, gleaming at the delicious array of toppings before them. We're thinking of having an ice cream social every year, and saving the picnics for every five years. What do you think about starting a new tradition?

It has to be said, Primus Vineyard generously donated the use of their facilities for our picnic/meeting. If you haven't been a patron of their establishment, please stop by. They are great people, and the facilities are beautiful.

After lunch, we finally had our meeting, which went all too quickly. If you want to know what was discussed, you can find the meeting minutes online at [www.audubonhills.org/BoardMinutesPayments.htm](http://www.audubonhills.org/BoardMinutesPayments.htm).

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR-DATES TO REMEMBER

Call Jim and Kim McCarthy for locations and appointments 530-647-8878

### July

- ⇒ **3rd-21st** Community Green Dumpster (Needles only) -  
1 extra week because of weather and smoke
- ⇒ **24th** AHCSD Meeting 7:00
- ⇒ **31st** \$25 due for reflective home address signs  
(payments online or sent to P.O. Box 631, Camino 95709)



### September

- ⇒ **18th** AHCSD Meeting 7:00
- ⇒ **19th-28th** Community Regular Dumpster  
(FREE to residents with current dues!)

### November

- ⇒ **4th** Apple Hill Harvest Run  
(Be prepared for road closures.)

If you  
have received  
this in your mailbox,  
we don't have  
your e-mail  
address!!!