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President's Summer Message

by Grace Bartel

YWPHI President (2005-2006)

By everyone's account, this year's Memorial Day Weekend yard clean-up was the biggest yet. A steady stream of pick-up trucks made their way down Yosemite Park Way to the community burn pile. Thanks to everyone who worked in their yards and helped their neighbors. Special thanks go to those who volunteered their trucks and their helpers: Brian Hagan, Harry Hagan, Don Pitts, Al Ruiz, Bob Skrdla, Ken Wall, Steve Yates and Todd Yates. We'd also like to extend additional appreciation to the Bartels, Yates

and Scenic Wonders for hiring extra help to ease everyone's workload.

By noon on Sunday, more than forty hungry people had made their way to the annual Memorial Day Weekend picnic held in the Wall's backyard on Henness Circle. Thanks again to Ken and Marilyn Wall for the use of their yard. YWPHI's Hospitality Committee and board members - Carol Ruiz, Grace Bartel, Debby Hagan and Kay Pitts - prepared an over-the-top picnic lunch that everyone enjoyed.

We were joined at the picnic by a guest, Dan Tune, U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Officer, who discussed compliance with this year's Annual Fire Hazard Clearance Inspection (see p.2). We're grateful to Dan for his contribution and taking time out of a holiday weekend to support Yosemite West.

Our successful chipping program May 30-31 further helped to reduce the hazard fuel load in Yosemite West, facilitated owner compliance with new 100-foot defensible space regulations, and reduced the pressure on the community burn pile. Thirty-five property owners of forty-four parcels, representing more than 31% of the YWPHI membership took advantage of this wonderful program.

YWPHI has been working very hard to better our community, and we ask for your continuing support. Enclosed please find your annual membership renewal notice. The annual membership of \$25 per household is due September 1st. Feel free to bring your payment with you to the annual meeting or mail it to YWPHI, 7585 Henness Ridge Road, Yosemite, CA 95389-9108. We welcome suggestions for activities you'd like to see YWPHI doing in the coming months. I hope that any of you who have not yet joined will consider doing so.

We look forward to seeing all of you at YWPHI's picnic and annual meeting over Labor Day weekend see p.3 for further information.

Welcome New Members

- » Jeff Beranek & Marsha Novak
- » Douglas Oxhorn & Gail Aldrich
- » Barbara Summers
- » Mark Chapman
- » Tommy Caldwell & Beth Rodden
- » Richard & Jamie Heim
- » Daryl Libby

YosemiteWest.org

The YWPHI website continues to grow and serve our community with a wealth of news and information. It's a comprehensive resource for a wide variety of issues pertaining to Yosemite West. New property owners are encouraged to visit the site and find out about life in our community.

About YWPHI

YWPHI was established to promote and protect the best interests of the owners of land used for residential purposes in Yosemite West. YWPHI shall strive for the improvement and betterment of all facilities and services within the area, and shall promote and encourage maximum community and civic spirit, and foster good will and friendship among all residents of Yosemite West.

In the West Publication

Archived issues of the newsletter are available to view online or download as a PDF at www.yosemitewest.org/archive.htm.

The e-Newsletter is available online to YWPHI members who have signed up to receive it. When the current issue of *In the West* is published, we will notify you by email with simple instructions on how to download the e-Newsletter from a secure location on the www.yosemitewest.org website by logging on with a unique User Name and Password, which will be valid only for the current issue. This secure system allows members to choose when and how to download the newsletter. To sign up for the e-Newsletter, please email treasurer@yosemitewest.org.

YWPHI Board of Directors

Minutes from previous YWPHI Board of Directors' meetings are archived at www.yosemitewest.org/board.htm. You can read

the minutes online or download a PDF. The minutes from the most recent meeting - March 25, 2006 - are now available. Please contact president@yosemitewest.org or call Grace Bartel (☎ 209-372-8752) to request a copy by mail. The next board meeting is Sunday, September 3rd following the annual meeting.

Mailbox Shelter

Thanks to Earl and Grace Bartel, Don Donaldson, and Joe LeMonte who cleaned the mailbox shelter in the first half of 2006. We need volunteers to clean the mailbox shelter between July and December - please sign up on the bulletin board.

Fire Hazard Clearance Inspection

CDF arranges with U.S. Forest Service fire prevention officers from Sierra National Forest to conduct an **Annual Fire Hazard Clearance Inspection** in Yosemite West to evaluate property owners' compliance with defensible space regulations. For details, please visit www.yosemitewest.org/100ft.htm.) The fire prevention team completes a written checklist for residents noting any conditions that require the property owners' attention and may issue citations for noncompliance.

The Annual Fire Hazard Clearance Deadline, which is in early to mid July, will be posted on the USFS signboard along the entrance road to Yosemite West.

Please direct any questions you may have about the inspection to U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Officer Dan Tune, (dtune@fs.fed.us, ☎ 559-877-2218 ext. 3281) who is leading this year's inspection team.



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. Labor Day Picnic & Annual Meeting

**Sunday, September 3, 2006
10:30 a.m.**

The YWPHI Labor Day picnic and annual meeting starts at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, September 3, 2006 behind Betty Clark's house on the south side of Henness Circle. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

YWPHI will provide plates, napkins, cups, soft drinks, beer and wine. Please bring your own chair(s). As always, we appreciate your bringing a dish to share at the potluck brunch:

If Your Last Name Starts With -	Please Bring -
A - H	sweet rolls, coffee cake, Danish, muffins
K - P	main dish (e.g., quiche, frittata, etc.)
Q - Z	fruit or vegetable, whole or in salads

Annual Meeting

The YWPHI annual meeting will take place following the brunch. The annual meeting includes the election of the YWPHI Board of Directors to serve for 2006-2007 and the approval of minutes from last year's annual meeting. A draft of the minutes from the September 4, 2005 annual meeting will be handed out at the meeting for review and comment. Anyone wanting to review the draft of the minutes prior to the meeting can do so online at www.yosemitewest.org/board.htm; the minutes will be posted online in mid August.

Special Guests: Center for Fire Research & Outreach

Our special guests at this year's annual meeting will be researchers from the Center for Fire Research & Outreach (<http://firecenter.berkeley.edu>) at the College of Natural Sciences, at the University of California, Berkeley. The center will be presenting the findings from their scientific research project in Yosemite West, which created a parcel-based community fire hazard assessment using the Fire Information Engine they developed. Visit www.yosemitewest.org/fywphi.htm for further information.

Please email president@yosemitewest.org or contact Grace Bartel (☎ 209-372-8752) with any questions, comment or suggestions you may have.

Door Prizes Again This Year !

YWPHI Board of Directors (2005-2006)

Grace Bartel, President; Kay Pitts, Vice President;
Debby Hagan, Secretary; Members Jim Andrews, Tom
Lambert, Kim O'Neil and Carol Ruiz

YWPHI Committee Chairs (2005-2006)

Tom Lambert, Newsletter Editor; Kim O'Neil,
Webmaster and Acting Treasurer; and John Mock,
Fire Safety

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