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President's Spring Message

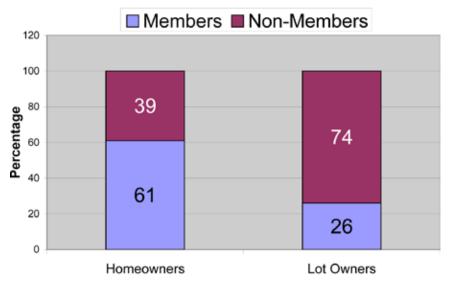
by Kay Pitts, YWPHI President

You probably know people outside our community who belong to some type of homeowners association. Membership is usually mandatory, the dues are high and there are lots of rules to follow. Our organization has always had voluntary membership, the annual dues are an incredibly low \$25 a year and we try not to get into rule making. In this issue, you will read of the many things YWPHI has done and is continuing to do for the benefit of the entire community.

For the past two years, YWPHI has operated at a net loss. Even with assistance from the Mariposa Fire Safe Council, our biggest expense has been for fire safety with the annual chipping program. But we also help protect your property from fire through community education, fire safety training, and creation of a shaded fuel break at our borders. Board and other community members have spent countless hours working to make your property safer.

With more members, YWPHI will have the funds to do more even more. If you are a vacant lot owner, your lot will be worth much less after a fire. Yet only 26% of you have joined YWPHI. If you are a homeowner, your mail has a place to arrive courtesy of YWPHI. We constructed the shed for the community mailboxes and recently spent hundreds of dollars repairing the rural box area, which would have fallen down from this winter's snow load. Yet 39% of homeowners have not yet renewed or joined.

My idea of a community is one where we all contribute in some way and all receive some benefit. Over my 16 years here I have seen many



areas of disagreement or contention. YWPHI cannot solve these issues. What YWPHI can do is help bring neighbors together for interests we have in common. Through our newsletter and an excellent website we keep you informed of activities and issues within the community, Mariposa County and Yosemite. We sponsor informational meetings, work parties to benefit the community and, most important to me, social events where you can meet informally and get to know your neighbors better. Building community means participation. It starts here with your membership.

YWPHI Board Minutes

Minutes from previous YWPHI Board of Directors' meetings are archived online at http://www.yosemitewest.org/board.htm. Minutes from the following meetings are now available:

December 29, 2007 October 28, 2007 September 2, 2007 June 7, 2007 March 24, 2007 September 3, 2006

September 3, 2006 annual meeting

The next board meeting is Saturday, July 5th at 10 a.m.

In the West Publication

Thanks go to these contributors to this edition of *In the West*: John Mock, Chair, YWPHI Fire Safety committee, and YWPHI Board members Kay Pitts and Kim O'Neil.

Archived issues of the newsletter are available to download as a PDF at http://www.yosemitewest.org/archive.htm. If you wish to be notified when new issues are avaible for download, please send a request via email to treasurer@yosemitewest.org. Your willingness to obtain the newsletter electronically will save YWPHI money on printing and mailing, allowing us to use that money for community projects.

Electronic Version Only in July and October

YWPHI publishes *In the West* three times per year, in April, July and October. The Board has decided that the July and October 2008 issues will be sent out in electronic format only. Being that our community is far from any photocopy shop and that the majority of members now choose the electronic format anyway, we hope that the savings in both time and money here will allow us to work on other projects Members who do not have internet access and are genuinely unable to receive the newsletter in electronic format, should contact Tom Lambert at (209) 372-4769. We will review this policy for spring 2009 newsletter.

Please add the yosemitewest.org domain to your approved senders list in your email progam.

Welcome New Members

We have welcomed these new members to YWPHI in 2007-2008:

Bob Woolard
Sergio & Maria Pellegrino
Hipskind, Wiseman & Wendy families
Todd & Michelle Caranto
Roy Hertweck
Jo Ann Belforte
Kenneth & Pamela Schulz

2007-2008 Board of Directors

The new YWPHI Board of Directors was elected at the annual meeting on September 2, 2007. The new board includes Kay Pitts (President), Kelly Rich (Vice President), Jeff Hornacek (Secretary), and members Jim Andrews, Todd Caranto, Tom Lambert and Kim O'Neil.

In addition to the Board, John Mock chairs the YWPHI Fire Safety committee and Board member Kim O'Neil also serves as Treasurer and Webmaster.

2007-2008 Membership Dues Due

We thank renewing YWPHI members and urge anyone who has not already done so to send in their annual membership of \$25 per household, which is due September 1st each year. Members who have not yet renewed will find a renewal notice with this newsletter. Alternatively, you can download a membership form at http://www.yosemitewest.org/members.htm or call YWPHI President, Kay Pitts at 209-372-4775 to receive a copy by mail. We invite everyone not presently a member to join, and welcome suggestions from everyone for activities you'd like to see YWPHI doing.

About YWPHI

YWPHI was established to promote and protect the best interests of property owners 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.

Yosemite West Trash Cooperative

All garbage dumpsters in Yosemite West are privately owned since there is no public garbage disposal system. Yosemite West residents can join the Yosemite West Trash Cooperative to obtain a means to dispose of household garbage. This consists of a four-yard dumpster on Henness Circle (at 7476 Henness Circle during summer and at the corner of Henness Circle and Azalea Lane during winter) and is available to cooperative members who pay a fee.

The current fees are:

- \$100 for part-time residents;
- \$200 for full-time residents; and
- \$300 for Vacantion Rental properties and Bed & Breakfasts.

The fee is collected approximately every five months and depends on the number of participants. The more members, the longer the period. The dumpster is emptied weekly by Total Waste Management. Anyone interested in joining the Yosemite West Trash Cooperative should contact Pete Ulyatt at 323-258-6316 or by email at ulyatt@sbcglobal. net. Dumping household waste in the National Park Service dumpsters is illegal and subject to a fine.

Yosemite West Emergency Telephone Tree Update

YWPHI maintains and annually updates the Yosemite West Emergency Telephone Tree, which lists and is distributed to homeowners with their contact information. (It does not include nor is it distributed to vacant lot owners.) Many homeowners have primary residences elsewhere, and the tree endeavors to list any telephone contact information at alternative residences and cell phone numbers.

The emergency telephone tree is intended to systematically notify residents during an emergency or when a situation arises that affects the entire community. However, YWPHI, its members and officers, and those using the emergency telephone tree, cannot guarantee that anyone will receive timely and adequate notice of an emergency, and disclaims all liability.

The Yosemite West Emergency Telephone Tree is for the exclusive use of Yosemite West homeowners and residents (including occupants of long-term

rental properties). To protect privacy, please keep the emergency telephone tree confidential, and do not forward it or provide copies to others for any purpose. YWPHI also provides the list to the Mariposa County Fire Department and Yosemite National Park fire chiefs

In March 2008, YWPHI updated the Yosemite West Emergency Telephone Tree. If you are a homeowner with an email address, YWPHI recently sent you an email message with instructions to download the recently updated tree. If you do not have email, a copy of the tree is enclosed with this newsletter.

Please send an email to telephonetree@ yosemitewest.org to inform us of any changes to your contact information, or to remove your name from the tree for any reason.

Yosemite West Special Plan Update

On Saturday, April 19, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors considered the Yosemite West Special Plan for approval. After hearing community input and in light of several remaining areas of contention, predominantly relating to the regulation of vacation rentals, the Board of Supervisors decided to postpone their decision until a subsequent meeting. No date has been set yet, but the current plan is to hold a comunity workshop within 90 days of the April 19th meeting. This will be a public event and the proposal is to go through the Special Plan line by line. Check the Mariposa County Planning Department website periodically for details at http://www. mariposacounty.org/planning/. For details relating to the Special Plan, please consult the YWPHI website at http://www.yosemitewest.org/ywpac.htm.

Thanks to Malcom, Marlys and Don

A few good souls have taken the time to clean the mailbox shed. Our thanks go out to Malcolm Neal, Marlys Anstead and Don Donaldson for signing up to clean the mailbox area this spring.

If you want to see your name in this space (or maybe not), you are cordially invited to claim a month of mailbox cleaning for your very own. No charge. A sign-up sheet is in the mail shed.

Who Is YWPHI and What Does It Do?

The property and homeowner's association is made up of lot owners and homeowners, part-time and full-time residents, people who have never rented out their house and people who rent or have rented their houses out on both a monthly and a nightly basis.

Similarly, the YWPHI Board represents a crosssection of the neighborhood. We range in age from our 30s to our 70s, some of us are relatively new to Yosemite and some have been here for 30 years. Four of us are full-time Yosemite residents, while three of us are weekenders. Three members have rented or currently rent their houses out nightly, one member plans to do so in the future and three members never have rented out their homes. Some members endorse the Yosemite West Special Plan, while some members oppose it. We currently have five men and two women on the board, but as recently as two years ago we had two men and five women on the board. If after reading that, you still feel that the board does not represent you, there's no reason to just sit there and take it. Put your name forward and join the board. We need new members every year.

We Work on Projects That Benefit All Community Residents

There are a lot of misperceptions about what the homeowners association does. We are not related to the planning or maintenance committees, the Planning Commission or the Department of Public Works, which are part of the county government system.

What We Do NOT Do:

- We do NOT set neighborhood rules or participate in planning.
- We do NOT regulate or in any way oversee the rental industry.
- We do NOT oversee roads, water or sewer.

What Have We Done For You Lately?

- Repair the freestanding mailboxes.
- Replace keys to the parcel lockers and clean out the mouse nest.
- Secure grant money to reduce fuels surrounding the neighborhood.
- Sponsor annual clean-up day to reduce fuels.

- Sponsor a brush-chipping program with the help of the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council to encourage fire safety and to help reduce the load on the brush pile.
- Sponsor two annual picnics and a Christmas get-together.
- Provide valuable community news and information on the website at http://www.yosemitewest.org
- Monitor agency activity (NPS, Yosemite Institute, etc) that affects our community.

Some Examples of Our Work

Last summer, Scott Loberg, our postman, informed us that the freestanding mailboxes were on the verge of falling down. If not fixed, he planned to condemn them and stop delivering our mail. There is no agency or organization responsible for maintaining these boxes. Though the mailboxes are for general use, not just for members of the association, we felt that someone had to step up and repair them. The YWPHI Board commissioned Ken Wall to shore up the mail stand at a cost of \$345 in materials and labor.



Newly Reinforced Mailboxes

In addition, over the years, the keys for the community parcel boxes in the shed had disappeared and mice had moved into the lower locker. The board also took on the responsibility of ordering new keys and cleaning out the lockers so that all community members can once again receive parcels. If you receive mail in Yosemite West and are not a member, please consider joining the association to help us defray our costs in maintaining your mailbox.



Yosemite West Hose House

We have also installed "hose houses" around the neighborhood, each costing several hundred dollars. These are the red boxes that hold fire hoses, nozzles, hydrant wrenches and adapters. Again, no other agency takes responsibility for these. They are neither installed nor maintained by the county. When there was a home fire on Yosemite Park Way, the hose from the nearby box was deployed to help fight that fire.

Where Does the Money Go?

The money you pay to the homeowners association stays in the community. As you can see from the chart at right, last year, the majority of your money went to fire safety. This included a large sum for brush chipping. Though many of us still burn, chipping has some advantages:

- Reduced fire danger to the community.
- Reduced load on the community burn pile.
 On average, since starting the program, 30 tons per year has been chipped.
- Reduced impact on air quality.
- Returns biomass to the soil, rather than burning it up.

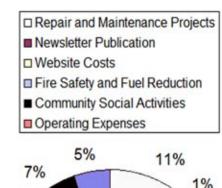
Other major expenditures included fixing the community mailboxes, maintaining the website, and sponsoring neighborhood social activities. Five percent of the budget went to operating expenses. Download easy-to-read charts that show and compare YWPHI income and expenses from 2005–2007 at http://www.yosemitewest.org/incexp2007.pdf.

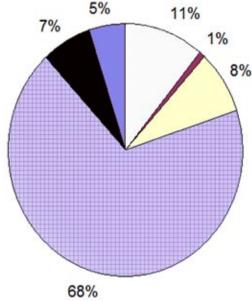
We Need Your Help

These projects benefit every member of our community, but they depend on your participation, whether in time, dues or both.

If you're not a member, please join. All dues stay in the community. If you are a member and have some time to help out around the community, we always need help with things like cleaning up the mail shed and, every September we're looking for Board members. Every little bit helps.

In particular, anyone who can volunteer on Sunday, May 25, for the Memorial Day cleanup would be most welcome. If you can't make it then, we also have a sign-up sheet in the mail shed and are always looking for one person each month to sign up give the place a general cleaning. Anything you choose to do at whatever level is much appreciated.





Yosemite West Memorial Day Weekend Yard Clean-up Sunday, May 25, 2007

http://www.yosemitewest.org/firesafe.htm

In preparation for fire season, everyone, whether you own a home or a vacant lot, can help create defensible space on their property. Defensible space is area around a house where flammable native trees and shrubs have been thinned and dead/dying trees have been removed. This reduces the threat of an oncoming wildfire and allows firefighters to safely defend a house. Research proves that defensible space makes the difference between a house surviving a wildfire or being destroyed. California law requires homeowners to treat the area 100 feet from all structures or to your property line, whichever is closer (see http://www.yosemitewest.org/firesafe.htm for further details).

The **key steps** are:

- 1. Remove pine needles, brush, dead and downed wood.
- 2. Cut and remove any dead trees.
- 3. Limb trees up 15 feet above ground.
- 4. Reduce manzanita and Ceanothus species (e.g., buck brush, buckthorn) by cutting one-third of the plants off at soil level every other year, and by reducing the height of all remaining shrubs.
- 5. Remove any trees less than 6 inches in diameter at chest height, called ladder fuels, especially white fir and incense cedar.

The community burn pile, located at the lower end of the development off Yosemite Park Way, will be open on Memorial Day weekend to provide a place for everyone to dispose of yard debris. The burn pile fills up quickly each spring and you can ease the pressure on it in two ways:

- by signing up for the Chipping Program by May 25th.
- by burning pine needles on your own property; call the Mariposa County Burn Day Information Line (888-440-2876) and carefully follow all guidelines (visit http://www.yosemitewest.org/fowner.htm for details).

If you do not have a vehicle appropriate for trans-

porting yard debris to the burn pile, volunteers with trucks will be cruising the area on Sunday, May 25 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., but **you must help load and unload all your material into their trucks.** In turn, you'll be expected to help with loads from your neighbors' yards. Please don't leave piles in the street expecting others to take them away – no one will touch them. This is a community event, not a free service offered by the homeowners association. Volunteers are there to help, not to do all your work for you. If you are physically unable to actually help load trucks, that's fine. You can still provide refreshments and applause! Equipment is always at a premium. If you have truck, of course that helps immensely. Gloves, rakes, pitchforks, wheelbarrows and tarps are very helpful.

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Make two types of piles:

- pine needles and pine cones that will be transported to the community burn pile Sunday, May 25th — please have your piles ready by 8 a.m.
- brush and small-diameter branches for the chipping program that will be chipped after Memorial Day weekend.

What Goes In the Community Burn Pile

- dry pine needles
- fallen pine cones
- branches

What Stays Out of the Community Burn Pile

- Piles for the chipping program
- No logs or stumps
- No plastic bags
- No hazardous or toxic materials
- No glass
- No garbage
- No construction debris
- No exceptions!

If you are clearing your lot in preparation for building, you cannot bring this debris to the community burn pile. The community burn pile cannot handle this large volume of material. You must make your own arrangements by renting a dumpster to dispose of the debris.

Please remember that the cleanup and the chipping program are entirely separate programs. You do not need to be present when the chippers come by, but you must sign up in advance so that we can flag your brush piles. The chipping will begin a couple of days after the Memorial Day cleanup. To participate in the cleanup, however, it is not essential to sign up in advance, but it is essential to be there on Sunday, May 25 to help the volunteers load the trucks.

Volunteers Needed on Sunday, May 25

We need volunteers to provide pick-up or dump trucks and to help load and unload the trucks. Please contact Tom Lambert (209-372-4769; newsletter@yosemitewest.org) with any questions or to volunteer. If you can show up with rakes and pitchforks, that's especially helpful. Pitchforks in particular are always in short supply.

Free Picnic Lunch

YWPHI is sponsoring a picnic lunch and invites everyone in the community, starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, on the southeast corner of Henness Circle (in the Walls' backyard). Food will be served around noon. Please bring your own chairs.

The picnic is not only time to eat and unwind after a lot of hard work, but it is also an opportunity to learn more about fire safety from guest speakers. Agency personnel will be on hand to answer your questions about protecting your property from wildfire.

California Defensible Space Codes

California Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291 requires 100 feet of Defensible Space. The details of this law are given in the "General Guidelines for Creating Defensible Space," published by Cal Fire. YWPHI mailed this document, as part of the "Owner's Action Plan," to every property owner of record in September 2007. This mailing was funded through our fire safety grants (see p. 8). You can also download the guidelines from Cal Fire's home page http://www.fire.ca.gov. YWPHI's Fire Safety web page (http://www.yosemitewest.org/firesafe.htm) has links to this document and many other useful references.

In-Kind Services Survey

In February 2008, YWPHI's Fire Safety committee submitted a grant proposal to the Fire Safe California Grants Clearinghouse to request more than \$75,000 funding to implement the Yosemite West Improve Defensible Space Within Community Project, which the Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) identifies as having the highest priority. The project was unfunded in the initial round of funding decisions, announced March 28, 2008. The project is still eligible, however, for funding in later rounds of decisions

The total project cost includes "matching funds," which is the value the community contributes to the overall project. The hours of "volunteer" labor that you spend on own property each year for fire safety (e.g., raking pine needles, hauling debris to the burn pile, burning debris on your property, piling for the chipping program, etc.) have a dollar value to the comunity that is recognized by federal and state agencies. This, added to your actual out-of-pocket expenses, makes up the total community contribution or "matching funds." Grantors often look at the ratio of matching funds to grant amount, i.e., how much is the community contributing to its own welfare. We'd like to be able to more accurately estimate this value, called "In-Kind Services," which could strengthen any future grant proposals. To better do this, YWPHI's Fire Safety Committee is conducting a survey of all property owners of record in Yosemite West to estimate the value of in-kind services which help to improve community-wide defensible space in Yosemite West. The data from this survey will be used for Yosemite West to apply for grants to conduct future fire safety activities in the community.

You will find the In-Kind Services Survey enclosed with this newsletter. We would appreciate your completing and returning the form by July 4. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please email firesafety@yosemitewest.org with any questions you may have.

100 Feet of Defensible Space is the Law

Volunteers-in-Prevention Program

Volunteers-in-Prevention (VIP) is a program of Cal Fire (previously known as CDF). It has been operating for almost thirty years and its goals are to prevent and reduce loss of life and property from wildland fire through community education. Citizen volunteers donate as many or as few hours (there's no minimum) to work with their neighbors in their community. Cal Fire's fire chief would like Yosemite West to join their VIP program.

Two components of the VIP program would be beneficial for Yosemite West:

- Wildland Occupant Firesafe Program is for neighbors to help neighbors by discussing how to make their homes fire safe and assisting with preliminary wildland homeowner property inspections for fire safety.
- Red Flag, Holiday and Arson Patrols where volunteers **patrol during "declared critical fire weather and on holidays"** and help alert people to heightened fire danger and act as additional eyes and ears for the fire department.

Studies show that as many as 95% of wildfires in California are caused by people, and that most of these fires are in places such as Yosemite West, where people live in close proximity to flammable vegetation. Please visit http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_volunteers.php to read more about the VIP program, to download the VIP Fact Sheet, and watch a video about the program.

A Fire Prevention Specialist from Cal Fire will visit Yosemite West on two dates in May to conduct initial VIP trainings. The first training, Thursday, May 8 at 3:00-4:30p.m., will include an overview of the VIP program and its benefits to our community and a detailed explanation of the Wildland Occupant Firesafe Program. Cal Fire will also issue burn permits to participants at the first training, which will save you a trip to the Cal Fire office in Mariposa. It will be a good opportunity to ask any questions you may have about annual hazard clearance inspections and compliance with legal requirements on homeowners. The second training, Wednesday, May 21 at 3:00-4:00p.m. will focus solely on the Red Flag, Holiday and Arson Patrols. We especially invite rental operators and their employees who regularly drive through the neighborhood to participate in this training. You are welcome to attend either or both of the trainings. The meeting place for both trainings is Kay Pitts' house, 7509 Henness Circle. If you have any questions, please email firesafety@yosemitewest.org.

Fire Safety Grants Update

The projects in the two grants awarded to YWPHI by the California Fire Safe Council, with funds provided by the National Park Service, are well underway.

Work started on creating a shaded fuel break around the northern and western boundaries of Yosemite West in November 2007 and halted for the winter. This work is approximately one-third done and will resume as soon as more snow melts. We expect this project to be completed later this spring.

The final Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was submitted to the Mariposa County Fire Department, Cal Fire and the County Sheriff in November 2007 for their comments and approval. Once they review and approve it, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will adopt it as part of the overall Mariposa County CWPP. This process is still in progress as of April 2008. Yosemite West can be proud that it is the first community in Mariposa County to present their CWPP for approval.

These projects benefit all property and homeowners in Yosemite West and represent many years of work. Please visit http://www.yosemitewest. org/grants.htm for periodoc updates on the progress of these projects. Please email firesafety@yosemitewest. org with any questions you may have.

Special Thanks

The YWPHI Fire Safety committee would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts made by homeowners, **Dr. Michael and Mrs. Jeanne Adams**, and vacant lot owner, **Mark Hayden**, toward creating communitywide defensible space in 2007 by reducing hazard fuels on their properties. Thanks for your contributions!

Chipping Program Starts June 2

YWPHI is sponsoring the fourth annual spring chipping program in collaboration with the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council. A chipper and crew will come to Yosemite West for two days to chip all yard debris that property owners cut and pile at the curb.

The past three chipping programs were a huge success — chipping more than 30 tons of yard debris each year. These programs help our community reduce the amount of dead wood on the ground, improve defensible space around structures, and reduce the amount of wood debris that goes on the community burn pile.

The chipping program is scheduled after Memorial Day so the chips are not blown on top of pine needles, and to enable those owners who only come on Memorial Day weekend to participate.

The chipping program is available to every property owner in Yosemite West and is not limited to YWPHI members. The cost of the chipping program is free to YWPHI members and \$25 per property for non-members. We encourage non-members to not only participate in the chipping program, but to also join YWPHI. Annual membership dues are just \$25 per household. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this program to remove yard debris from their property. Property owners do not have to be present when the chipper comes.

You can make a difference in whether or not your home and community survive a wildland fire. Your actions will make it safer for the firefighters who risk their lives to protect your property.

The chips will be left on your property at the recommendation of the Mariposa County Fire Department. Chips reduce the growth of weeds and unnecessary seedlings, keep soil in place to prevent erosion, and decay slowly forming a nutrient-rich mulch.

Chipping Guidelines

Follow these guidelines when making your curbside pile for the chipper.

Do's

- Sign up by May 25
- · Gather dead and downed wood
- Limb trees up to 15 feet above ground
- Remove branches within 10 feet of chimneys and roof
- Remove trees less than 6 inches at chest height
- Pile yard debris on your property near the curb in easily accessible piles by June 2nd
- Hand pile brush and small-diameter branches with cut ends pointing in the same direction toward the street
- **Separate materials by type:** manzanita in one pile, pine branches in another, etc.

Don'ts

- No vard debris in the street
- No rocks, dry pine needles or pine cones
- No rotting material or bark
- No branch/tree greater than 8 inches in diameter in piles
- No machine-made or dozer-made piles

To Sign Up for Chipping Program

Participation in the chipping program requires advanced sign up by May 25.

For YWPHI members

Simply email chipping@yosemitewest. org with your local address or lot number/street name, or call John Mock (209-372-4325), chair of the YWPHI Fire Safety committee; the chipping program is free.

For non-members

Choose one of the following two options:

- I/we want to participate in the chipping program and also join YWPHI for \$25
- I/we want to participate in the chipping program only for a fee of \$25 per property.

Complete the sign-up form and mail it with your check to YWPHI by May 25. You can download the form at: http://www.yosemitewest.org/signupchipping2008.pdf

YWPHI Board of Directors (2007–2008)

Kay Pitts, President; Kelly Rich, Vice-President, Jeff Hornacek, Secretary; Members Jim Andrews, Todd Caranto, Tom Lambert, and Kim O'Neil.

YWPHI Committees (2007–2008)

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

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