

## MOUNT HERMON COMMUNITY

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## Co-Presidents' Message

As we look around Mount Hermon we are constantly reminded of how change is so much a part of our lives. Old and beloved cabins are demolished and replaced with modern and comfortable ones.

Black cabin, located at the corner of Mound and Lake Lane was every bit of 100 years old but has not been fit for campers for many years. Through the generosity of a friend of Mount Hermon, a modern, three bedroom rental will be available to guests in just a few months.



The cabin at 16 Madrone has similarly been torn down and local contractor Lonnie Sweers will replace it for the Sunde family who live in San Francisco but escape the foggy city to vacation in sunny Mount Hermon.

There are so many lovely old cabins, well preserved as well as fabulous replacements, we cannot help but want to share it all with our friends and neighbors in the area. The Executive Board of Mount Hermon Community is planning a House Tours fundraiser for the Mount Hermon Community on **Saturday October 25, 2008** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now. Tours of six very interesting homes here in Mount Hermon are planned. Be on the lookout for flyers and more details. For a better community, Armand and Jim

## Emergency Preparedness Update

For the past several years, Bill Fernald has served as an Officer of Mount Hermon Community and liaison with Mount Hermon Association in regard to the many ways the organizations work together. Bill and his wife, Patrice are busy new parents, so we have accepted his resignation from our Board. In

his place, with the blessing of the Association, Facilities Director, Mark Lilley has accepted the office and will also head up the Community Emergency Preparedness program. Watch for more details as plans develop with emphasis on fire

prevention and response, evacuation, earthquake and disaster response. Mark your calendars for the **October 21** general meeting for a more detailed presentation of plans. Neighborhood volunteers will be a critical element in the success of such a plan. Please consider being a part of this effort when sign ups circulate at the general meeting.

## Mount Hermon Completes New Sign Effort

An effort that began more than five years ago has recently been completed. Residents have noticed finely detailed directional signs appearing around Mount Hermon, marking streets, cabins, major buildings and facilities.

The redwood and wrought iron signs were exclusively designed, fabricated, assembled and installed by California artisans and funded through a generous gift. They are truly magnificent as

well as functional for all that occurs on the grounds.

A total of 106 signs and posts were prepared and installed from Redwood Camp, throughout the Conference Center and at Ponderosa Lodge.

Please respect the gift and effort by refraining from posting signs and balloons or stapling or defacing the signs or the support posts.



## Area Beautification Program

This past Spring, a hearty corps of Community volunteers put in a hard day of grooming the area around the Mount Hermon Fieldhouse. With the flowing water, pond, cattails, flowers, grass and shrubbery, the area was ready for another Summer of campers and guests. As we return to the Fall, our focus should be toward preparing for rain, storms and cold weather.

Have you cleared the street and drainage of debris that will wash downhill to your neighbor and clog storm drains? Have you trimmed or removed dead or dying trees that will fall in the wind? Have you hauled away the accumulation of stuff around your house and driveway?



Similarly, as we return to the Fall, vegetation is at its driest having baked all Summer. September and October can be the most dangerous part of the year for fire. Be informed. Look to [http://](http://www.sccrcd.org/)

[www.sccrcd.org/](http://www.sccrcd.org/) for helpful tips and publications. Check out [www.firedispatch.com](http://www.firedispatch.com) for current conditions and events and to sign up for email notifications.

A beautiful area is joy for the eyes, but also for the ears. Chain saws, leaf blowers and the like should be used with discretion. Off-road vehicles, dirt bikes and mopeds are prohibited under Mount Hermon Association Rules. Loud parties and amplified music disturb paying guests and Community residents. Sounds can travel quite a distance.

The Area Beautification Program of Mount Hermon Community is here to assist. Contact us at [mail@mounthermoncommunity.com](mailto:mail@mounthermoncommunity.com)

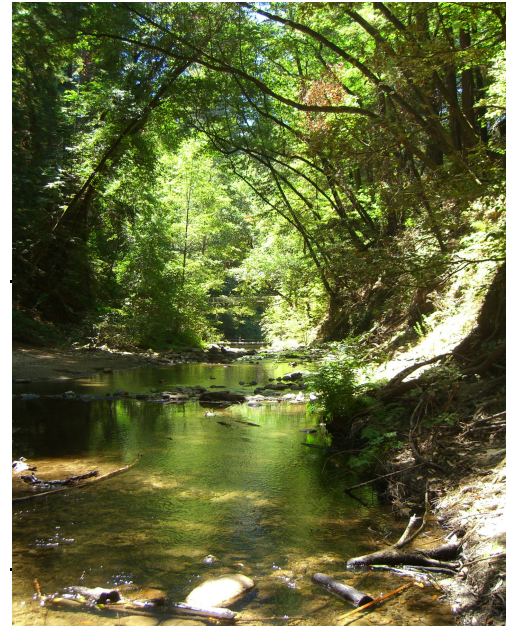


## Felton Faire Project Moves Forward With Application

The Felton Faire project has been renamed to Zayante Oaks but is still proposed as a 55 unit affordable housing project at the corner of Graham Hill Road and Conference Drive. A formal development permit application was submitted to the County on July 29, 2008. In response, a letter was prepared by your Executive Board and submitted to Tom Burns, County Director of Planning and Supervisor Mark Stone. The purpose of the letter was to continue to insist that our water supply be protected

from further depletion. A copy of the letter can be found elsewhere on this web site. A broad based and aggressive opposition is being pursued by "Citizens Organized for Responsible Ecology" a community organization that can be accessed at [www.slvcore.org](http://www.slvcore.org). Interested residents may want to consider working through the CORE organization.

Send your comments or questions to:  
[mail@mounthermoncommunity.com](mailto:mail@mounthermoncommunity.com)



## Summer Boating Returns to Zayante Creek

The MHA boating facility was operational for the first time this summer in many years. This was made possible by the installation of a mandated fish ladder that permit trout, and hopefully, eventually salmon, to swim upstream through the seasonal boat dam. Small fingerlings were actually seen swimming in the boxes and jumping through the weirs.

Also returning this summer were the sounds of happy campers paddling upstream in new aluminum canoes. Squeals of excitement abound as water is splashed and the thrill of going overboard approaches.



Long-time Mount Hermon resident, Charlie Johnson, reminisced that back in 1946, he and his brother had the boating concession on Zayante Creek.



Each Fall, the fish ladder and dam will be disassembled and stored in time for the inevitable rains and rising water that nourishes San Lorenzo Valley.