

Holiday Hotline

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Chipping Service May 18-22

SCC Picks Up the Tab Again This Year

Again this year the association is fortunate to be working with the Santa Clara County Firesafe Council who will be providing Holiday Lake Estates with free chipping service. That's a big savings to HLE& gives you the opportunity to dispose of tree/shrub branches or any plant material that can be chipped (No poison oak please). There will be no limit on how many piles each homeowner can put out for chipping. Stacks should be placed within 5 feet of chipper access and on the upside of the road. Branch size should not be larger than 5 inches in diameter and piles can be up to 6 feet wide, long and high. Please ensure that all piles are stacked neatly with the cut ends facing the street & do not put out any piles AFTER the scheduled chipping date for your street. For Seniors & those with special needs who have financial limitations, there may be help available to clear your property and prepare for chipping. Just call (408) 975-9591 for more information. Also, feel free to call Sandor Drobilisch at 782-2305 if you have any questions about the chipping service.

Spring Cleaning

Roads & Ditches

Sandor Drobilisch
HEMA Roads & Ditches

Now that Spring has arrived, we are looking ahead to the annual maintenance chores that help keep our community safe and beautiful. On March 23, 2009, a survey of the roads was initiated in preparation for the upcoming maintenance and repair activities this year. The committee will report the findings at the May Board of Directors meeting

Homeowners who have yard maintenance performed by an outside source should ascertain that their yard clippings are being disposed of properly. Clippings and other garden refuse should not be discarded or blown into the culverts. Yard waste containers should be used for disposal of garden refuse which includes: grass clippings, leaves, small branches, fruits and vegetables. No ice plant, palm fronds, cactus, poison ivy, poison oak or bug, moth or ant-infested material are accepted. If you need more containers they can be obtained free of charge, from South Valley Disposal by calling (408) 842-3358. Yard waste containers are picked up weekly on your normally scheduled garbage day. Let's all do our part in keeping our beautiful neighborhood clean and the culverts clear. If you see a contractor improperly disposing of yard waste, please call Access Association at (408) 782-1222 to report the incident. ❖

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Boy Scouts Hauling Junk

Your friendly, hard-working neighborhood scouts are earning money for summer camps. We handle all the loading, hauling, sorting and proper disposal.



We pick up just about anything from your driveway, including hazardous waste.

Furniture, appliances, yard waste, construction debris, computers, monitors, TV's, car batteries, paint, motor oil. (sorry, no "heavy" items such as dirt, sod or rocks)

Unbeatable prices

½ pickup truck load. \$50
1 pickup truck load. \$100
Up to 2½ pickup truck loads. \$150
Up to 5 pickup truck loads. \$250

10% discount for the use of your FREE DUMP pass provided by the city.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 709
Morgan Hill, CA



Call to schedule your pick up on Apr 11,25 or May 30

Contact: Tanner Howard Phone Number (408) 779-6698

No Street Parking

Residents are reminded that street side parking is prohibited within HLE. Our roads are narrower than most city streets, and have blind corners and hills, making road side parking dangerous. Now that the temperature is getting warmer, children in our community are starting to play outside. A parked car on the street can obscure a driver's field of vision, just enough, that a child or an adult might be injured by a passing car. The Association will continue enforcement efforts, by tagging vehicles in violation, and towing them with little or no notice. Please do your part to make our roads safer for drivers, pedestrians and children, by parking your vehicles in your driveway or garage. For more information on towed vehicles call Day and Night Towing Service at (408) 686-1869. ❖

Goat Grazing

Once again this year, goats will be utilized to manage weed control on the upper meadow. A temporary solar powered electric fence contains the goats, thus allowing them to concentrate on a target area to remove the weeds and brush. Please do not approach them through the fence or offer to feed them any leftovers. A temporary water tank will be set up with thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Albin as well as Sassan and Joan Raissi who also help water the goats on the south end of the upper meadow for the use of their water tap; so that the goats will have water.

The goats will be on the property between the weeks of April 20th and May 3rd, It is estimated the goats will be with us for 5 to 7 days, so if you live in the surrounding area, please try to keep your pets contained while the goats are visiting us.

Comments, Questions, Concerns

Please contact Access Association Services at **408-782-1222** or Julie Allen at jangreen55@yahoo.com or by phone at **408-779-4353**. ❖



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

MAY 18TH – MAY 22ND

KEEP IT “LEAN, CLEAN &

The rural beauty of our neighborhood has always been accompanied by the risk of fire, and this year is no different. The late season rain has germinated a lot of brush & dried brush fire fuel. The Board of Directors is designating May 18th - 22nd as Fire Prevention Week.



We encourage each resident to evaluate & modify the vegetation around their home to reduce our community's wildfire threat. Courtesy of the SCC Firesafe Council, we will be providing “Living with Fire” brochures at the front entry to serve as a detailed & helpful guide to home-owners in planning their defensible space & reducing our risk of an out of control wildfire. Keep in mind that firefighters make on the spot evaluations of each home when fighting a wildfire. If your home has an effective area of defensible space, then it improves the odds that they will try & save it. The Board will also be sending out courtesy notices to any residents with dead trees or excessive brush on their property as a reminder that it needs to be removed. If you see any dead trees, or dry brush that looks like a hazard, then please report it to Access at (408)782-1222. It's also a great time of year to call a local chimney sweep & have them clean out any dangerous creosote build-up in your fireplace and check your spark arrestor. Good luck and thanks for participating in Fire Prevention Week, together we can all make a difference! Special thanks to Shannon Dinis of the SCC Firesafe Council for all her help coordinating the chipping service & helping with Fire Prevention Week. Thanks, Shannon!

Feel free to visit www.SCCFireSafe.org for more information.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Replace smoke detector batteries & make sure you have one in each bedroom*
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy & make sure everyone in the house knows how to use it*
- Practice your escape plan in the event your home catches fire*
- Don't leave your BBQ unattended*

Chipping Schedule

Monday, May 18th:

Holiday Dr. to Copperhill Pl, Shady Lane, Trail Ridge, Oak Lane, Copperhill Dr, Quail Lane, Quail Ct

Tuesday, May 19th:

Holiday Dr. from Copperhill Pl to Manzanita, Manzanita, Butterfly Lane, Hoot Owl, Blue Jay Dr, Blue Jay Ct.

Wednesday, May 20th:

Remainder of Holiday Dr, Holiday Ct, Raccoon Ct.

Thursday, May 21st:

Whipcorwill, Lakeview Dr, Lakeview Ct, Lava Rock, Blue Grass, Lori Lane, Parkview, Fairway

Friday, May 22nd:

If the crew is running behind, Friday will be catch-up day.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEMA BOARD MEETING

PLACE: RAMADA INN, CONDIT RD. MORGAN HILL

TIME: 7:00 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

Homeowners are welcome to attend.