
SUMMERLAND SPLASH

Summerland Citizens Association

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Greetings from the SCA Board

Barbara McClain, SCA Secretary and Summerland Splash Editor

It is clear that summer has arrived. Whether it was the disappearance of the lingering marine layer or the anticipation of hearing about the plans for a new Summerland fire station, participation at this year's SCA Potluck was one of the largest ever.

The crew from the Summerland Fire Station along with Chief Mingee and several Board members and staff joined approximately 75 Summerland residents who gathered to enjoy an array of delectable dining delights while catching up with friends and neighbors. Also in attendance was the General Manager of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County, Brian Passaro along with one of his Board members.

Salud Carbajal addressed the crowd, highlighting the improvements made along Lillie Avenue, Ortega Hill Road and at the slide area on Greenwell. Congressional candidate Tom Watson, his wife and son who reside in Summerland and state assembly candidate Das Williams also joined the crowd gathered at Lookout Park. Everyone had a great time; many lingering until dusk, warmed by the balmy evening, delicious food and convivial conversation.

The SCA Board finalized their agreement with the County regarding the turnover of the landscape and watering responsibilities along Lillie Avenue. Two gardeners from Bella Vista Landscapes can now be found working along our main corridor every Friday morning. Currently, the Board is working on an agreement with the County regarding the maintenance and improvements at Greenwell Preserve and anticipates completing this effort in the next couple of months. The Board will then spend the remainder of the year working on their last 2010 goal which is to developing and implementing a community emergency communications plan.

Fire District Seeking Community Input Regarding New Station in Summerland

Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Chief Mike Mingee and Mosquito and Vector Management District (MVMD) General Manager Brian Passaro, along with several Board members and staff from their respective organizations, recently presented a preliminary conceptual design for a 'state-of-the-art Public Safety Center' that would replace the current fire station here in Summerland.

According to the presentation made at the SCA Potluck on July 14th and a concurrent press release, the proposed "8,500 sq. ft. Public Safety Center includes a fire station, an office for law enforcement and a much-needed community meeting room that seats over 50 and overlooks the coast." The facility would be built on land currently owned by the MVMD (corner of Lillie and Temple), which is willing to relocate their district headquarters. "The MVMD Board of Trustees has been working with the Fire District for nearly a year to come to the solution presented today and our Board is in full support of this course of action," stated MVMD Board President Larry Fausett.

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Summerland Beautiful Committee

Betty Franklin, Chair

Our Summerland Beautiful gardeners have begun clearing the weeds along the freeway fence on Ortega Hill Road between Evans and the north-bound on-ramp. Although this sidewalk and planting area was constructed in Phase 1 of the County's improvement project, there was not sufficient funding to complete the landscaping. Once the weeds are under control, the Committee's intention is to plant the area with Little Rev (*Dianella revoluta*), Carmel Creeper (*Ceanothus griseus horizontalis*) and Sea Lavender (*Limonium perezii*), consistent with the existing landscaping along Lillie Avenue. Contributions are welcome to help us pay for this project – checks can be made to Summerland Beautiful and sent to PO Box 508 (donations are tax deductible).

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to John Sirois and Beda Marc for donating three lush trumpet vines to replace those demolished by Caltrans when working on the right-of-way along the freeway between Valencia and the fire station.

Greenwell Preserve Committee

Dave Hill, Chair

Through the years the Greenwell Preserve Committee and the Montecito Trails Foundation have worked together to maintain the natural beauty of the Preserve and provide hiking and equestrian trail access to some of the most beautiful open space in our community. John Venable graciously agreed to provide us a brief overview of a few trails that can be accessed from the Preserve's parking lot. Take the time to enjoy one of these newly signed trails on a sunny Summerland day.

John Venable, Montecito Trails Foundation

Summerland Greenwell Preserve is the hub for a trail system that extends throughout Summerland to the neighboring communities of Carpinteria and Montecito. From the Preserve, you can find trails that go north, south, east and west. These trails are used daily by hikers, walkers, equestrians, bikers, birders and, of course, dogs.

The Montecito Trails Foundation has been busy adding new signs throughout the Summerland and Toro Canyon trails system. Leaving the Preserve heading south down Greenwell, you can spot a new sign pointing west for the Summerland Trail that will take you up Olive Street then

continuing west to the 2200 block on Whitney Avenue, where you can either take the trail going up into Ortega Ranch or follow the sign on the south side heading down towards Lillie Avenue.

Across from the Preserve to the east, you can pick up the Polo Club Trail where you will ultimately come upon a newly posted sign for the Rancho Bella Vista Trail. While on this trail, you will enjoy a hike across ranch property with benches to sit and enjoy the 360-degree ocean and mountain vistas, as well as views of Summerland and Carpinteria.

The mission of the Montecito Trails Foundation (MTF) is to preserve, maintain, expand and record trails within the geographical area defined by the MTF map, while being an advocate for the trails and open spaces county-wide. Should you have questions or would like to join MTF, please call me at 969-3514. Happy trails to you.

Board of Architectural Review (BAR)

Mary Holzhauser, Chair

Members of the BAR considered two new projects in June/July. The first included a site visit to a proposed new residence at 380 Ortega Ridge Road. The craftsman style design has already received conceptual approval from the County BAR. In addition, the County Road Department has allowed access via a long driveway at 180 Valencia Avenue for construction of a previously approved house.

Summerland Business Committee

Theresa Borgatello-Carlson, Chair

For those of you who didn't see Fran Davis' recent article in the *Coastal View* on Your Pals Pet Hospital, they are having a grand opening on Sunday, July 25th from 11 to 4. There will be lots of fun activities, with hot dogs, soft drinks and a jump house for the kids, and champagne and hors d'oeuvres for the big (adults) kids. Stop by to welcome this new business to town.

Summerland business owners are busy planning activities for the second annual 'Celebrate Summerland' event to be held September 25th from 10-4. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information via e-mail. The proceeds from this year's raffle will be earmarked towards finishing up the unplanted landscape areas along Lillie Avenue and Ortega Hill Road.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SUMMERLAND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION?

If you are a Summerland resident, property owner or business owner, we encourage you to join the Summerland Citizens Association (SCA). An annual membership includes the opportunity to participate in electing or holding a position on the SCA Board, bi-monthly publications of the *Summerland Splash*, as well as notification related to pertinent issues and events in Summerland.

Annual membership dues are as follows:

- ❖ Individual \$25
- ❖ Family/Business \$40

Once you join, reminder notices will be sent annually to remind you that it is time to renew your membership. The Board would like to encourage you join or renew your membership by mailing your check payable to Summerland Citizens Association to P.O. Box 508, Summerland, CA. 93067.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCA BOARD MEETING – NO MEETING IN AUGUST

SUMMERLAND BEAUTIFUL – TUESDAY, AUG 17TH

PLACE: GREENWELL PRESERVE
TIME: 4:00 PM

SCA BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8TH

PLACE: GREENWELL PRESERVE
TIME: 5:30 PM

SUMMERLAND BEAUTIFUL – TUESDAY, SEPT 14TH

PLACE: GREENWELL PRESERVE
TIME: 4:00 PM

SUMMERLAND CLEAN –UP DAY – SATURDAY, SEPT 18TH

PLACE: SUMMERLAND MEMORIAL PARK
TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CELEBRATE SUMMERLAND! – SATURDAY, SEPT 25TH,

PLACE: LILLIE AVENUE – ORTEGA HILL ROAD
TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

PLACE: SUMMERLAND CHURCH
DATE/TIME: CHECK POST OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

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The Fire District's presentation included a rendering of the proposed facility, elevation drawings and details regarding the layout of the interior floor space. The District is seeking input from the community via a questionnaire that was handed out at the potluck and will also be sent to all SCA members in the coming week. Recipients were asked to complete the form and returned it to the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District.

The District is soliciting community input regarding: building a community centered government building versus a smaller single use (fire only) building; whether the community would support a larger building even if it may exceed the standard floor area ratio; and if, after the sale of the current fire station and the receipt of any grant funding and donations, the community would vote to approve General Obligation Bonds to fund the project. In addition to these specific topics, the Fire District welcomes any other input from the community regarding the Summerland Public Safety Center conceptual plans.

“With approval from County Planners, we hope to obtain our permits in time to apply for the 2011 round of Fire Station and Critical Infrastructure Construction federal grants in spring of next year,” stated Fire Board Director and Summerland resident Craig Price.

Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire. You are also welcome to stop by Chief Mingee's office at 1140 Eugenia Place in Carpinteria to view the conceptual plans.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If it is community related and it's important to you, we want to hear about it. You can write to us anytime by sending an e-mail to summerlandcitizens@gmail.com or a letter to P.O. Box 508, Summerland, CA 93067-0508. If it is one of those kinds of conversations that is better had one on one, do not hesitate to call any Board member. We want very much to keep an open dialogue with Summerland citizens.

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SCA Committees:

Board of Architectural Review	Mary Holzhauer, Chair
Greenwell Preserve	Dave Hill, Chair
Summerland Beautiful	Betty Franklin, Chair
Summerland Business	Theresa Borgatello-Carlson, Chair
Graffiti Contact	Barbara McClain

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Time passes quickly and fall will soon be upon us...

Mark your calendars and please plan on joining the Summerland Beautiful Committee

Saturday, September 18th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

for our fall clean-up

A continental breakfast will be served at

Summerland Memorial Park

prior to beginning our clean-up efforts

Bring along your gloves and small hand tools

Larger tools, trash and litter bags will be provided

We'll make Summerland Beautiful for our Celebrate Summerland event

Shop Summerland
Support Local Businesses