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## South Skyline Association General Meeting

### Skyline Medicine

Presented by Dr. Gary Gechlik

Friday, May 6 at 7:00 pm  
Thomas Fogarty Winery

Premiere Fogarty wines will be available. We request a donation of \$5.00 per glass.  
Light hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

Gary Gechlik, M.D., J.D., is an Emergency Physician at Good Samaritan Hospital and a South Skyline Association board member.

He will be addressing a number of health care concerns that we all share. The most common injuries people worry about in rural areas include trauma from falls, electrical injuries, burns, automobile accidents, and guns.

A second issue is wilderness diseases, and the most prominent is tick borne illness. How do you remove a tick, and what about Lyme disease? He will discuss Lyme disease, the various stages, and treatments. Other insects can also cause health problems; these include bees and spiders.

Gary will also discuss preventive health and medical innovation.

**Reminder:** The **Skyline Area Sudden Oak Death Survey** will take place the weekend of May 13-15, 2011. See page 9 for meeting place and time. More detailed info is available at [www.southskyline.org/IssueInterests.html](http://www.southskyline.org/IssueInterests.html)

**More Volunteers are Needed!**



### *Thomas Fogarty Winery*

19501 Skyline Boulevard

2.7 miles north of Page Mill Rd., across from the entrance to Yerba Buena Nursery.



# Quarterly Report

By Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement with Amerigas, Kamps Propane, or Suburban Propane, please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth\_waldhauer@yahoo.com, or 650-948-1466. Information is also available on our website at www.southskyline.org.

Recent SPUG prices with Amerigas/San Jose are:

July	1.930/gallon
August	1.699
September	1.859
October	2.059
November	2.159
December	2.239
January 2011	2.499
February	2.529
March	2.529
April	2.539

Recent SPUG prices offered by Suburban Propane are:

July	1.81/gallon
August	1.81
September	1.97
October	2.15
November	2.20
December	2.24
January 2011	2.63
February	2.65
March	2.65
April	2.93

Recent Kamps Propane SPUG prices are:

July	1.882/gallon
August	1.882
September	2.017
October	2.199
November	2.308
December	2.449
January 2011	2.53
February	2.49
March	2.528
April	2.568

Do what you can to conserve! The open market price is about \$1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price.

Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices we post are for the first of the month.

Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will-call" service. Some propane suppliers offer members 55 years of age or older a 2 cent/gallon discount in addition to the SPUG group price.

Those whose membership in SSA has lapsed will be disqualified from receiving the benefit of SPUG price for propane.

## A Message from Amerigas Regarding Sales Tax Exemption

**The following information comes from AmeriGas regarding the charge of sales tax on propane for residential heating customers:**

*Sales tax will be charged on all propane deliveries made to customers who do not have a completed Sales Tax Exemption form on file with the AmeriGas office prior to the delivery being made. AmeriGas previously provided notification of the Sales Tax Exemption form to SSA and KMA members in 2009 and forms are mailed to every new customer upon sign-up.*

*The form is provided by the State Board of Equalization to exempt residential customers residing in areas not serviced by natural gas to be exempt from paying sales tax on their propane when used for heating purposes within their homes. Customers are asked to call the local office to receive a copy of the form via e-mail or postal mail so that future deliveries would be exempt from sales tax. Because this is a government form, it cannot be back-dated and previously charged taxes cannot be reversed. All deliveries made after receipt of the signed and completed form will be exempt from taxes, but none prior can be changed or have taxes removed.*

*This form is sent out to ALL new residential customers along with the Propane Supply Agreement and other necessary account paperwork when a new customer sets up an account. It is, again, up to the responsibility of the account holder to sign and return these documents for the exemption to be applied to the account. Any members who wish to request the Tax Exemption form may contact us via phone to request one be mailed or faxed to them.*

*For those who have paid taxes in the past, you may be able to claim them as deductions on your income taxes - please speak with a tax professional. We apologize we cannot automatically apply tax exemption forms to all residential accounts but we welcome your calls to request the proper form for future deliveries.*

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To Daniel and Janine Shaw: Please contact Ruth Waldhauer, SSA Membership Chairperson, ruth\_waldhauer@yahoo.com or 650-948-1466

# Adopt-A-Highway

By Ruth Waldhauer



On January 15, the SSA volunteers lead by Ami Jaqua, gathered many bags of trash and litter. Volunteers shown in the photo are: (left to right) Grant Waldron, Ami Jaqua,

Armin Leonian, Art Johnson, Robin Pinckard, and Ruth Waldhauer.

Volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep takes about an hour and a half. Please contact Ruth Waldhauer at [ruth\\_waldhauer@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com) or 650-948-1466 to volunteer.

So far there are 103 names on the honor role listing those who have participated. We love to get new recruits. You will find that it rewarding and fun.

Skyline is our paradise!!! Let's keep it beautiful.

At the end of March Ami Jaqua and her friends officially adopted the stretch of Skyline from Rapley Ranch Road to Old La Honda Road. Applause to Ami and her friends!!!

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## What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

By Judy Grote

- The **SSA January General Meeting** was held at the Saratoga Gap CDF on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting featured speaker Yiwei Wang, who spoke about her project study on mountain lions and how the team wants to create increased awareness in the community as well as enlist community support in providing information on lion sightings to her project. Andy Seigel from South Skyline Fire and Rescue Company 29 talked to us about the growing set of challenges facing Santa Cruz County Fire, from budget shortfalls to the difficulty attracting new volunteers to Company 29, and the potential impact to the South Skyline community in all 3 counties. New Board members were elected for a 2 year term.
- The **SSA Spring General Meeting** will be held at Thomas Fogarty Winery on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The featured topic will focus on Mountain Medicine.
- The winter **Skylines Newsletter** was published to the Community. The next newsletter is being developed for distribution 2 weeks prior to the May 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.
- **Public Safety:** The South Skyline Fire Safe Council reported that a WUI grant was received for KCTT (King's Creek Truck Trail) so focus will be on training

needed to supply SSA community support for the project as outlined in the grant.

- **Land Use Planning & Building Permits:** The San Mateo County Environmental Quality committee discussed and voted on 1) Small Water Corporations (Impact from policy change), and 2) PVC pipe use in plumbing in homes. Bottom-line, any small water corporation in the county that has over 15 users will need to use the state to meet their water test results and reporting, and any small water corporation in the county 15 and under will continue to use the county for all their water testing and compliance reports. The potential big impact will be in the fee to the 15 and under water companies. The Environmental Quality committee will take this to the Board of Supervisors for a vote before starting fee assessments. PVC Pipe in SMC home plumbing was not approved even though builders and plumbers provided strong support for it as well as their being strong data from the SMC project manager.
- **Public Works:** The major focus has been on improvements to SR84 and the use of it by long tractor-trailers. The committee is trying to get San Mateo County to fund a study to justify a long truck restriction on SR84. Additionally, the Board sent a letter to the Federal Highway Administration for a grant application so as to get support to fund these upgrades.

Visitors are welcome at board meetings.

# Owls-Clover Paints a Pretty Picture

By Sarah Schoen

Purple owls-clover (*Castilleja exserta*, formerly *Orthocarpus purpurascens*) paints grassy hillsides with bright magenta to rose-purple brush strokes. When mixed in with other wildflowers, such as orange poppies and purple lupine, hikers come to a full stop, trying to capture the vision in an irresistible photograph.

Purple owls-clover, also known as exserted owls-clover and purple paintbrush, is an annual growing 4 to 12" tall. Leaves, 1/2-2" long, are divided into threadlike lobes. Mop-like inflorescences are 1-9" long with several individual flowers. The Spanish name, escobita, means little broom. The color comes mainly from bracts, which are modified leaves. The flowers themselves are small corolla tubes, well exserted beyond the bracts. The flowers are white to yellow, with an upper hooked and bearded beak, and 3 lower fused petal

sacks. The petals viewed straight on resemble a tiny perching owl with purple spots as eyes. The flowers bloom from March to May. A similar species in our area, dense-flowered owls-clover (*Castilleja densiflora*, formerly *Orthocarpus densiflora*) looks similar, but the flowers do not stick out and the upper part of the corolla is not hooked and not bearded.



C. exserta

butterflies.

Owls-clover is hemiparasitic on some grasses and forbs. For that reason and due to DNA evidence, the group was recently moved from the figwort family (Scrophulariaceae) to the broomrape family (Orobanchaceae). Sharing the same genus *Castilleja*, the plant is closely related to Indian paintbrushes. Owls-clover connects its roots to the host plant environmental chemical triggers. Because of owls-clover's hemiparasitic nature, leaves (which can photosynthesize as needed) are reduced in size and pale green.

Purple owls-clover is found in most counties of California, east to Arizona and New Mexico. Dense-flowered owls-clover is found in the coastal mountains and Sierra Nevada foothills of California.



Photo by David Schoen – Purple owls-clover at Russian Ridge



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Directed by Stuart Bousel

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For more info: [www.theatreinthetwoods.com](http://www.theatreinthetwoods.com)

# THERE'S HISTORY IN OUR PLACE NAMES

## Uncle Billy's Cabin

By Janet Schwind

A small black square identified as "Uncle Billy's Cabin" appears on the topographical maps at the foot of Mt. Bielawski in the very upper reaches of Deer Creek. Many people have wondered who Uncle Billy was and what was so special about his cabin. According to old timers, Uncle Billy was just an ordinary guy, a relative of the Herring family who lived nearby on Thunder Ridge.

Here's what Black Road resident Ken Robison had to say about Uncle Billy: "He had a prune orchard down at the bottom. He never had more than a skid road there. He dried his prunes down there, loaded them on what was commonly known as a go-devil. It had sled runners in the front and wheels in the back. When they went uphill the pull of the horse kept the sled runners up in the air, so it rested on the wheels. So, when the horse got tired and stopped, the runners settled down and acted as brakes. Going downhill they worked the same way. ... He'd carry them [the prunes] up to the top and loaded them on a wagon and sold them in San Jose. Made 17 cents probably, each box, you know." (Ken Robison, taped interview, Calif. History Center, De Anza College, c.1970).

Don't bother to hike down there to find the cabin; those who have done so report there is nothing remaining. Why is it on the map? Who knows? Maybe the surveyors were surprised to meet the gentleman in such a remote spot and decided to honor him.

## A Growing Concern: Marijuana Cultivation on Public and Private Lands

By Leigh Ann Gessner



Increasingly, illegal marijuana cultivation is occurring on public and private lands in rural areas throughout California and the U.S. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which manages public open space lands in the Skyline area, takes this issue very seriously and works closely with the local Sheriff's

Departments who are responsible for the prevention and eradication of marijuana gardens.

Over the past 20 years marijuana cultivation has changed from small individually-operated grow sites to large 5,000 plant operations run by organized crime groups. It has become typical to have armed guards camped out on site,

particularly during the harvest season in August, September and October. Because the gardens tend to be located in hard-to-reach areas away from roads or trails, the District posts signs at all primary trailheads asking residents and visitors to stay on open, designated trails in order to safely enjoy the preserves.

Public safety is the first priority for the District. Rangers are on duty 365 days a year, including eight resident rangers, and actively patrol the preserves and surrounding access roads daily. They are in tune with the rhythms of the neighborhood and notice and follow-up on anything unusual or suspicious occurring in or around the preserves. Observations made by District rangers lead to the prevention and eradication of marijuana gardens.

The Sheriff's Department actively searches for marijuana gardens on foot, by vehicle, and also by air. When a garden is found, the Sheriff's Department treats it as a criminal investigation and eradicates the plants. The Sheriff's and the District also work to clean up the mess left behind in order to restore the natural environment and make it difficult for marijuana cultivation to happen again in the future.

Residents who notice anything unusual on public or private land in the community should immediately retreat from the area for their own safety and contact a District ranger or their Sheriff's Department. Please notify a ranger of activities on or near District land. Signs of possible marijuana cultivation include vehicles regularly parked along roadsides at the same locations, people going into the woods with supplies, well-worn or flagged foot paths, black irrigation piping, fertilizer, pesticides, trash, stockpiles of food, camouflaging, and water impoundments.

### Useful Contact Information:

Sergeant John Stagnola, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department (408) 391-5297  
Detective Jeff Puente, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department (408) 808-4307

San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Task Force (650) 573-3991

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Tip Line (831) 454-2847

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Skyline Field Office (650) 949-1848

*The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is a public agency whose mission is to preserve open space land, protect and restore the natural environment and provide for ecologically-sensitive recreation and education. The District manages over 59,000 acres of public land in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, and is a neighbor to many residents in the Skyline area. [www.openspace.org](http://www.openspace.org)*

## Home Alone? Never!

By Peggy Wargo

Living in these mountains is idyllic, which is wonderful until disaster strikes (and eventually it will).

Imagine that phone and cell phones are out, and you or a neighbor has a medical emergency. Communication then is a very important commodity. Consider for a moment the benefits of operating a ham radio.

A ham radio is easy to learn, easy to obtain, plus the people you meet who know ham radio are great to work with and extremely knowledgeable. Where can you find them? They're right "next-door" and belong to our local ham radio club SC4ARC.

This group enjoys a good time, hosts plenty of events, and provides knowledge and encouragement to help get you started. Their efforts go a long way in providing added security.

While hiking alone with her radio local resident Sherry Niswander notes: "Tom always knows where I am. Radios keep us in touch during emergencies like wildfires, and provide access to all kinds of emergency information such as road closures, Internet conditions, weather report updates, etc."

Pat O'Coffey got into ham radio recently and comments, "My main purpose in wanting the radio was for emergencies. There may be a day when I really need help. Also I want to be better prepared to help others if an emergency occurs in our remote community." While Bryan Osborne enjoys solitary walks in the more isolated parts of our local terrain, being quite venturesome he experiences increased peace of mind knowing that if he did need help, it's just a radio call away.

The sense of security you get from a reliable communication channel cannot be overstated. If you are out of earshot, you are alone; but if your "earshot" is expanded for miles by means of a radio, it's not so scary.

Once you try ham radio out, you'll find that it is fun and easy. The licensing procedure is less troublesome than getting a driver's license. Oh, and did I mention that there is great group of folks within SC4ARC that are willing to help you out? Every time we have one of our famous "bad storms" or see another disaster unfold on TV, we're thankful for our ham radio. Think about it and see if you too are interested in never really being home alone again. Check out SC4ARC's website at [www.SC4ARC.org](http://www.SC4ARC.org) or contact Jack Eddy at 650-922-6458 for more information.



*SC4ARC is an organization of ham radio operators from La Honda, Loma Mar, Pescadero, Butano, San Gregorio, and the South Skyline area of San Mateo County. The club brings together these communities for social interaction and disaster preparedness activities.*

## Private Road Fuel Breaks at Little Cost

By Dick Schwind

With the recent training session at Las Cumbres about three dozen Skyline area residents have completed the CDC (CA Department of Corrections) 'sponsor' training. THANK YOU to these volunteers. They can now be observers of the Ben Lomond Camp crews clearing along our private roadways. These crews of about 15 can do a remarkable amount of brushing out and limbing up along a roadway in a day's time. The cost is a fee of about \$200 per day plus a port-a-potty that must be provided, plus typically a couple of our trained volunteer 'sponsors' will be required to help the CalFire Captain observe the crew. Now the SSFSC (South Skyline FireSafe Council) WILL HELP WITH THESE COSTS and also help you line up these trained volunteers.

Las Cumbres and Indian Rock Ranch communities have used these crews for some years and will be continuing to use them this year. Nearly all of the private roads in our area need fuel break work and could make good use of these crews.

Get started on your road by calling or emailing me. Either I or another FireSafe Council member will come see what can be done on your road(s), help you apply for crew work, explain the SSFSC partial reimbursement and help locate volunteer sponsors.

Many of the trained volunteers will also be helping with two community-wide projects this year. These are shaded fuel breaks on the top mile of Black Road and on Kings Creek Truck Trail.

Watch the January issue of the 'Skylines' each year for announcement of this annual local CDC 'sponsor' training and come take this four hour course.

Dick Schwind, President, SSFSC  
[schwindr@yahoo.com](mailto:schwindr@yahoo.com)  
408-867-9422

You can now get SSA updates on Facebook.  
Become a fan of South-Skyline-Association.

# Seismic Survival in the Mountains

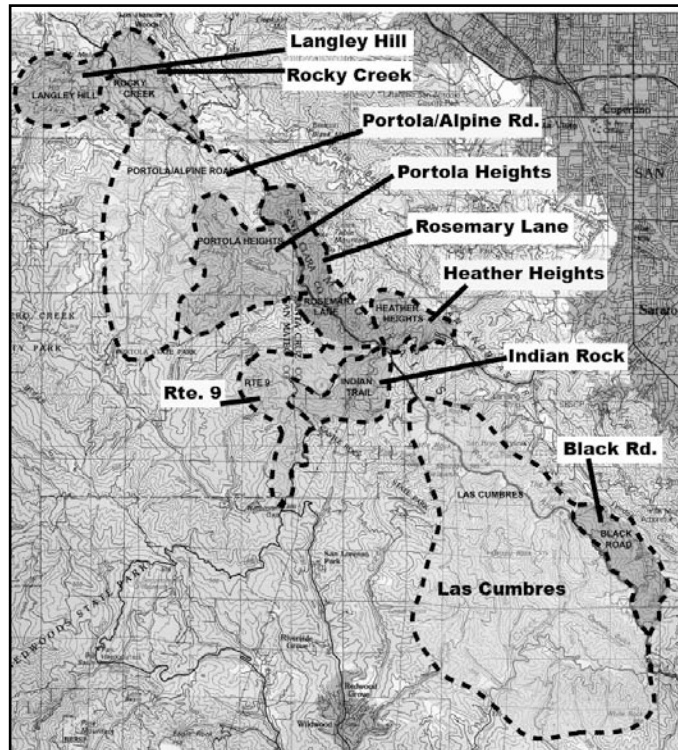
By Sherry Niswander and Ken Broome, Co-Presidents SSEPO

The terrible effects of the recent earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand and northern Japan reminds all of us that our very survival depends on preparation for such an event. Our South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization (SSEPO) is being reorganized to better provide the training, communications, first aid, and support needed within each of our ten neighborhoods rather than relying on a central command structure without any assurance of key personnel availability during an emergency. (See map)

Our location in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the consequent low density of residences will mean a low priority in the response of the professional fire, police and ambulance services that will in any event be overwhelmed by such a disaster. We will be on our own and need stored supplies of water, food, and fuel for maybe the first two or three weeks. Fortunately our residents are used to relying on their own resources or they would not be living up here. The challenge however is to work together and help each other to survive what will probably be the worst situation that we will ever have to deal with.

Our SSEPO needs many new volunteers willing and able to help themselves and their neighbors survive any emergency and especially an earthquake that can happen without warning at any time of day or night. Our neighborhoods as shown on the accompanying map vary greatly in size and accessibility but as a minimum each needs a Neighborhood Coordinator, a Communications Director, a First Aid Director, and a Search and Rescue Director. Larger neighborhoods like Las Cumbres and Portola Heights may need to divide into several sub-neighborhoods with each sub-group organized to provide all of these vital services.

The South Skyline Areawide SSEPO Board will continue to be responsible for Administration, Training, Funding, and Maintenance of positive Relationships with each of the three County Offices of Emergency Services. The Board will also help each neighborhood select and develop Emergency Escape and Return Routes including the provision of any legal and contractual services needed to obtain access rights so these routes can be cleared and maintained.



Will each resident please carefully consider whether or not they have the capability and are in a position to devote the time and attention needed to be trained and become a part of their neighborhood's Emergency Preparedness Team that may well save the lives of your own family as well as those of your friends and neighbors? If interested, please contact the Director of SSEPO Operations, Barclay Slade, by telephone at 408-354-7818 or email at [barclayslade@verizon.net](mailto:barclayslade@verizon.net). Those who have had medical training, search and rescue, and communications system experience are especially needed.

Each neighborhood will form a separate Operating Committee of SSEPO with the Neighborhood Coordinator as Chair. The Neighborhood Coordinators will meet every other month with Barclay Slade to share their experiences and receive information from the SSEPO Board of Directors.

SSEPO volunteers greatly appreciate the financial contributions from individual SSA Members over the last ten years. After paying for medical supplies and the Container where they are stored at the Ranger Station, we have a reserve fund of some \$15,000 from which we can offer each Neighborhood a grant up to \$750.00 to purchase communications equipment and basic First Aid Supplies. Please contact Sherry Niswander for specifics on the conditions and procedure for preparation of Applications for such grants. Her email address is [sherry@andersonniswander.com](mailto:sherry@andersonniswander.com) and telephone number, 650-559-0451.

## Spring and Thoughts Turn to Home Defensible Space

By George Johnson

The heavy rain and cool temperatures in March have now started to give way to a warm spring. With the warmer weather also comes the accelerated growth of all the wildflowers, trees, grasses, and other ground cover. Now is time to reestablish, or continue to build on the work you did last year, on your wildfire defensible space around your home. To help you with this each county has a publication [Continued on page 8]

# Passing the Torch

By Andy Seigel, South Skyline Fire & Rescue

We've been very busy with recent storms, responding to many downed trees and power lines. As a reminder, if you come across downed lines, call 911 and stay well clear. Do not drive over any downed lines. It is difficult to tell if they are for phone or power, and if they are power lines, whether they are energized. Don't put yourself or your family in danger. If you get caught in your car between down lines, stay in your car until emergency personnel arrive and determine that it is safe for you to get out of your car.

In other news, we'd like to send a big **THANK YOU** to Volunteer Firefighter **Vicki De Martini** who retired from Company 29 in January after 34 years of service. We will miss her! As people retire from the organization, the torch is passed to the next generation. Let me introduce you to our youngest firefighters, Philippe and Trevor.



Trevor O'Donoghue joined us in April, 2008. The son of a local Cal Fire captain, Trevor spent one summer as a seasonal firefighter for Cal Fire. Trevor is considering a career in the fire service. He is starting an EMT class in April. He's our current chainsaw expert.

Philippe Moore joined us in January, 2009, "for the intensity of effort and the structure" but mostly to help his community in the event of an emergency. Like Trevor, he has plans for a career in the fire service. Philippe is currently enrolled in paramedic school, which will make him our EMS expert.

Did you dream about being a firefighter when you were a kid? Do you simply want to help your community? Well now is the time, as we are in dire need of new volunteers, especially in the Skyline corridor from Indian Trails to Alpine. If you have any suggestions as to how we can get the word out please let us know. Visit our website at <http://southskylinefire.org>

## Spring and Thoughts Turn to Home Defensible Space *[Continued from page 7]*

that provides very good examples and definitions. The main difference in the three publications is the contact phone numbers and web site links that are specific to each county.

Living with fire in Santa Cruz County (revised 2009) <http://www.southskylinefire.org/livingwithfire2009.pdf>  
Living with fire in Santa Clara County (revised 2009) <http://www.sccfiresafe.org/FireSafe/LivingWithFire.htm>  
Living with fire in San Mateo County (revised 2010) <http://www.smcfiresafe.org/documents/LivingWithFire2010.pdf>

What to do with your weeds, dead tree limbs and other material as you establish your defensible space? Chip and mulch, is the most common way to dispose of the material. If you have the space you can make a compost pile "rote pile" and it will decompose over time. Material can also be taken to the county dump and put in their compost pile. Open burning is still an option in Santa Cruz County.

The OPEN BURN season within the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County will be from December 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011. Open burning will be conducted only on days designated as burn days by Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. Legal burn days are broadcasted over local radio or you may call: 1-800-225-2876 to confirm the burn day status. Check with your local Fire Department prior to burning. Reference: Santa Cruz County Fire, web page for additional information.

## Medical Practitioners in the South Skyline Area

By Sarah Hitchcock-Glover

In event of a disaster striking South Skyline area the government emergency services would likely be overwhelmed. The South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization (SSEPO) is planning to set up a central location for emergency medical assistance, possibly at the MROSD Alpine Rd Ranger Station (Skyline Blvd at Alpine Rd).

SSEPO would like to get an idea of the number of medical practitioners who live in the SSA area who would be willing to assist at the emergency treatment center. You could be a Doctor, EMT, nurse, medical assistant, psychologist or wilderness first responder.

By notifying us of your presence in the community you are in no way making any commitment to volunteer, whatsoever. If interested, please contact me directly. Sarah Hitchcock-Glover [sarah\\_hg@me.com](mailto:sarah_hg@me.com)

## Skyline Area Sudden Oak Death Survey

Help our community identify locations where SOD is present by collecting host tree leaf samples.

### Training and Organizational Meeting

Friday May 13 at 7:00 PM  
CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station  
12900 Skyline Blvd.

### Sampling Days

Saturday May 14  
Sunday May 15

### For more information

email Jane Manning at  
skyline\_sod@yahoo.com  
[www.southskyline.org/IssueInterests.html](http://www.southskyline.org/IssueInterests.html)

## Classified Ads

### FOR SALE

**Barn Sale at Yerba Buena Nursery.**  
We've cleaned out the barn and have interesting one-of-a kind collectibles for sale in our Garden Shop.  
[www.yerbabuenanursery.com](http://www.yerbabuenanursery.com).  
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**Firewood** – Bay, madrone and oak seasoned and split. You pick up price \$300 one cord, \$175 ½ cord, \$100 ¼ cord. Will deliver up to 25 miles from Lexington Reservoir, Los Gatos for \$50 delivery charge. Call 408-772-0949.

**Georgia's Homesewns:** Several varieties of bags, pillowcases and other fabric goods & gifts. Made in South Skyline region. Phone 650-941-1068 or visit <http://www.CoastalSeams.com>

### SERVICES

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References available upon request.

**Handyman/defensible space clearing:**  
On Skyline, very experienced, inexpensive. References. Bob Speer 408-867-2784

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**Local debris box service** for the South Skyline Association Member 20 Yard Boxes delivered and picked up any day and most any time. Please contact: Rob Skinner [rob.skinner@gmail.com](mailto:rob.skinner@gmail.com) 650-740-0809 Cell

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