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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Make sure to check our website. It has all kinds of really good information.

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Fall Colors

Why do leaves change color in the fall? The magic behind this seasonal transformation lies in the chemistry of leaves. During spring and summer, leaves are green due to chlorophyll, which helps plants make food from sunlight. As days get shorter and temperatures drop, trees prepare for winter by slowing down food production. Chlorophyll breaks down, revealing other pigments like carotenoids and anthocyanins. Carotenoids give leaves yellow and orange hues, while anthocyanins add reds and purples. This process not only creates stunning landscapes but also helps trees conserve energy for the cold months ahead. Understanding this natural phenomenon makes fall even more special.

Take a drive around the county and enjoy the beauty of nature this time of year. When you open your eyes to all the beauty that nature shows us, you realize how lucky we are to see it.



Defensible Space:

Defensible space is the buffer between your structure and the surrounding area.

Adequate defensible space acts as a barrier to slow or halt the progress of fire that would otherwise engulf your property. It also helps ensure the safety of firefighters defending your home. Defensible space is the first line of defense for your home against wildfire.

What to do to create space:

- Cut or mow annual grass to a maximum height of 4"
- Create vertical space between trees & shrubs.
- Remove fallen trees, twigs, needles, pinecones and branches.
- Keep 10' clearance around outbuildings & propane tanks.
- Keep 10' clearance around wood piles.

CC&R and By-Laws Update

The red-line version with the recommended modifications of the CC&Rs and Bylaws was sent out to each property owner along with the ballots, asking for everyone to please vote and return the ballots. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have a little over fifty percent of the ballots returned. We had hoped to hear from every property owner, but recognize that may not be realistic. The Board has decided to allow a little more time in hopes of receiving additional ballots.

What's next? The Board is working to schedule a general membership meeting for late October or early November. At this meeting, the ballots will be opened and the votes counted. Once the date is scheduled, we will announce it to all members of the community so as to allow anyone who wants the opportunity to attend and witness firsthand the count of the votes the ability to do so. If you haven't sent in your ballot, please do so, so your voice can be heard.

Chipping Program

The ARCD offers the Community Chipping Program to help encourage continued vegetation maintenance in the county. The ARCD will administer the Community Chipping Program through a grant awarded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Climate Investments Program. The ARCD will send an industrial chipper and crew to the residential sites to process the roadside slash. The program will provide the community with the ability to process vegetative debris, at no cost to the landowner.

This year's program is a little different from previous years as it requires a designated community lead person who will coordinate which properties will be participating in the program and provide that information to the ARCD contact person. Once this information is submitted, a date will be scheduled. For more details as to what to expect, what they will chip and how it all works, you can contact Lindley Zink at LindyZink@hotmail.com, as he has agreed to function as our community lead for the program. You can also view specific details by clicking

on this link to the specific site. <https://www.amadorrcd.org/community-chipping-program>

Please watch for an email coming from Lindley relating to this program and asking if you plan on participating. We plan to find out who wants to participate, answer questions, and then schedule a date with the ARCD. In the meantime, please go to the link that was provided and look at pile requirements and prohibited items so you will have a good understanding of what they will and will not chip. Also, keep in mind that all chipped materials will be blown back onto the property or put in a pile where the brush was stacked.

Humor

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved I love you, Sally.

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No".

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile!"

The officers turned to Andy and began to question him.

One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ..."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"

Riddle of the Day

What do witches ask for when they stop at a hotel?
(Answer at bottom of this page.)

Upcoming Community Event

Our association will once again be having its annual holiday parade on Saturday, December 12th and rumor has it that Santa will once again be in attendance. This event is always fun and provides an opportunity for all within our community to participate. You can either be in the actual parade by decorating some type of vehicle, or simply be out in front of your house and cheer as the parade goes by. Either way you are welcome to attend the get-together on Blaze Ct. after the parade. There will be hot drinks, cookies, other goodies to munch on and maybe even a photo opportunity for you and your family with Santa. Needless to say, all of this will be weather permitting.

Winter Preparation

Fall may have just arrived but it is never too early to start thinking about preparing for winter. All of us need to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws at us. It would be much better if the snow came in small amounts over a greater period of time and not like last year with everything all at once.

In the meantime, as we prepare for winter, we should all try to make sure we are ready and that anything we can do to limit possible problems is done long before the storms start rolling in. Obviously, nobody knows for certain what the storms will bring or when they will come, but as they always say it's better to be ready than to have to play catch up. So with that being said, here are some suggestions we could all probably benefit from.

- Clear culvert of debris and blockages
- Clean out gutters and drain pipes
- Stack and cover your firewood or if needed, get some fire wood
- Get flashlights and batteries ready
- Make sure pipes are wrapped
- Clean fireplaces and chimneys
- Make sure propane tanks are full and ready to go

By doing these somewhat easy things, we will be ready for Mother Nature and not dread what she might bring. Whether it's lots of rain or a large amount of snow, hopefully we will all be ready.

Answer: Broom service