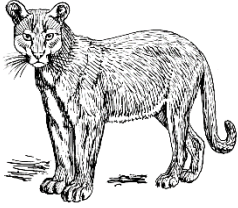


Pilot Hill Estates Community Newsletter

Second Quarter 2021



MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTINGS! There have been multiple sightings and livestock kills recently in the Estates. These animals seem to be getting more comfortable around the HOA so we all need to be vigilant and aware and keep an eye out for ourselves and our neighbors. **Please contact the Board immediately if you have seen or have had any interaction with a mountain lion.**

Report sightings (mountain lion, bear, bobcats, etc.) immediately to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 358-2900. You can also reach out to the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at (916) 414-6600. Here are some tips to keep you and your livestock safe:

- Make sure you have noise, like a radio, for example. They don't like noise.
- Use motion sensing lights (even the little solar one's). It scares them when the light comes on.
- Call to report a livestock kill or injury immediately. Deer kills are normal but you can still call to report it because this means it was on the homeowner's property.
- If there are multiple cats it is most likely a mom and subadult. They are usually not around during the day but if they are it's because it's a quiet area and they feel safe, hence the radio idea! If they are around during the day and don't act scared you can call to report the sighting. They still want to know when they are seen but whether or not the cat can be scared off or not.
- A mountain lion may only be killed in California if it is posing an "imminent threat to public health or safety," which is defined as "a situation where a mountain lion exhibits one or more aggressive behaviors directed toward a person that is not reasonably believed to be due to the presence of responders."

Ongoing fire prevention and property maintenance

- It's important to keep clearance along the road, in the event of a fire, so that fire trucks would have the ability to enter and defend our neighborhood. It's the responsibility of the homeowner to keep their ROW cleared of brush and weeds.
- Make sure you always have a reflective house number sign at your driveway entrance!
- Mow before 10am and never when it's windy and/or dry. Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass. Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires. Use caution.
- Spark Arresters - In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment. This includes tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed-eaters and mowers.
- Equipment Use - In wildland areas, grinding and welding operations require a permit and 10 feet of clearance. Keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher ready to use.
- Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won't even see – until it's too late!
- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of fire.

Here are a few tips to help firefighters protect your home in the event of a fire:

- Place a ladder next to the house for easy access to the roof.
- Leave lights on both inside and outside to make your home easy to see at night or in smoke.
- Place hoses on or near water faucets for use by firefighters



Visit the CalFire website: www.readyforwildfire.org/ to **Plan. Know. Act.** during wild fire season.

Businesses inside the Estates - Service type vehicles should not be parked over-night and then driven in and out of the neighborhood. We continue to keep our dues down while trying to keep the roads maintained. Heavy use of business vehicles will deteriorate the roads at a rapid rate. Please refer to Article VI Building and Use Restrictions. Section 2 of the PHEHOA CCR's which are available on the PHE website on the Information and Resources tab/PHEHA Documents.

Road Maintenance

- We are trying to accumulate enough funds to do a significant amount of work to the roads at one time. This saves on equipment fees and allows us to get more done per dollar.
- The paving is expected to begin where we left off on Pine Tree Circle near the Botts' dots.
- There will be a ditch created on Pine Tree Circle where there is none, to prevent the water from washing out the road.
- Preliminary plan to install gentle speed bumps, 10 feet apart, along the hill of Pine Tree Circle.
- The owner of the property on Acorn Lane is installing a no-climb fencing to deter mountain bikers and hikers from tearing it down.

Pond and Dam Updates -

- EAP- We had a supplemental inspection completed confirming we should remain in the same classification.
- EAP submitted to Cal OES and under review.
- Significant brush and cattail clearing has been completed as well as burning along the back of the dam.
- Dam inspection was completed on April 8th, 2021
- We will continue to stay on top of maintenance and water rights reporting.
- Water rights monitoring - We do not extract or divert water from the pond; however, we are still required to report water levels to the state.

Gunfire Complaints - Just a reminder that Board has no jurisdiction over shooting guns in Pilot Hill Estates. **If you have questions and/or concerns, contact the non-emergency Police number (530) 621-6600.**

PHE Parking Passes -Each property owner should have one parking pass that identifies their lot number. This pass should be hung on rear view mirrors anytime you are parked off your property, including the pond and trailheads. This pass shows that you are an authorized vehicle on private property.



Monthly Meetings – MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the monthly Homeowner/Board meetings **the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.** The location changes so watch the website for more details. Anyone interested can reach out to us at our email address. **ALL PHE homeowners are welcome!**

 ***The Board is putting together an emergency contact list for urgent notifications such as mountain lion and/or bear sightings, fires, etc. If you are interested in being included on this contact list you can text or call Cindy McNamara (916) 606-8105 or send an email to Pheha.board@yahoo.com and provide your phone number and/or email address.***

2021-2022 Board Members: Tami Dragila, President; Bill Simpson, Vice President; Cindy McNamara, Secretary; Chris Campbell, Pond Chairman

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