

TWAIN HARTE AREA



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Summer in Kennedy Meadows

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Summer is winding down, but there's still a lot happening in our little corner of the world. Program Manager Carol Hallett starts us off, as usual. Then we hear about great things happening with Firewise neighborhoods. Safety is always at the forefront and John Buckingham has some safety tips for September.

We're also gearing up for the Firemen's Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day weekend, and outfitting our UAS vehicle...no rest for the weary!

We hope you enjoy this month's issue. Our goal is to provide information to the community, focusing on safety and health.



Support Twain Harte Fire by purchasing: Shirts & Hats at **Earthly Essentials**



Mugs and Pint Glasses at **The Harte of the Kitchen** both located in Twain Harte

If you have a suggestion for future articles, please contact twainhartecert@gmail.com for consideration of the topic by the board.

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



Donnell Vista

What happened to summer? Labor Day weekend is upon us which normally depicts the end of summer and the beginning of Local's Summer. This is the time of year when we get to come out of our homes and enjoy the sights, sounds and food that Tuolumne County has to offer.

Enjoy the crisp summer breeze as the summer days pass by turing into fall evenings. Eat out at our favorite restaurants at dinner hour without having to wait for a table. Take hikes on paths that are less traveled now that the vacationers have left. Time to head up country to visit the Bennett Juniper Tree before fall actually arrives. Spend relaxing time at the lakes. Have lunch at Kennedy Meadows, walk the Donnell



Soft Serve Ice Cream
Pinecrest Lake

Vista path to see the spectacular view. Don't forget soft serve ice cream at Pinecrest Lake!

Spend time, our most precious commodity with friends, neighbors and family doing the things that make you the most happy. Maybe have a Pancake Breakfast with your favorite Twain Harte Firefighter on September 4th, from 0900-noon!

SEPTEMBER SAFETY

by John Buckingham, Safety Officer, THA-CERT



There are four easy steps to following food safety within the home: clean, separate, cook, and chill. By following these guidelines, you can help keep your family safe from food borne illness (food poisoning).

September is National Food Safety Education Month (FSEM). It's a great time to focus on key illness prevention steps, such as avoiding cross-contamination in your kitchen. Raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs can spread germs to ready-to-eat foods, like salads or food that is already cooked. These germs include Campylobacter, Salmonella, Clostridium perfringens, and E. coli. They can make people sick and even lead to hospitalization and death in serious cases. The key to avoiding cross-contamination is to keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from foods that won't be cooked before you eat them (ready-to-eat foods) when grocery shopping and preparing food in the kitchen.

SEPTEMBER SAFETY, cont'd

Steps to Avoid Cross-Contamination

- Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other food in shopping cart.
- Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods in the refrigerator.
- Do not wash raw chicken or turkey.
- Use one cutting board or plate for raw meat, poultry, and seafood and a separate cutting board or plate for produce, bread, and other foods that won't be cooked (ready-to-eat foods).
 - If you only have one cutting board, cut produce, bread and other ready-to-eat foods first then wash cutting board with soap and hot water before cutting raw meat, poultry or seafood on it.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water after touching raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.
- Wash your utensils, cutting boards, and countertops with hot, soapy water after preparing raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.
- If you marinate raw meat, poultry, or seafood and want to reuse that marinade on the food after it is cooked, bring marinade to a boil first.
- Keep cooked meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs on a separate plate from raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs.



GOOD NEWS TWAIN HARTE



There is so much bad news these days that it is refreshing to find a source of good news. Access Tuolumne has a weekly series called "This Week in Tuolumne County". They review some of the local news and add in "Good News" from around the county. They have asked Carol Hallett to be our Twain Harte correspondent and this month was the first taping.

Check out Carol's premiere episode of "Good News" here:

<https://media.accesstuolumne.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/5368?channel=1>

It is the last segment of "This week in Tuolumne County", it is worth watching it all.

FIREWISE CLEAN UP CEDARVIEW PROPERTY

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT

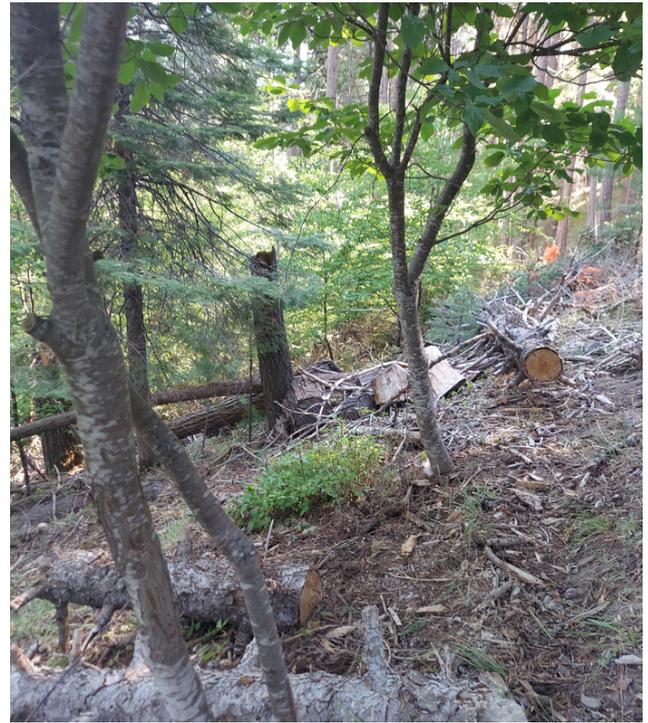


I always say that clean up is contagious but maybe it is my issue. The more I clean up the yard the more I want to do!

Last year I had a masticator come on my property and created a "Shaded Fuel Break" on the majority of our back area. Some of it was too steep for the equipment so I hired TJ from "A Cut Above" to do some hand work.



After



Before

TJ is very professional, he called me back, he let me know what the plan was and when there was a deviation from the plan he called to let me know that too.

The first day they cut down trees and bushes, thinned the area and trimmed up the trees that were remaining. Then they came back to make piles so that we can burn once the weather permits. I am extremely happy with the work that was done.

FIREWISE AUGUST QUICK START MEETING

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



A Firewise Quickstart meeting was held on August 23rd in the newly updated Twain Harte Community Center. The improvements to the Community Center (new walls, windows, and acoustic panels) have made the space very welcoming and an enjoyable place to hold meetings.

We had over 20 people in attendance, all interested in learning more about how to start a Firewise neighborhood. I believe that there will be at least 4-5 new neighborhoods in Tuolumne County from this meeting, one in Phoenix Lake and the others in Twain Harte.

FIREWISE AUGUST QUICKSTART MEETING, cont'd

It worked out nicely because people saw people from their neighborhood and they got together right there...picked their streets, named their neighborhood and/or decided on a date for a neighborhood meeting.

The Twain Harte Fire Department was there in full force to show their support for this program and to field questions along the way. Thanks to Twain Harte Fire Chief Neil



Carol Hallett addresses the attendees at the Firewise Quickstart meeting

Gamez, Captain Nathaniel, & Intern Panky. We also had Ben Wagner (videographer), Anne McInerney (Mentor) to show support. Did I say videographer? Yes, we have a video of the meeting so people can watch at their leisure.

NEW FIREWISE NEIGHBORHOOD

***by Kevin McDowell, Firewise Committee Leader,
Tanager Neighborhood***

Tanager Neighborhood in Strawberry has submitted their application for approval. I spoke with the committee leader for that neighborhood, Kevin McDowell, and here is what he had to say:

Our neighbors got to talking about Firewise after our Strawberry Homeowners meeting. Soon after we had a meeting made some decisions about who was going to be on the committee, Lisa Riedle, Charles Segerstrom, and myself.



Next we decided the area, including Tanager Drive and Robin Court. We did a lot reach out to contact our neighbors about Firewise. The response was very positive.

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Residents reducing wildfire risks

Then we held a second meeting for all the cabin owners. We tried to get one of the names suggested for a Fire Risk Assessment. They were all busy with fires. We decided to

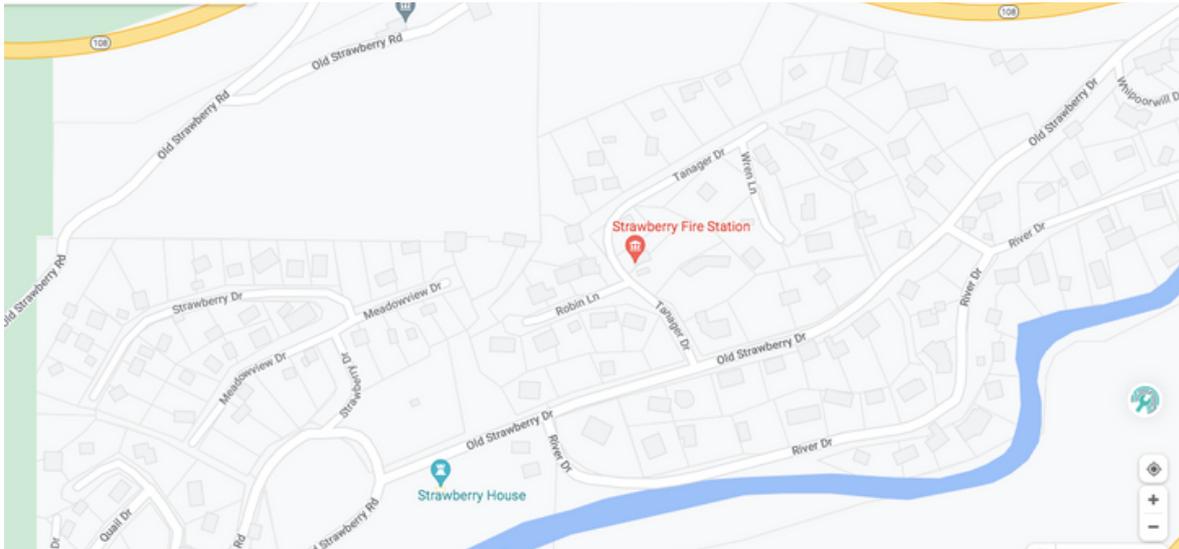
do our own. I am a retired Fire Captain Medic, but with a city FD. I think we did a good job. Then we emailed to the cabin owners what we found, and with positive results.

At this time we have 12 members and expanding. On the weekends, I reach out to the cabin owners. There is only one full time resident on our street and I think it makes it more difficult to get together. But we are very excited about Firewise. On Labor Day weekend we will again reach out to the cabins owners.

Then we decided to submit our application. Our computer expert, Charles Segerstrom,

NEW FIREWISE NEIGHBORHOOD, cont'd

worked on this. He stated he had problems and then called Karen Caldwell, who helped solve the issues. I think the hardest part was submitting our application.



Tanager Firewise Neighborhood

KEEPING IT CLEAN

by Mary Schreiner, PIO, THA-CERT

Everyone knows that events don't just "happen" without a lot of time and effort before and after. The 27th Annual Twain Harte Firemen's Pancake Breakfast is no exception.



After a 2 year hiatus, due to the pandemic, the Pancake Breakfast is back at the Firehouse. Two years of having all of the necessary equipment not being used meant that things were long overdue for a good cleaning so on Tuesday, August 30th, several volunteers converged on the fire station to give everything a good scrub.

First up was taking everything out of storage. Then buckets were filled and an assembly line formed to wash, sanitize, rinse, and dry. We even washed the pop-up that will serve as the outdoor cooking space. No gadget was left unwashed, no matter how large or small.



From Left: Bob Schreiner, Mary Schreiner, Randie Revilla, Lise Lemonnier, Carleen Smith, Michelle Wagner, and Margaret Lawrence clean equipment for the pancake breakfast

On Friday, volunteers will move tables and chairs to the fire station and on Saturday, tables and chairs will be set up and some prep of breakfast items can begin. Cooking begins at 6 am on Sunday.

Doors open at 8 am on Sunday, September 4th. We hope to see you all there to help support the Twain Harte Fire Association and enjoy having breakfast again with your neighbors and your friendly neighborhood Twain Harte firefighters.

UAS TRANSFORMER TRUCK

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager, THA-CERT



On the morning of August 26th Mike Mandell (Team Leader) and Dave Hallett (Team Follower) got together to finish the installation of the extendo-bed. We need to make sure that the apparatus is secured to the truck and would not shift, ever!

Mike came dressed in coveralls so as to protect his clothing (Mike, I did not say "outfit")...Dave donned his typical apparel he wears (jeans & a t-shirt) when working on vehicles.



Mike Mandell & Dave Hallett

And so the process started with Dave and Mike assessing the job. The transformation was viewed from every vantage point, top, sides and bottom. It did not take long for Mike to get dirty.

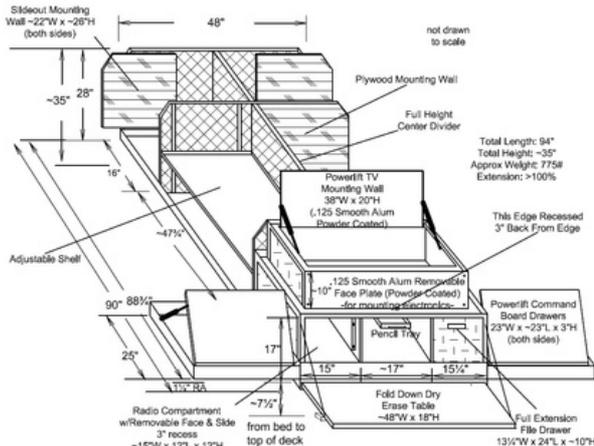


Once they had a game plan they were focused on the job at hand...about five hours later the job was done, followed by lunch (wink-wink). Knowing Dave the way I do the extendo-bed is solid as a rock and will be there for many years to come.

This is going to be an amazing vehicle when the complete transformation is done...stand by for more news!



Mike Mandell



WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, THA-CERT



It is amazing how much time volunteers give of their lives. We have some very dedicated volunteers who show up for almost everything. They are so very much appreciated, THANK YOU everyone. The total THA-CERT volunteer hours for August are:

Administration =	229.5
Training =	10
Deployment =	414
Total Sept hours =	653.5



September

Save The Date!

Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

<https://www.visittuolumne.com/events>

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.twainhartec.com/events>

Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

Day & Date: Sunday, September 4, 2022, **Time:** 0800-noon

Location: Twain Harte Fire Department

Training

September 24, 2022, Saturday

Vantage Point Dr, Twain Harte, CA 95383, 0900-noon

Search & Rescue Deployment Simulation.

Support our Firefighters Dinner & Music

Location:

Inner Sanctum Cellars,
22004 Parrotts Ferry Rd,
Columbia

Date, Day & Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

6:00-9:00 pm (1800-2100)

Auction: Dinner for 8 at the Firehouse

Buy your tickets NOW!

Venmo: @CERT_Fire

or email us at twainhartecert@gmail.com

FREE DISASTER TRAINING

Are you prepared to assist in the event of an emergency or disaster?

Will you be able to help others without becoming a victim yourself?

Please join us for a free training workshop to learn how to respond safely in an emergency/disaster. Training includes a search and rescue deployment simulation (please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes).

This training is open to all 18 years and older.

Saturday, September 24th, 2022
0900 - 1200

Vantage Point Drive, Twain Harte

Sponsored by:



Firefighters Benefit Dinner

Have dinner with us and support



Cost: \$45 per person
after Labor Day the price goes up to \$50/person

Your Ticket Includes:

- All you can eat Taco Dinner
 - Meat or Vegetarian
 - Quesadillas
- One beverage
- Live Music



Sergio of Taqueria Sonora



Music by Jill Warren

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6:00 - 9:00 pm (1800-2100)

Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp
22004 Parrotts Ferry Road, Columbia, Ca

Purchase tickets:

- Venmo: @CERT_Fire
- twainhartecert@gmail.com

Up for Auction:
Dinner for 8 at
Twain Harte Fire Station



This event will sell out
so get your tickets
NOW!

All profits will go towards feeding and rehydrating our firefighters during a fire.

Meetings

THCS Board Meeting

<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 9:00 am

CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9:30 am

AN END OF THE SUMMER TRADITION IS BACK AGAIN!

27th Annual Twain Harte Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

Sausage, Eggs,
Melon,
Juice or Milk,
Coffee and
**All You Can
Eat
Pancakes!**

Adults \$12
Children 5-12) \$7
(Children 4 & under
no charge)



Sunday, Sept. 4th, 2022
8 am - 12 noon

At The Firehouse
18781 Cedar Drive
Twain Harte, CA