



**MAST**  
Mountain Area Safety Taskforce

# GREETINGS

FROM THE  
**SAN BERNARDINO  
COUNTY MOUNTAINS**

**MAST MOUNTAIN OUTREACH PROGRAM**

*2008 Calendar*

# MAST MOUNTAIN OUTREACH PROGRAM

THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAINS have been recognized as a Southern California treasure for well over a century. The vintage postcards you'll find in the 2008 Mountain Area Safety Task Force (MAST) fire safety and prevention calendar are a visual treasure map to some of the most enduring memories made in these mountains.

Nearly all the images are drawn from the archives of the Russ Keller collection at the Rim of the World Historical Society. You may have seen some of these postcards before. Others are rare, and this calendar may represent their first publication. But together, they tell the story of a beautiful, vibrant community with small towns and villages that have captivated generations of Southern Californians and attracted visitors from around the globe.

These postcards – drawn from the mountains' golden age of tourism in the 1920s through the 1950s – also remind us of the valuable resources these mountains represent and the serious stewardship required of those of us fortunate enough to call them home. Each month, the postcards in this calendar will serve as a reminder that to be good stewards, we all need to do our part to help keep the mountain forests fire safe. The images reinforce each community's pride in its history and shared responsibility for protecting its future. Most important, the calendar provides tips you and your neighbors can use to improve fire safety in and around your home and property.

Many property owners are aware of the importance of removing dead and dying trees, but thinning green vegetation is equally important. While dead trees continue to be removed, MAST has shifted its focus to encouraging property owners to thin green vegetation to create defensible space, improve forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Because of the low moisture content of live vegetation, it can burn as readily as dry brush. Decreasing the density of live shrubs, brush and trees will keep our forests healthy, slow the spread of a ground fire and prevent fires from reaching into the forest canopy, where it could become an intense crown fire.

Formed in 2002, MAST coordinates fire prevention efforts in response to the combined effects of the prolonged drought and an overstocked forest. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MAST, VISIT [WWW.CALMAST.ORG](http://WWW.CALMAST.ORG).

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 9-1-1

To Report Arson Call "We Tip" at (800) 47-ARSON (27766)

## PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

- **Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District:**  
(909) 866-4668
- **Big Bear City Fire Department:**  
(909) 585-2362
- **CAL FIRE, San Bernardino Unit:** (909) 881-6900
- **California Highway Patrol Inland Communications Center:** (909) 388-8000
- **Caltrans:** (909) 383-4631
- **Caltrans/CHP Current Highway Conditions:**  
(800) 427-7623
- **Crest Forest Fire Protection District:**  
(909) 338-3311
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service:**  
(951) 684-3722
- **Running Springs Fire Department:** (909) 867-2630
- **San Bernardino County Fire Department:**  
(909) 387-3545  
Emergency Information Line: (909) 355-8800
- **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office:**  
(909) 884-0156
- **Southern California Edison, Tree Removal Program:** (800) 640-3652
- **U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest:** (909) 382-2600  
Information Center: (909) 383-5688

## KNOW YOUR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Make it this year's resolution to join your local fire safe council for a meeting or contact them for fire safety and prevention information.

- Take advantage of evacuation tips for you, your family and your pets
- Review the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for your area, or initiate it, if one does not exist
- Be the first to know about community grants and governmental agency updates at local fire safe council meetings
- Collaborate with other San Bernardino County mountain communities through the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance

For more information on your local fire safe council or to get involved, please contact the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance at (866) 923-3473 or [www.fireinformation.com](http://www.fireinformation.com).

## FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETINGS

All fire safe council meetings are open to the public, but are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Please contact your local fire safe council for more information. To view the fire safe council meeting schedule online go to <http://calendar.yahoo.com/iefiresafecouncils>

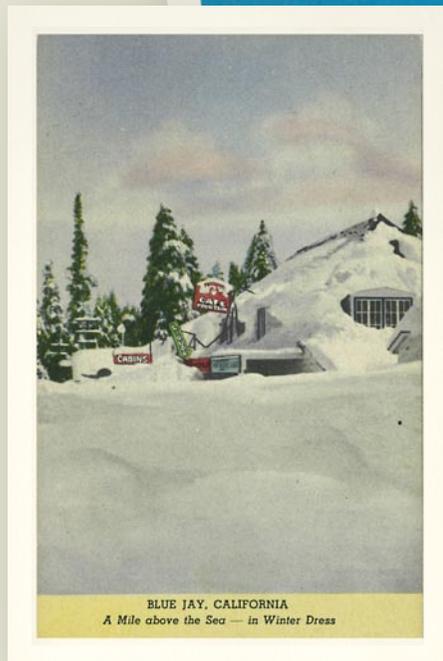
- **Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council:** (909) 794-8663, [angelusoaksfsc@yahoo.com](mailto:angelusoaksfsc@yahoo.com)  
Meetings are held the fourth Saturday of January, April, July and October at the Angelus Oaks Fire Station #15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- **Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council:** (909) 337-3383  
Meetings are held every other month on the second Thursday at Fire Station #91, 301 State Highway 173 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Big Bear Valley Fire Safe Council:** (909) 584-1403, [d.proffer@netzero.com](mailto:d.proffer@netzero.com)  
There are no regularly scheduled meetings for the Big Bear Valley Fire Safe Council. Please phone or E-mail for the next meeting time and location.
- **Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council:** (909) 887-1400, [www.lytlecreekfsc.org](http://www.lytlecreekfsc.org)  
Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wrightwood Fire Safe Council:** (760) 249-5248, [www.wrightwoodfsc.com](http://www.wrightwoodfsc.com)  
Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wrightwood Museum, 6000 Cedar Street (Old Fire Station) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Mill Creek Canyon Fire Safe Council:** Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at Fire Station #128, Valley of the Falls Drive from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council:** (909) 981-1633, [Grod3608@aol.com](mailto:Grod3608@aol.com)  
Meetings are held on the third Monday of every other month at the Mt. Baldy School from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council:** (909) 867-5833, [www.mountainrimfiresafecouncil.org](http://www.mountainrimfiresafecouncil.org)  
The public is welcome to attend board meetings which are held on the first Thursday of odd-numbered months at 3 p.m. For information about chapter meetings, please call the above phone number.



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A THINNER FOREST IS A HEALTHY FOREST, AND A HEALTHY FOREST IS A FIRE RESISTANT FOREST.



BLUE JAY, CALIFORNIA  
A Mile above the Sea — in Winter Dress



Large: Running Springs circa 1950s - "A rest near the top of the ski slope. Photo by Jim and Pat Pond."

Small: Blue Jay circa late 1950s - "Blue Jay, California adjacent to Lake Arrowhead - complete recreational and shopping center."

# JANUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*	4	5
6	7	8 ●	9 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	10	11	12 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
13	14	15 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting* ●	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting	22 ○	23	24	25	26 Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council Meeting*
27	28	29 ●	30	31		

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Snow can fall in the San Bernardino County Mountains anytime between October and June and can accumulate as much as five to 20 feet. Always be prepared with chains and replacement links and follow these winter driving tips:

- Visit the national weather service at [www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/) for updated weather conditions
- For updated winter driving conditions in the mountains, visit the Caltrans Highway Information Network at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/wo.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/wo.htm)
- Carry sand or burlap to help with wheel traction if you get stuck in snow
- The speed limit when chains are required is either 25, 30 or 35 mph
- If you use a chain installer, ask for a receipt and badge number
- Look for road signs showing the frequency for Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio

## FIRE SAFETY: IT'S UP TO YOU



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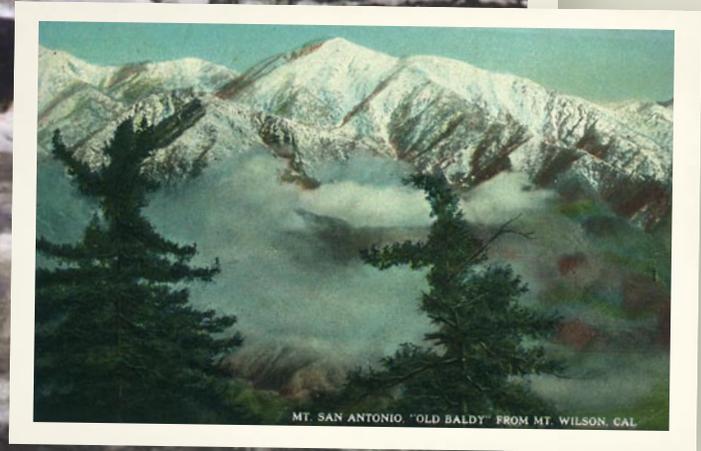
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Large: Wrightwood circa 1910s or 1920s - "Wrightwood Club House. Wrightwood, California. In all the Mountains no place like this. Elevation over 6000 feet."

Small: Mount Baldy, 1924

# FEBRUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 Burn Awareness Week	4	5 Presidential Primary Election	6 Ash Wednesday ●	7	8	9 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
10	11	12	13 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting* ●	14 Valentine's Day Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	20 ○	21	22	23
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## NEW STRATEGY: THIN LIVE VEGETATION

The Mountain Area Safety Taskforce has shifted gears. With a fresh focus on reducing the density of brush and trees, MAST is urging property owners to thin live vegetation:

- Remove tree branches hanging six to 15 feet from the ground or three times the height of shrubs beneath the trees, but not more than half the tree's height
- Officials recommend spacing trees 20 to 30 feet apart (trunk to trunk)
- Excessive green vegetation helps fires spread on the ground and into the forest canopy, particularly during drought conditions when the moisture content of the plants and trees is low. Thinning these ladder fuels is just as important as removing dead and dying trees

Dead trees that pose an immediate danger to property or access roads will still be removed, but the new strategy targets strategic fuel areas and individual plots of land for fire protection.

Thinning green vegetation ultimately saves property, homes and lives in the San Bernardino County Mountains. In addition, it will help create a healthier forest by freeing up more natural resources and reducing the risk of fire for the remaining vegetation.

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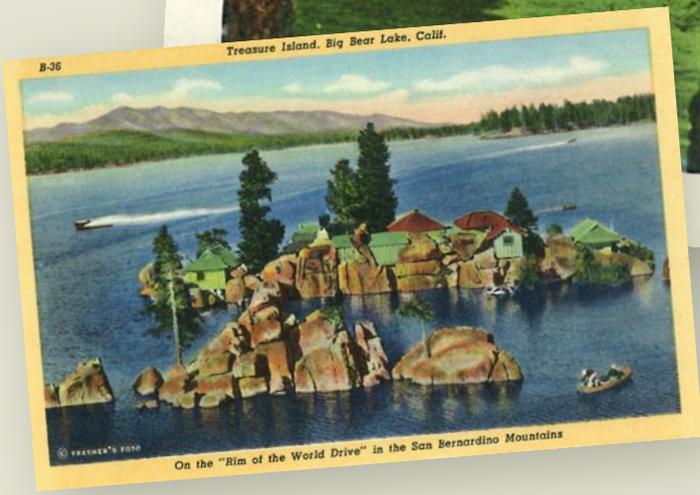
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ON THE RIM OF THE WORLD, SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA.



LITTLE BEAR LAKE RESORT AND CABINS.



Treasure Island, Big Bear Lake, Calif.

On the "Rim of the World Drive" in the San Bernardino Mountains

Large: Lake Arrowhead circa 1910s - "Little Bear Lake."  
Small: Treasure Island circa 1940s - "This little island, located near the west end of Big Bear Lake, is just one of the many points of interest to all who visit this resort and vacation area of Southern California, located at an elevation of nearly 7,000 feet at the top of the San Bernardino Mountains."

# MARCH 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 American Red Cross Month
2	3	4	5	6 Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*	7	8 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins (Change Smoke Detector Batteries)	10	11	12 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	13	14	15
16	17 Saint Patrick's Day Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting*	18 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 Good Friday	22 Easter Celebration - Lake Arrowhead
23 Easter Sunday Easter Celebration - Lake Arrowhead	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## PLANTING IN YOUR REGION

### HELP RESTORE THE HEALTH OF THE FOREST

- Healthy forests reduce soil erosion and keep unnecessary debris out of rivers and streams
- Native plants, which are grown from seeds collected in your community, help ensure healthy forests for the future
- Space trees 20 to 30 feet apart (trunk to trunk), depending on the slope of the terrain
- For new plantings, build a four- to six-inch earthen dam around the root zones of both trees and shrubs to hold the water so it soaks in rather than running off
- Place mulch around trees and shrubs to discourage weeds and slow evaporation
- Train your plants to develop deep roots by watering thoroughly but infrequently

### CONSULT A LANDSCAPE GUIDE WHEN SELECTING YOUR PLANTS

Visit [www.calmast.org](http://www.calmast.org) to download "A Landscape Guide for Mountain Homes" featuring a list of plants native to the San Bernardino County area; for a list of native plants specific to your community, consult your local nursery.

For information about appropriate seedling selection, planting and suppliers, contact Cheryl Nagy of Mountain Communities Wildfire ReLeaf at [cheryl.nagy@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.nagy@gmail.com).

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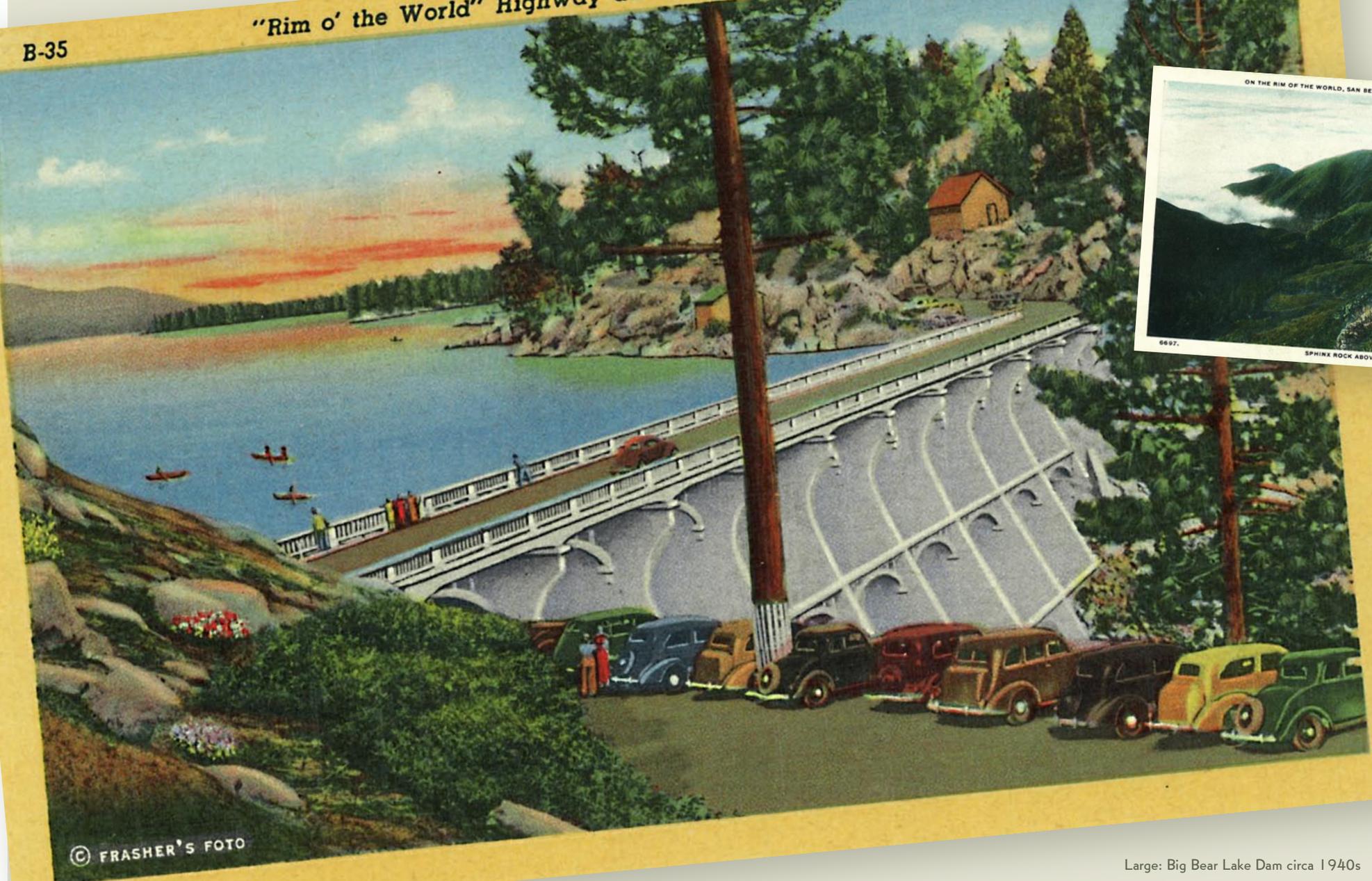


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"Rim o' the World" Highway across Big Bear Lake Dam, Calif.



Large: Big Bear Lake Dam circa 1940s  
Small: Sphinx Rock circa 1920s just below  
Rim of the World High School.

# APRIL 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	10 Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	11	12 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
13	14	15 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	16	17	18	19
20 Passover Begins	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 National Arbor Day	26 Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council Meeting*
27	28	29	30			

## CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND YOUR HOME

Maintaining a 100-foot zone of defensible space around structures will help protect your home in the event of a wildfire:

- Ignition Zone: 0-10 feet – This area requires the greatest reduction in flammable vegetation
- Clean Zone: 10-30 feet (or to property line) – Reduce vegetation and ladder fuels
- Reduced Fuel Zone: 30-70 feet (or to property line) – Clear logs, stumps and debris, and thin live vegetation

### TIPS FOR CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE

- Clear tree limbs, dead branches and dropped leaves from your property
- Remove all needles and leaves from beneath decks and within two feet of any structure
- In open areas, retain needles and leaves to a depth of two inches to prevent erosion
- Build fences with nonflammable materials
- Space shrubs, or shrub groups, four feet apart in flat areas and up to 40 feet apart in sloped areas



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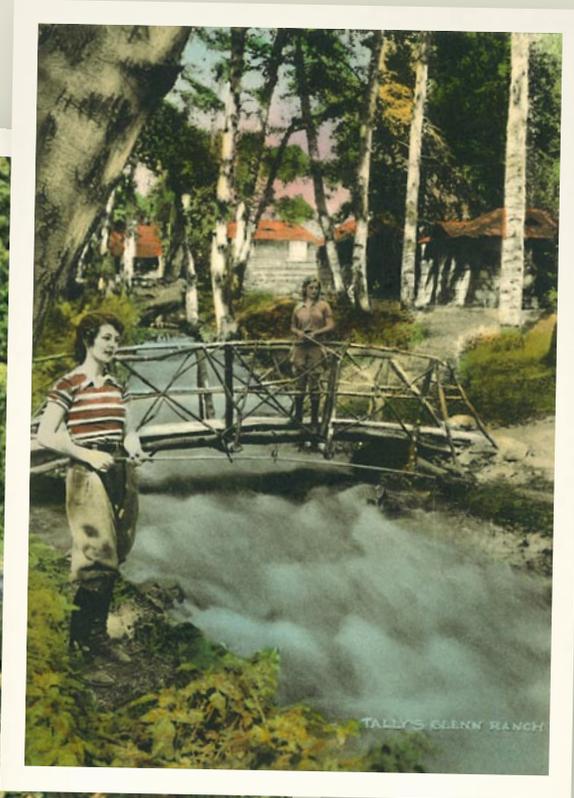
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Large: Seely Creek circa 1910s or 1920s - "Auto Road in the Heart of Southern California Mountains."

Small: Lytle Creek circa 1920s or 1930s - "Tally's Glenn Ranch California's most beautiful mountain ranch resort."

# MAY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*	2	3
4 Arson Awareness Week Wildfire Awareness Week	5 Cinco de Mayo ●	6	7	8	9	10 Wrightwood Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
11 Mother's Day ●	12	13	14 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19 Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting* Emergency Medical Services Week ○	20 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	21	22	23	24 Spring Air Fair Home & Garden Show - Big Bear Lake
25	26 Memorial Day	27 ●	28	29	30	31

## CUT TALL GRASSES AND WEEDS

Reduce the fire hazard and comply with the law:

- Grasses and other ground cover should be kept to a maximum of four inches in height
- Lawns and other high-water-use vegetation should never be planted around the base of trees
- Consider covering open ground with gravel, rock, brick or paving
- Place mulch around trees to discourage weeds and slow evaporation
- Consider eliminating your lawn or reducing its size and planting low-water-use ground cover and shrubs instead
- Clear all flammable vegetation from within 10 feet of propane tanks

Contact Forest Care at (888) 883-THIN (8446) for cost and technical assistance in creating a fire-resistant and healthy forest.

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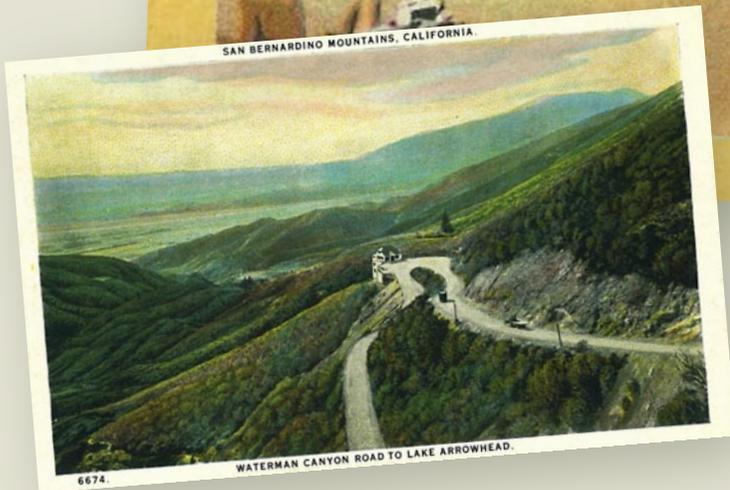
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*The Beach at Lake Gregory in the San Bernardino Mountains*



*Crestline, California*



SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA.

WATERMAN CANYON ROAD TO LAKE ARROWHEAD.

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Large: Lake Gregory circa 1940s  
Small: Waterman Canyon Road circa 1920s

# JUNE 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fireworks Safety Month Home Safety Month	2	3 Statewide Direct Primary Election ●	4	5	6	7 Garden Tours - Wrightwood Wooden Boat Show - Lake Arrowhead
8	9	10 ●	11 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	12 Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	13	14 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
15 Father's Day	16	17 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	18 ○	19	20	21 First Day of Summer Chamber Home Expo - Lake Arrowhead
22 Chamber Home Expo - Lake Arrowhead	23	24	25	26 ●	27	28
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## UPDATE YOUR HOME TO IMPROVE FIRE RESISTENCE

Making your home more fire resistant gives you a reason to update the look of your house and it helps firefighters protect your home in the event of a wildfire:

- Place a nonflammable, 1/2-inch mesh screen over the flue opening of chimneys or stovepipes. Remove portions of trees extending within 10 feet of the flue opening
- Cover roof, gable and subfloor vents with 1/8" metal screens to keep embers from going into or under your home
- Replace wood shakes with asphalt composition shingles (Class A) or metal roofing
- Clear roof and rain gutters of leaves and pine needles
- Stack firewood well away from your house and other structures
- Use noncombustible home siding and wainscoting and fire-retardant paints
- Make your address visible from the road
- Install dual-pane windows and nonflammable window coverings

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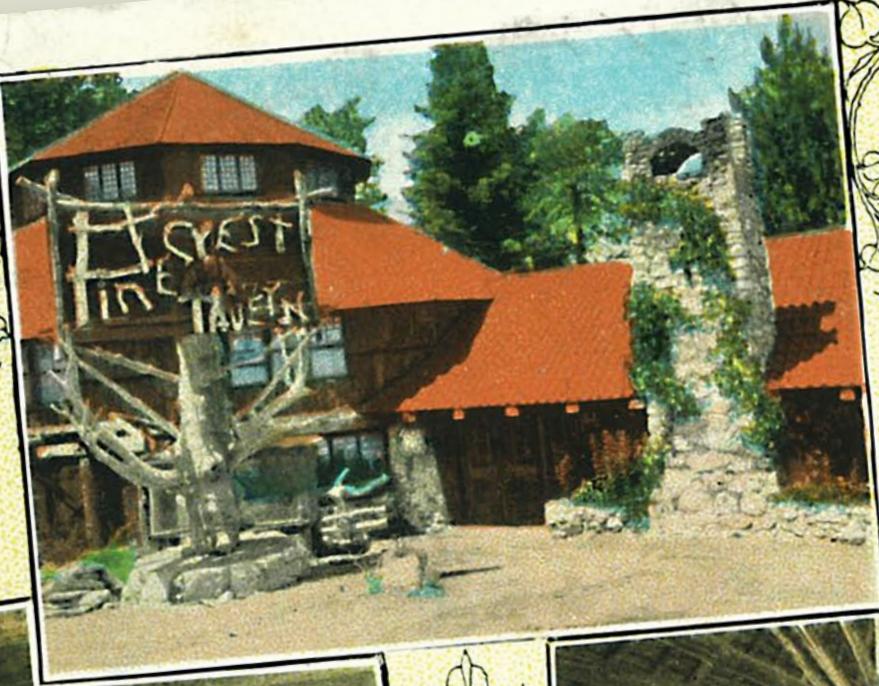
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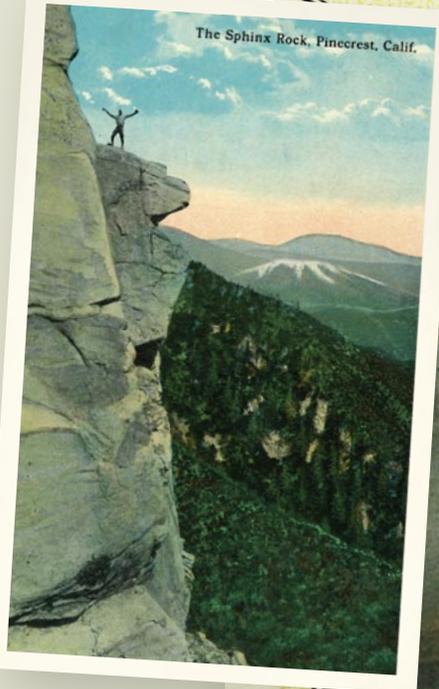
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# PINE CREST RESORT



# SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA



Large: Twin Peaks, 1933 - "Three views of Pinecrest Mt. Resort. Reached via San Bernardino on famous 'Rim of the World Drive.' Swimming, motoring, billiards, hiking, tennis."

Small: Rim of the World circa 1910s or 1920s - "Sphinx Rock, Pinecrest Mountain Resort is a bungalowtown in the big pine woods on the San Bernardino Mountains, Calif., sixteen miles from San Bernardino, Calif. Altitude 5450 feet."

# JULY 2008

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			● Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*		Independence Day	Mountaineer Days - Wrightwood
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		Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*			○	
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	Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting*				●	Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council Meeting*
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## CELEBRATIONS

July 4 is a great time to heat up the grill, spend time with family and friends, and celebrate Independence Day safely. Keep these emergency numbers in mind during your celebration:

- Report unsafe or drunk drivers by calling 911
- To check current road conditions, call Caltrans at (909) 383-4631 or for 24-hour road emergency information call (800) 427-ROAD (7623)

As the weather heats up and the dry season begins, avoid the following common causes of fires during this season:

- Unattended campfires and food on a stove top or outdoor barbecue
- Forgotten candles or mosquito coils on decks or in campgrounds
- Unauthorized fireworks

Individual fireworks are not allowed in the San Bernardino County Mountains. Your family can still enjoy public fireworks displays in:

- Big Bear Lake
- Lake Arrowhead
- Lake Gregory

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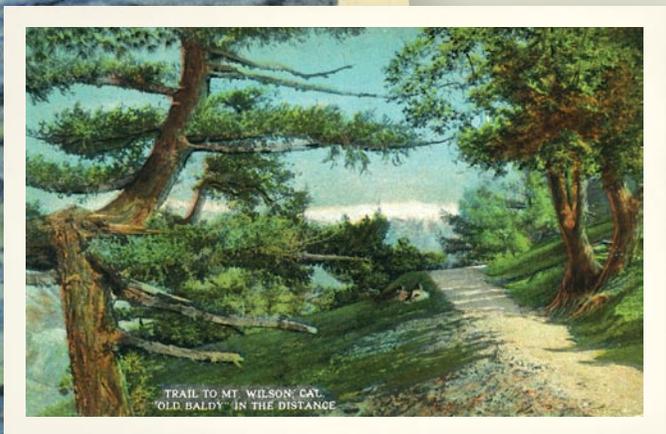
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LAKE ARROWHEAD IN ARROWHEAD WOODS, CALIFORNIA



RAINBOW FLEET ON LAKE ARROWHEAD



TRAIL TO MT. WILSON, CAL.  
'OLD BALDY' IN THE DISTANCE

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Large: Lake Arrowhead circa 1940s - "Lake Arrowhead situated in the pine forests of the San Bernardino Mountains, 5,000 feet above sea level. Only 80 miles from Los Angeles. New High Gear Scenic State Highway all the way."  
Small: Mount Baldy circa 1910s or 1920s - "Trail to Mt. Wilson, Cal. 'Old Baldy' in the distance."

# AUGUST 2008

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3	4	5 National Night Out	6	7	8	9 Smokey Bear's Birthday Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
10	11	12	13 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	14 Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	15	16 Wrightwood Mountain Classic Car Show
17	18	19 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	20	21	22	23
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## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

With a rich history and gorgeous scenes, it's no wonder people come from all over the world to visit the San Bernardino County Mountains. Visitors play an important role in the countywide effort to help protect the forest from fire:

- Campfires are only permitted in designated fire rings at developed sites. Check with your local fire agency for other open fire restrictions
- Supervise children near campfires or stoves
- Never leave food unattended on a stove-top or barbecue
- Never leave a campfire unattended, and completely extinguish campfires before leaving
- Place ashes in a metal container, add water and place on a noncombustible surface
- Dispose of cigarette butts in the proper receptacles
- Do not ride your brakes when driving down the mountain
- Plan your emergency route

For more information about fire safety, contact your local fire department.

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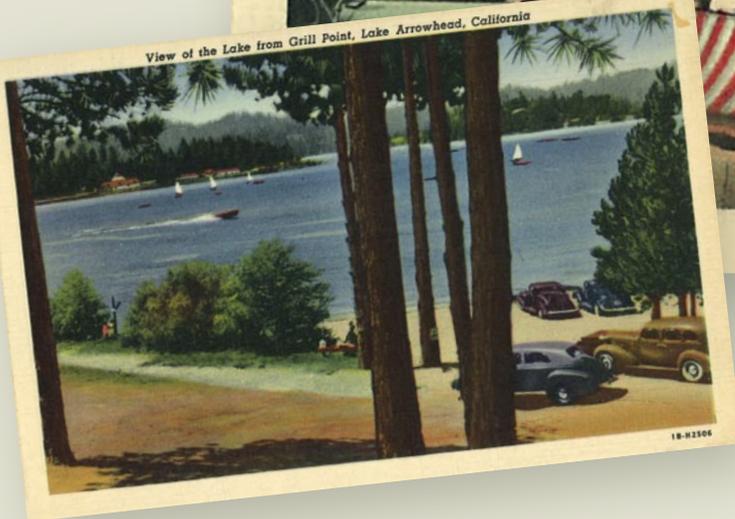
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**THE VILLAGE, LAKE ARROWHEAD, CALIFORNIA**

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View of the Lake from Grill Point, Lake Arrowhead, California



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Large: The Lake Arrowhead Village in 1937 - "Lake Arrowhead Woods offers the utmost in recreational advantages. Swimming, dancing, hiking, golf, boating, fishing, tennis, horseback riding and scenic motor drives to enchant the lovers of the open spaces."

Small: Grill Point circa 1940 - "Lake Arrowhead, a mile high with its picturesque pine-clad shores, is situated in the heart of the San Bernardino Mountains, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Grill Point is a popular playground for the picnic crowds at Lake Arrowhead."

# SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day National Preparedness Month	2 Ramadan	3	4 Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*	5	6 Octoberfest Begins - Lake Arrowhead
7 ☐	8	9	10 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	11	12	13 Octoberfest Begins - Big Bear Lake Angelus Oaks Com. Clean-Up Party* Chamber of Comm. Home Tour - Lake Arrowhead
14 ☐	15 Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting* ○	16 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	17	18	19	20
21 ☐	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26	27
28 ☐	29	30 Rosh Hashanah ●				

## DEVELOP A DISASTER PLAN

When it comes to the safety of your family, you can never be too prepared. Here are three basic steps to creating a disaster plan:

### STEP 1: PLAN

- Speak with local authorities about the hazards and risks specific to your area
- Develop a communications plan
- Plan for those with disabilities and other special needs
- Plan where you will take your pets in an emergency

### STEP 2: PREPARE

- Create a disaster supply kit and a vehicle kit with enough supplies to last at least 72 hours
- Make sure the shut-off points for your gas, electricity and water lines are easily accessible
- Take an inventory of your home items
- Develop evacuation routes and alternatives

### STEP 3: PRACTICE

- Practice your evacuation routes
- Update parts of the plan that have changed
- Replace expired items in your supply kit

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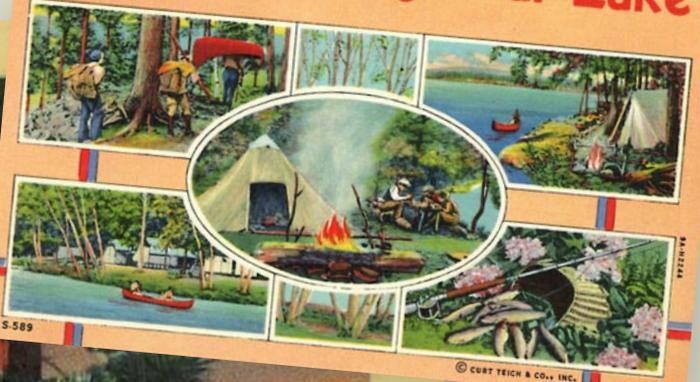
Sunset at Big Bear Lake



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On the "Rim o' the World Drive", San Bernardino Mountains, Calif.

Greetings from **Big Bear Lake**



Large: Big Bear Lake circa 1930s or 1940s - "Within three hours of Los Angeles, in the heart of the San Bernardino Mountains, at an elevation of 7,000 feet, lies Big Bear Lake, Southern California's largest mountain lake—a sportsman's paradise."

Small: Big Bear Lake circa 1940s

# OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 National Fire Prevention Week	6	7	8 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	9 Yom Kippur Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	10	11 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	22	23	24	25 Angelus Oaks Fire Safe Council Meeting* Halloween Party - Lake Arrowhead
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Halloween in the Village - Big Bear Lake Trick or Treat in the Village - Lake Arrowhead Village	

## BE PREPARED

It's that time of year again ... the leaves are changing colors, children are back in school ... and fire season is upon us.

With the recent drought conditions, the fire season now extends year-round. The onset of the hot, dry Santa Ana winds is a good time to review your evacuation plan, check and update the contents of your emergency kit, and put the finishing fire-resistant touches on your home and neighboring land.

Important emergency kit contents include:

- Food and water for three days for you, your family and pets
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Hygiene items
- Matches
- Extra clothing and blankets
- Photocopies of important documents
- Cash and coins

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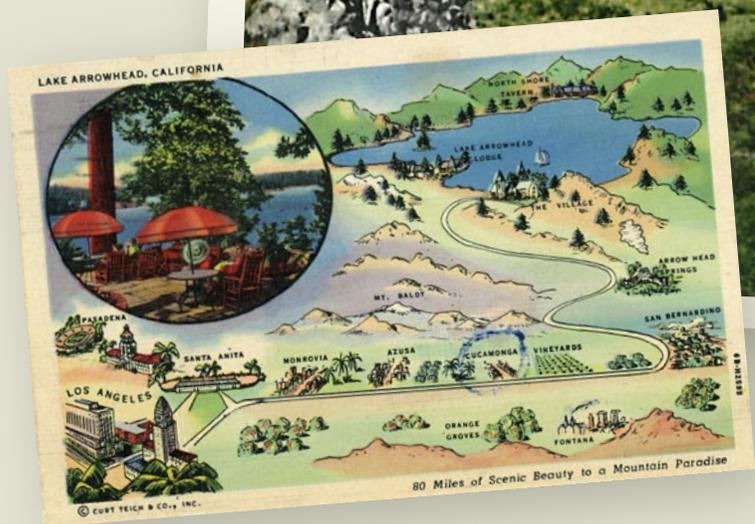


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451 - GENERAL VIEW OF ARROWHEAD HOT SPRINGS HOTEL, NEAR SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA.



Large: Arrowhead Hot Springs Hotel in 1909 - "An Indian Oracle says: 'Then there came a wise man and a fool. The wise man investigated and decided. The fool decided without an investigation.' Be fair to yourself. Investigate the stock of the 'Arrowhead Springs Water Company.'"

Small: The Lodge Map circa 1940s - "This glorious scenic drive to San Bernardino Mountain Resorts extends 80 miles eastward from Los Angeles, and 19 miles from San Bernardino, passing through fragrant orange groves and foothill towns. From San Bernardino, this high gear road leads into the mountains, ascending to heights of 6,000 feet. At every turn a panorama of the whole countryside spreads out before you in colorful splendor."

# NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Change Smoke Detector Batteries)	3	4 Election Day	5	6 Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Board Meeting*	7	8 Sadie Hawkin's Day Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	13	14	15
16	17 Mt. Baldy Fire Safe Council Meeting	18 Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Meeting*	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 Holiday in the Village Begins - Lake Arrowhead	29 Holiday Parade of Lights - Wrightwood
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## THE ARROWHEAD SPRINGS HOTEL

The legacy of the renowned Arrowhead Springs Hotel dates back more than a century. The first iteration of the hotel originated as the Hot Springs Infirmary, where people suffering from incurable diseases were treated. In 1883, the owner leased the infirmary to two men who converted it into a hotel.

In 1885, just three days after the original owner died, the hotel burned down, allowing the new owners to rebuild the hotel and make it the largest hostelry in the San Bernardino area. In 1895, the new Arrowhead Springs Hotel was destroyed by fire during a Fourth of July celebration.

In 1905, another owner built a third Arrowhead Springs Hotel and it was enjoyed by many celebrities, including Loretta Young, Mary Pickford, Spencer Tracy and Humphrey Bogart. In November 1938, the luxury resort was again destroyed, this time by a forest fire.

The fourth Arrowhead Springs Hotel, which is still standing today, opened in 1939 and has enjoyed the presence of A-list celebrities, such as Judy Garland, Rudy Vallee and Elizabeth Taylor.

As the owners of the Arrowhead Springs Hotel learned, creating defensible space is a necessary step to help make any property more fire resistant. Proper spacing of trees, elimination of ladder fuels and thinning of green vegetation can help keep your home, and the firefighters defending it, safe.

Source: City of San Bernardino Web site.

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*Greetings*  
From *Santa's Village*  
California



Large: Santa's Village opened July 4, 1955 - "Santa's Village, Skyforest, California. A picturesque setting on 15 forested acres where 11 colorful buildings house Santa Claus and his toy workshops. Here in a fairyland setting his gnomes, elves and little animal friends make up a children's and grownups' paradise the year around."

Small: Running Springs circa late 1950s - "Winter at Running Springs, Calif. During a snow storm - Looking east at junction of City Creek Canyon Road and Rim o' the World Drive. Elevation 6,000 feet. 25 miles from San Bernardino, Calif. Between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake and Valley."

# DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Fireman's Bonfire - Lake Arrowhead	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council Meeting*	11 Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council Meeting*	12	13 Angelus Oaks Community Clean-Up Party*
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21 First Day of Winter	22 Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

## HOLIDAY TIPS

The holidays can be chaotic with last-minute shopping and visits from friends and family members. But this is no time to overlook the protection of your family and your home from the season's unique set of fire hazards.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- Look for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear in your holiday lights before you hang them

### CHRISTMAS TREE

- Select a flame-retardant, artificial tree or a fresh green one with needles that are hard to pull back from branches
- Keep your live-tree stand filled with water; dispose of your tree at a recycling center after two weeks

### WRAPPING PAPER

- Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace, as it can become floating embers and cause a chimney fire

### CANDLES

- Never leave a burning candle unattended
- Keep burning candles away from anything that can catch fire
- Do not burn candles for more than three to four hours
- Place a nonflammable material under the candle to catch any melted wax

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**WHILE MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION TREES** affected by the bark beetle infestation have been removed by MAST members, densely packed forests and prolonged drought still leave all tree species in the San Bernardino County Mountains vulnerable.

To help make your property more fire safe, the forest must be properly managed. This requires thinning the overstocked forest of certain live trees and shrubs to restore vigor to the remaining trees: A thinner forest is a healthy forest.

MAST has spearheaded this effort to restore the health of the forest and make it more fire resistant. This calendar is part of a two-year education and outreach program to continue building on the foundation established by MAST thus far. Find out what you can do to help by contacting a MAST participant.

MAST is a coalition of local, state and federal government agencies, private companies and volunteer organizations in San Bernardino County that are concerned with public safety in the mountain areas of their respective jurisdictions. For more information, including names and contact information of MAST participants, visit [www.calmast.org](http://www.calmast.org).

**FOR GENERAL GREEN VEGETATION THINNING ADVICE IN THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAIN AREA, CONTACT:**

- San Bernardino County Hazardous Tree Abatement Program: (909) 867-1240, [www.calmast.org](http://www.calmast.org)
- CAL FIRE: (909) 881-6900, [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

- Forest Care (The National Forest Association and CAL FIRE). A grant from the U.S. Forest Service allows property owners to be reimbursed up to 75% of the cost of implementing a qualified tree-removal plan. Call (888) 883-THIN (8446) or complete the form online at [www.sbnfa.com/forestcare.php](http://www.sbnfa.com/forestcare.php)
- For more information on natural resources conservation contact Natural Resources Conservation Service at [www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov) or (951) 684-3722.

**IF YOU HAVE TREES NEAR POWER LINES, CONTACT:**

- Southern California Edison, Tree Removal Program: (800) 640-3652, [www.sce.com/safety/barkbeetle](http://www.sce.com/safety/barkbeetle)
- In Big Bear Valley only, call Bear Valley Electric Service at (800) 808-BVES (2837) or [www.bves.com](http://www.bves.com)

**FOR GUIDELINES ON LOW-WATER-USE LANDSCAPING AND CREATING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND YOUR HOME AND OTHER STRUCTURES, SEE:**

- "A Landscape Guide for Mountain Homes." Call (909) 336-7115 or obtain online at [www.calmast.org/sbc/index.aspx](http://www.calmast.org/sbc/index.aspx)

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To the fire safe councils and responsible home-owners who have helped make our community fire safe.



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