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Points of Interest:

- Board Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month. Check the web site for location.
- Volunteer Day on Saturday, May 14!
- The Lilac Park Pool opens June 1!!
- Independence Day Parade coming! Check the web site for details.

Your Role in Fire Safety

Even though fire safety is a **year-round responsibility**, the annual CAL-Fire 4291 inspections are fast approaching. For specific information on “First 30 feet – Defensible Space,” and “30 to 100 feet -- Reduced Fuel Zone,” clearance requirements, check our web-site: www.arnoldlilacparkhoa.org, under the “Your Property” tab, then chose “Fire Safety Info.”

Dates of inspections:

First inspections will be due to Cal-Fire by May 15, 2011. (All 206 lots in Lilac Park are in-spected.)

If your lot fails to pass the first inspection, it will be re-inspected.

Second inspections will be due to Cal-Fire by June 12, 2011.

The goal is compliance, not citations. However, if you fail to pass the second inspection, you will be subject to a fine. **Fines start at \$335 per violation.** Plus, you will have to pay for court costs, as well as pay to have the lot brought into compliance.

Please note that 3 years of non-compliance with violations, will result in a misdemeanor.

2010 results:

- 206 lots inspected.
- 33 lots notified of non-compliance
- 7 lots cited by Cal-Fire

For questions regarding inspections or Defensible Space, contact the Cal-Fire Defensible Space Message Line at 209-428-1131.



You can also learn more by visiting the **Fire Safety Links** section of the Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association web site.

Bark Beetles—They’re in Lilac Park

Bark beetles, family Scolytidae, are common pests of conifers (such as pines) and some attack broadleaf trees. Over 600 species occur in the United States and Canada with approximately 200 in California alone. The most common species infesting pines in urban landscapes and at the wildland-urban interface in California are the engraver beetles, the red turpentine beetle, and the western pine beetle.

In high elevation landscapes, such as the Tahoe Basin area or the San Bernardino Mountains, the Jeffrey pine beetle and mountain pine beetle are also frequent pests of pines.

California now has 20 invasive species of bark beetles, of which 10 species have been discovered since 2002. The biology of these new invaders is poorly understood.

A number of trees within Lilac Park have been infested with Bark Beetles. They can kill a stand of trees within a very short period of time leading to potentially dangerous deadfalls and increasing available fuel loads during fire season.

Learn more by visiting the Bark Beetles section under “Your Property” on the Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association web site.

Septic Systems—What you need to know.

“Never flush cat litter, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, paper towels, facial tissues, coffee grounds, or cigarette butts and filters. They'll clog your septic tank in less time than you might imagine. “

The following information is from a presentation made by Calaveras Health Department Environmental Management Agency at March’s EPOC meeting.

Even though soils in the Arnold area will generally support gravity septic, all systems must now be engineered by State law since there were issues with failed septics in other parts of the State.

Calaveras County Onsite Wastewater Regulations were updated in the fall of 2010. It may be updated yearly or biannually. Septics are now called OWTS "Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems" and the effluent is defined to include more than fecal coliforms, but also nitrogen, chlorides, chlorine, MBAS, phosphates, caffeine, pharmaceuticals and sodium. Do not put food, grease, excess water into septic sys-

tems as this lessens the life of the system and increases the frequency of how often they must be pumped. A running toilet or sink can actually cause a leech field to fail completely.

Job Opportunity: Pool Attendant and/or Lifeguard



Summer is coming and **Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association** is looking for a **Pool Attendant and/or Lifeguard**.

Job details are posted via the page linked below. If you know a Lilac Park resident, or anyone else for that matter, who may be looking for a summer job, encourage them to apply. This position is perfect for a high school student looking for summer work.

Safety at the Lilac Park Pool is our number one priority!

Please see the Jobs Posting Page for details about this position. An on-line application can be found at the bottom of that page.

<http://jobs.arnoldlilacparkhoa.org>



Reminder!



2011 Assessments are due by April 30. If you haven't mailed your payment yet, please do so immediately to avoid a penalty.

\$130 for a improved lot - \$90 for unimproved lots.

<http://www.arnoldlilacparkhoa.org>

Volunteer Day in Lilac Park

Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 9:00 – 2:00

Join us Saturday, May 14, to prepare the pool and common area for summer action and fun!

Why volunteer?

This annual event helps to keep our annual dues low because it saves our association approximately \$1,000 that we would have to spend otherwise. Plus, it's a great way to get to know others in Lilac Park! This year instead of giving volunteers a \$10.00 credit, a free LUNCH will be served to all who come and help!

Here's a list of things we need to do:

- Rake the front of the pool yard
- Rake the back lot
- Trim trees, bushes, shrubs
- Haul pine needles and tree debris to the front yard for burning
- Oversee the burning process
- Help create steps in the back lot
- Sweep the pool area
- Clean bathrooms
- Clean the kitchen
- Fix, paint "Lilac Park Subdivision" sign
- Basically anything else that needs doing!



Bring rakes, trimmers, loppers, wheelbarrows, pick-up trucks and trailers (if you have them) to haul debris from the back lot to the front for burning. The weather should be settled by then, but you never know so be sure to dress in layers and wear some sturdy clothing for protection.

We need your help. Please use the [Contact Us](#) page or send us an [email](#) to let us know that you're coming, and what you can help with. Let us know as early as possible so we get an accurate head count for lunch.

**"Those who can,
do. Those who can do
more, volunteer."**

~Author Unknown

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Did you know ...

... that the Arnold Lilac Park Web Site is searchable?

One reason we chose Wordpress software to manage the web site was to convey information quickly and easily to homeowners. Another reason was that this software allows users to easily search past posts for important information they might have missed earlier.

You have three options to search the site: By month, by category, or by key words. The search window tends to hide "below the fold" on the site, but can be found in the smaller, blue "widget box" on the left side under the weather badge and Resources links. **Try it out!**

What is a 'Co-Director?'

When something is voted on, Co-Directors have one vote between them. A co-directorship exists to allow flexibility and consistent meeting attendance if one or the other cannot otherwise attend.

What is an 'Alternate Director?'

Alternate directors have voting privileges if present and their attendance is required to establish a quorum.

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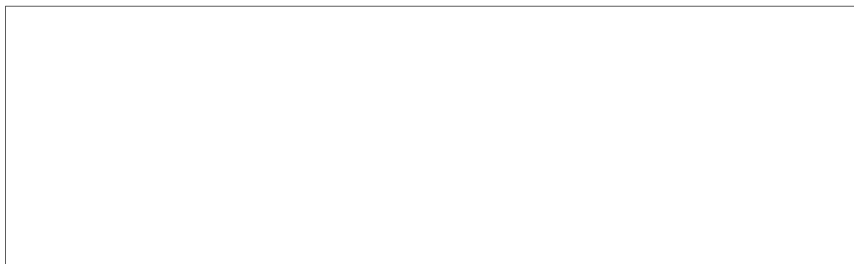
The newsletter of the Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association

<http://www.arnoldlilacparkhoa.org>
209.795.3807

Here is the first edition of the newly revised **Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association Newsletter**, called the **Treetop Times**. We're publishing this newsletter in a printed format for the benefit of those who either don't use a computer and/or the Internet, or just don't have access to them. Over time, it is our goal to phase out the printed version of this newsletter altogether because all of the information contained in it can be found on the ALPHA web site, which is far easier and significantly less costly and time consuming to manage and produce.

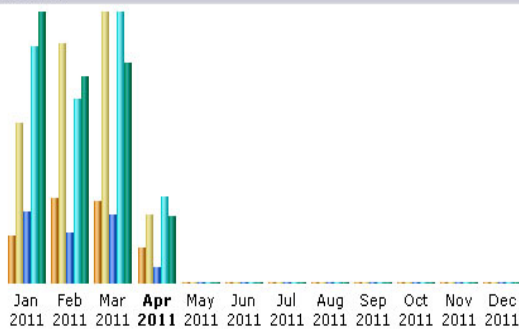


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ALPHA Web Site a Success!!

Monthly history



The Arnold Lilac Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors launched the revamped version of it's web site on January 1, 2011. Traffic counts for this year are way up with 937 site visits in March, compared to just 400 this time last year.

We're excited to have 120 email addresses on file out of approximately 180 homeowners. That translates to 66% of Lilac Park Homeowners who are getting up-to-date information about happenings in our community.

While we know that not everyone in Lilac Park uses email, we want to connect with as many that do, because using the web site to communicate storm information, possible fire activity, or other events in the area, has received tremendously positive feedback so far this year.

We aim to refine and continue this service to homeowners so if you haven't signed up yet, send a note to

info@arnoldlilacparkhoa.org

and tell us you want to "get the updates!"