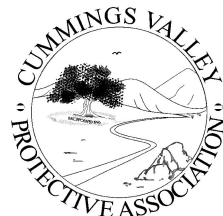


## GROWTH IN TEHACHAPI

We continue to see significant growth in the Tehachapi area, including increases in both the commercial and residential areas. House prices continue to climb. Many new homes are being built, and traffic becomes at times a nightmare. We continue to hear concerns from many people. People clearly do not want this beautiful place to become another San Fernando Valley. CVPA joins all of you in monitoring this and ensuring that every effort is made to protect our rural atmosphere.

## AG FUTURES ALLIANCE

Kern county is one of a number of California counties that is forming an Agricultural Futures Alliance. This group is working to develop values related to agriculture and then will be moving towards means to protect those values. CVPA is supportive of this effort and has been represented at each and every meeting thus far. Living here in the Tehachapi area, we can appreciate the benefits of living hand-in-hand with agriculture. We value the ability to grow our own food, the open space and beauty that agriculture brings, and we desire for farmers/agriculturists to continue to be seen of value to our community for their contributions. You will be hearing much more on this in upcoming issues. Check out background information at [www.agfuturesalliance.net](http://www.agfuturesalliance.net). Have you hugged your local agriculturist recently?



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## West Nile Virus - Tire Recovery Program

As a service to the Greater Tehachapi community, CVPA will sponsor a program in conjunction with Kern County officials to offer the public a means to get rid of old auto tires. In addition to being unsightly at best, old tires are known as prime breeding sites for mosquitoes. Tires with trapped rainwater provide a protected environment ideal for mosquito breeding. Plus the shape of tires is such that when they are lying on the ground, there is no way to avoid pooling of rain inside. With the prospect of a major West Nile Virus epidemic this year, anything we can do to reduce the mosquito population to protect people, horses and birds should help!

The State of California allows certain "amnesty" days when people can bring their tires to a collection site at no charge. A restriction is that a person cannot bring more than nine tires. Large trash bins will be at the Golden Hills CSD office and perhaps another location in the City of Tehachapi. CVPA has agreed to provide volunteers to oversee the arrival of tires. Our aim here is collecting to help the individual, not a large tire dealer, so we will be turning away tire dealers and others bringing large numbers. CVPA will also pay for transport of the bins to Benz Sanitation where the tires will be picked up by a company from Northern California for use as fuel and recycling of steel from the steel belts.

The dates are Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Please call Chuck at 822-3478 or Jo Anne at 822-6589 to volunteer a few hours on one or both of the days. We want teams of two or more on Saturday from 8AM to 6PM and on Sunday from 10AM to 4PM.

In addition to providing a great service, this should also be fun. And, refreshments will be provided! Watch for further announcements in local news publications. The CVPA believes this benefits everyone, the community, the environment, and CVPA. Join us for a few hours and help make our community more beautiful.

## *"Whole lotta shakin goin on" -* **EARTHQUAKE MEETING COMING APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>!**

The next CVPA general meeting will focus on geology and earthquakes. Dr. Wally Kleck will speak on "Geology and Earthquakes of the Tehachapi area". It is scheduled for Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at the Stallion Springs CSD Office (28500 Stallion Springs Drive). Mark your calendar now!!!

## **BUS TOUR ON SCHEDULE!**

While you have your calendar out, save June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for the famous biennial CVPA Bus Tour!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

CVPA is staffed by a committed group of volunteers who work to meet the challenges of keeping the focus on maintaining our wonderful rural quality of life and protecting against uncontrolled development. Your

support through membership is critical to the success of CVPA. We currently have 417 members from 248 memberships but of those 124/78 are in arrears. We appreciate those 45 memberships which have been prepaid through 30June2006 and beyond. Remember, our membership year runs from 1July2004 through 30June2005. **We do not mail membership renewal statements.** Instead, the mailing label on your newsletter shows the expiration of your membership on June 30 of the year printed in the center of the top label line. The annual membership dues are \$12 per family for a fiscal year membership July 1 through June 30. This newsletter contains an application that allows members to renew and provides mailing instructions. Check your label! Please consider renewing your membership for several years in advance. We value your support.

## TRIBUTE TO BEN RUDE

Long time CVPA member and active supporter Ben Rude passed away quietly at home in Bear Valley Springs on January 13<sup>th</sup>, more than 8 years after being diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma, called Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia. Ben liked to call his relationship with this cancer a peaceful coexistence, as he underwent periodic treatments and continued to enjoy life with his usual zest.

Ben plunged into learning all there was to know about the disease, becoming involved in the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF), which is aimed at raising funding for research and developing a network of help for those with the disease. He was president of this foundation from 2002 until his passing last month.

Ben and his wife, Laurie, have been major contributors to the goals of CVPA. Ben will be sorely missed, but we know Laurie will want to continue on with the things they both believed in so strongly.

Donations in Ben's memory may be sent to I.W.M.F., 3932-D Swift Road, Sarasota, FL 34231-6541.

Rest in peace, Ben.

## MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL BOOTH

We are pondering having a booth at the Mountain Festival to promote CVPA and all the resources in the Cummings and Brite valleys. We'd love to hear from you if you think this would (or would not) be worthwhile. Share your feedback with Chuck (822-3478) or Jo Anne (822-6589) or Janice (danarmstro@aol.com).

## MTBE AT CCI UPDATE

It has been known for quite a few years that a gasoline leak at the CCI motor pool site has contaminated the groundwater with MTBE and 15 other chemicals. Recently, cleaning solvent, probably from the commercial laundry/dry cleaning operation formerly run by CCI, has been detected in the same area.

Five monitoring wells have defined a probable extent of the contamination plume about 400 feet wide extending some 900 feet in an east-west direction. The approved work plan calls for three extraction wells initially with two additional extraction wells within the plume later. Groundwater is to be extracted at a rate of approximately 43,200 gallons per day. The water will be treated by a shallow-tray air stripper to remove all contaminants.

CVPA has received a copy of the order from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board defining how the treated water is to be discharged. It is to be transported through an unlined ditch to a percolation site on CCI property adjacent to a sod farm. Monthly sampling and laboratory analysis of water prior to treatment and prior to discharge are required.

It is good news that remediation of the contamination finally appears ready to proceed.

## ILLEGAL SIGNS

CVPA is in the process of surveying our rural area for signs. As development has crept our way, we are seeing more signs that do not meet the sign regulations. We will be contacting owners of these signs over the next number of months. If you have a concern about a sign, give us a heads-up on it and we will check it out.

## CRUCIFIX DOWN • • • • CHURCH PROCEEDING

Mr. Scott Roberts has cut down the large crucifix along Highway 202 near the northeast entrance to Cummings Valley. We don't know if he did so because of letters of objection from the public, or because of the Kern County code enforcement requirement that he have a building permit and inspection because of its height . . . or both.

He continues with what he proclaims publicly is his church/day care facility, but tells the Kern County Building Department it is a residence. At issue is whether he should be required to have an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to address traffic, parking, water, sewer, impact on neighbors, etc. The County appears to be accepting that it is a residence as submitted, but is prepared to require a CUP, if the level of activity indicates otherwise. For more from Mr. Roberts, log onto his website - www.upheaval.org.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Want to volunteer with some really fun people doing some really good work? CVPA needs volunteers who can spare a few hours each year. Are you willing to serve on the Board or become an advisor to the Board? Or maybe you'd like to assist with our annual BBQ, become a CVPA caller, or help with our semi-annual trash pickup?

CVPA has been faced with an increasing number of code violations, requests for Conditional Use Permits and other activities that threaten the serenity and rural beauty of Cummings and Brite Valleys. The strength of CVPA is in our membership. Ponder it, and then call Jo Anne at 822-6589 or Chuck at 822-3478 to help preserve our rural quality of life.

Check your label! Your membership expires June 30 of the year printed in the center of the top line. Please keep your membership current. We value your support.

### Cummings Valley Protective Association, Inc.

Membership Application - July 1 through June 30

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