

**ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
September 2009**

RHGID recently awarded Engineering contracts to three local firms. Each of the firms was selected by the Board of Trustees after participation in a rigorous proposal process that included submission of proposals and attendance at an interview. The District is excited to be working with the three firms selected for these projects.

Lumos and Associates will be designing the replacement water storage tank at our office location. The new tank will allow the District to take the existing tank off line for rehabilitation or replacement. We expect the new tank to be larger than the existing 250,000 gallon tank thereby increasing our storage capacity and fire fighting capabilities. Part of the cost of the new tank will be offset by utilizing grant money received with the District's participation in the Lake Tahoe Fire Protection Partnership.

R.O. Anderson will assist the District in the development of a Comprehensive Road Maintenance Plan. The plan will include analyzing the District's current road conditions, development of a data base of existing conditions, updating the District's current pavement maintenance software and prioritization of future road rehabilitation activities.

Farr West Engineering has been hired to conduct a comprehensive rate structure analysis for the District. This analysis will determine potential future rate impacts due to anticipated capital improvement needs. Water and sewer monthly costs and initial hook-up fees will be evaluated as will road maintenance costs. The analysis will incorporate a cost of service approach as well as a comparison to other local utilities.

FIRE SAFE CHAPTER

Thanks to all property owners who have removed fuels around their homes to help make Round Hill safe from catastrophic wildfire. Your Fire Safe Chapter is able to provide assistance in the form of grant funding for tree removal. We requested and received a grant of \$75,000 two years ago which started mid summer last year and ends in December of this year. We still have \$38,000 to spend, which would cover about 30 typical homes. **Please take advantage of this program, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.** In order to participate, please call your block captain. You will need to fill out some simple forms, record at least 5 hours of work you spent removing fuels this year, get a permit for any trees above 14 inches diameter (at 5 ft.), and pay 1/3 of the cost. Spending these funds responsibly will help us receive additional funds in the future. Most other neighborhoods are operating under grants that pay 1/2 of the cost, and grant funding may not be available in the future. We anticipate that defensible space fuel reduction will be made mandatory by law in 2011, so it is smart to do the job now while we have available grant funding.

Thanks for your help,
Glen Smith, Chairman, Round Hill Fire Safe Chapter

Block Captains	Phone	Streets assigned
Janis Brand	775 586 1590	Cheyenne Way, Cheyenne Circle
Brad Dorton	775 588 2115	Devaux
Gayle Harlow	775 588 0950	Ute, Kent, Navajo Ct., Kent Ct
Bill Laughlin	775 588 6793	Ute Ct., Paiute
Mary Nelsen	775 588 3067	McFaul, Ohlone Ct
Wes Rice	775 588 7770	Elks Pt., Elks Pt. Ct.
Glen Smith	775 588 1550	Seminole Ct., Hopi Ct., McFaul Ct.
Barbara Smith	775 588 1550	Seminole Way