



# Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. (YWPHI)

<http://www.yosemitewest.org/>

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Dear Yosemite West property owner,

If you are a new property owner, welcome to Yosemite West! As the President of the voluntary "Yosemite West Property and Homeowners Inc" (YWPHI) organization, the purpose of this letter is to explain the purpose and benefits of YWPHI. We encourage you to join or renew ( <http://yosemitewest.org/members.htm> ) for only \$50 annually.

The most important goal of YWPHI is communication. YWPHI sponsors events such as the [annual meeting picnic](#), where you can meet and get to know other owners. These events are also forums for distribution of news and advice from relevant agencies such as Yosemite National Park rangers, firefighters (presentations on fire and smoke conditions), and Mariposa county officials. News is also sent by email to members with updates (such as the during YNP closures). We awarded recognition on behalf of all owners to the Fire Chief, Captains, and crew who saved our houses in the 2018 wildfire.

YWPHI directors also foster communication and representation of Yosemite West owners' interests to government agencies such as the California Department of Insurance and Mariposa county officials and committees for important neighborhood issues regarding Public Works (water, sewer, roads, snow removal, utility rate adjustment), law enforcement (sheriff), and zoning regulations (rental transient occupancy tax).

YWPHI is the sponsor for the annual **free debris chipping program** to reduce wildfire danger in the community. Through the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, a major Forest Health Grant in 2022 was coordinated to remove 300 tons of biomass from Yosemite West, and this work continues in 2023 in areas surrounding Yosemite West. Previous **tree-felling** and fuel-reduction [grants](#) run by volunteers raised over \$840,000 specifically for Yosemite West. We have been active in communicating analysis, current issues, and [water capacity](#). We will work to represent the property interest of all Yosemite West property owners in these coming discussions, especially communication surrounding the upcoming Prop 218 [utility rate increase](#) proposals.

YWPHI does not have direct enforcement responsibility relating to garbage or ownership CCRs, but can facilitate responsible community communication. YWPHI originally built the community mailbox, added lighting, and installed 6 new parcel lockers in 2022. YWPHI continues communication through the YWPHI website, email and paper mailings.

All work within YWPHI is by volunteerism. The Board-of-Directors and Officers are elected annually, and we encourage you to volunteer by self-nomination to serve your community through projects and leadership.

Our members' picnic will be 9/3/2023 at noon at the end of Azalea Lane. Please join.

Sincerely,

Ted Williams

President, YWPHI

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