

# Scott Valley Voice



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Newsletter of Beautiful Scott Valley

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## LETTER FROM YOUR HOA PRESIDENT BY FRANCINE MILLMAN

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 Dear Scott Valley Residents:

Spring has sprung and many things are happening in and around Scott Valley!

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

I would like to officially welcome all new Scott Valley residents! There has been a large turnover of residents in the past few years and even more recently in the past six months or so. So, **WELCOME!** On behalf of the SVHOA board, we hope you enjoy living in this quiet, peaceful part of Mill Valley tucked away from the hectic pace of the rest of the world.

### YOUR 2016 SVHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I am so happy to announce your 2016 SVHOA Board of Directors, one of the best boards yet! Why? Because everyone on the board is involved, sharing responsibilities and are interested in making sure your interests regarding Scott Valley are heard!

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### WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

It has been a long while since your Scott Valley Board of Directors has published an edition of the Scott Valley Voice, mostly because much of our information is now communicated via Nextdoor Scott Valley and the occasional email, saving costs in postage and printing. However, because we have received a number of new residents in the valley, and although many have joined Nextdoor, I would like to add new residents (and those who have never provided their

email address before) your email address, since not everyone is on Nextdoor. On occasion, email still works best.

Please note that I personally take the responsibility of having your email address very seriously. Your email address is never provided to anyone without your express permission and is only used to communicate information from time-to-time on important neighborhood topics. If you would like to me to add you to our private email list, please email: [info@scottvalleyhoa.org](mailto:info@scottvalleyhoa.org) with your name(s), address and of course, email address.

### JOIN NEXTDOOR SCOTT VALLEY ([WWW.NEXTDOOR.COM](http://WWW.NEXTDOOR.COM))

Nextdoor is a free and private (by invitation only) community website many in Scott Valley have joined (now 307 neighbors and counting), to learn about the topics and issues that concern Scott Valley.

Nextdoor only allows those living in the neighborhood to join and the neighborhood "leader" as they are called, monitors the community page.

The beauty of Nextdoor Scott Valley is that it allows a dialog between neighbors, unlike email and snail mail. No one ever sees your email address or any other personal information other than your name (required), unless you include your street name.

**An important aspect of Nextdoor** is that while you may see a post started by City or County officials, they **never** see posts you make other than when it is in response to something they post. Unless someone from the city or county lives in SV and is on Nextdoor Scott Valley, Nextdoor wants people to know they can communicate amongst themselves and are not being "watched". I have personally confirmed this. They cannot see our postings. You can choose to see and participate on other Mill Valley Nextdoor neighborhoods within a 1.5 mile proximity, so it can expand our neighborhood to discuss bigger community issues. And, because the "leader" verifies who is allowed to be on Nextdoor Scott Valley, it is truly a neighborhood site.

Sure, there are many posts of people selling things or in need of a babysitter, but the good thing is that YOU

get to control about what categories you receive notification and the frequency in which you receive them (a daily digest or individual emails or no email notifications at all). There are crime & safety discussions and notifications, discussions about current SV and Mill Valley issues and so much more.

There are no fees and all sorts of topics are discussed. The only thing that is required is common courtesy when discussing topics, even if you disagree. Remember, these are your neighbors!

To join Nextdoor Scott Valley, email [info@scottvalleyhoa.org](mailto:info@scottvalleyhoa.org) and I will send you an invite.

### ANNUAL DUES – IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

For *only* \$40 a year, the SVHOA can continue to maintain landscape in the five common areas of the valley, the locked emergency preparedness box located at the swim club, sending you *the SV Voice* to keep you informed and more. **Without your financial support, these projects simply cannot be maintained.** Your membership also gives you the ability to vote for your board of directors each election.

If you have not already done so, please send your \$40 dues to: **Scott Valley Homeowners' Association, P.O. Box 392, Mill Valley, CA 94942.**

### CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS


If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your board at: [info@scottvalleyhoa.org](mailto:info@scottvalleyhoa.org)

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## SNAPSHOTS OF SCOTT VALLEY, IN SEPIA

BY PETER KAUKONEN

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 was recently looking at notarized statements from Marin County officials and representatives of the Marin Capital Company, a Nevada Corporation, as they contemplated the creation of the little slice of paradise we now inhabit. On June 1, 1960 "the [Mill Valley] City Council duly passed ... its Resolution No. 3652 N.S. by which it approves and adopts this map as the official "Map of Scott Valley—Unit One, and accepts the offer of dedication for public use as streets, highways or areas, Azalea Drive, Eton Way, Vasco Drive, Stanton Way, Underhill Drive ..."

I think it safe to say that the Marin Capital Company was not the first group to find the Alto Bowl and surrounds desirable; the Coastal Miwok were in residence here, as well as in Sausalito; Bodega and Tomales Bay; Petaluma; Sonoma, Cotati, and Nicasio; Olema, Bolinas, and Freestone, and more. That's one heckuva commute for them, but they probably could get from Petaluma to Mill Valley faster on foot than if they had to drive north or south at peak traffic times.

As idyllic as Scott Valley is, it is not unchanged by time's passing. In the early Seventies you could sit on a deck on Underhill Road and look over the valley towards where the Scott Valley Swim and Tennis Club now is; you could see it all clearly because not only had the Benson Court area not been developed while the Scott Valley Swim and Tennis club was still a dream but ...there weren't any trees in the valley—it was a smooth tawny and golden Californian hillside. Yes, all the oak and bay trees are recent arrivals who—as do we all—like life in Scott Valley very much, and now I can no longer see Horse Hill and its free ranging horses from my studio window, while the once unimpeded view of the FAA tower in the Marin Headlands from my kitchen window has disappeared, obscured by the trees that have blossomed on Underhill Road.

Despite—or perhaps because of—its being a cul-de-sac, the artery that is Azalea to Underhill through Scott Valley has always served as a raceway. There's the headlong rush to and from the Scott Valley Swim and Tennis Club; shopping and getting the kids to school; heavy construction or maintenance traffic in the morning. But, in keeping with shifting demographics, Azalea was once the Mill Valley drag strip. In the 70s the teenagers who were then a large part of the S.V. population were drag racing on Azalea. This caused consternation amongst the neighbors and a police presence, and led to the installation of the stop signs along the stretch.


That the population has changed is witnessed by the shift in Halloween attendance. Fifteen to twenty years ago Scott Valley had a large grade school population, and it was a destination for families from around the Bay Area. Mothers, holding martini glasses, accompanied their children through the neighborhood. Now most of the grade schoolers are parents, the focus has shifted to Sycamore, and Scott

Valley is relatively un-haunted. But the memories remain.

As for our current drought and the dry times of the mid-70s, the tumultuous El Niño Storms of '82, the railroad, the railroad tunnel and their continued impact, those are stories for another time. See you next issue.

## ALTO TUNNEL UPDATE

BY JOHN PALMER

 The Marin County Dept. of Public Works (DPW), which has been spearheading the County's efforts to study the possible re-construction of the Alto Tunnel, has rejected the assertion of several property owners above the Tunnel on the Corte Madera side that the old railroad right-of-way has expired; that assertion, if correct, would mean that the County has no access rights to the Tunnel from the north. The spokesperson for the DPW who heads the effort, Carey Lando, who herself has as recently as 2012 contributed to the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC), the group behind the push to re-construct the Tunnel, recently asserted that the County does not need permission from those owners to enter the Tunnel to determine its condition as part of its planned geotechnical survey. On its face, this assertion flies against the language in the easements which clearly states that the rights-of-way would expire if the railroad abandoned the tunnel, which it did; Southern Pacific's authorized representatives formally acknowledged the abandonment decades ago in a letter to the County on railroad letterhead.

Instead, the DPW is insisting that the railroad easement, currently held (if indeed it is valid and held by any entity other than the property owners) by the Union Pacific (UP), is valid, and that only the UP's permission is needed to access the tunnel, and by extension, to reconstruct it. In my opinion, this rejection of the property owners' rights is a clear indication that the currently planned studies are merely the prelude for a County push to re-construct the Tunnel, MCBC's pet project and one for which they have been gathering support.

Despite the foregoing rather bold moves, the DPW has remained silent about the fact that there is a

parcel on the Mill Valley side which the railroad sold by both grant deed and quitclaim deed, which means that any rights the railroad ever held were deeded away, in effect making that parcel a blocking parcel for the County's potential access to the Tunnel at its southern entrance.

At present, the biggest obstacle the potential Tunnel project faces is its cost, estimated at approximately \$56m in 2010, an estimate that should be revised upward to reflect significant increases in labor, materials, and real estate values over the past six years, since the economy recovered from the deep recession at the time the estimate was prepared.


The DPW recently put out a Request for Proposal for the geotechnical survey, and is currently reviewing submittals from various companies, but has not accepted any as of this writing. Ms. Lando expects that the Board of Supervisors will take up the matter in July, which, by the way, is after the June 7<sup>th</sup> California primary at which three of the five supervisors' seats are up for election. *Stay tuned...*



## LANDSCAPING (OVER)GROWTH:

DOES YOUR HOME'S FRONTAGE  
COMPLY WITH CITY REQUIREMENTS?

BY RICHARD JARDINE

 Did you know that Mill Valley's Municipal Code specifically covers property owners' obligation to maintain safe sidewalks? We didn't. Chapter 11.24 has been on the books since June 8, 1909! Before continuing on this topic however, we would first like to say, rest assured that it is not in the Homeowners' Association purview to initiate any action on this topic. That would be between private citizens, the city, and property owners.

The city has created a short illustrated brochure to provide explanation and guidelines. To download your own personal copy, Google: "Mill Valley street and sidewalk maintenance brochure".

Almost any time of the day, residents and visitors are walking, jogging, or dog-baby-toddler-family strolling through our wonderful Scott Valley neighborhood.



We all know that our main thoroughfares, Underhill, Vasco and Azalea are busy streets. Residents, contractors, and Scott Valley club drivers are often in a hurry. Pedestrians are **definitely safer** if they can stay on the sidewalks.

Some residents have mentioned that

landscaping has grown over the sidewalks in front of more than a few properties. And a leaning fence with a broken top rail protruding out has been observed. Although the actual sidewalk surface might be clear, over the years bushes and shrubs planted right at the property line along the sidewalk have grown and are now leaning over the sidewalks. A pedestrian must walk on the outermost curb section; or even be forced onto the street if they are say pushing a stroller or needing to pass another pedestrian. An additional factor for homeowners to keep in mind: An internet search will reveal precedents exist for assigning liability to homeowners if a pedestrian is injured due to sidewalk condition not being maintained. Here's a "don't even want to think about it" scenario. An after dark jogger suffers a severe eye injury from a branch protruding over what should have been a safe sidewalk.



Another section of the city's brochure describes vegetation growth and hazards for drivers. The city

requires vegetation to be trimmed to maintain safe passage for vehicles. In particular, property owners on corners are required to trim vegetation so that drivers have a clear view around the corner as they approach. Several years ago, a resident's SUV with bicycles on the roof had one of them ripped off the rack and thrown onto the road when passing under some low hanging branches in Scott Valley. The vehicle was traveling in the normal traffic lane. Just an example of why trimming your landscaping is important!

Now that the existence of the city's requirements has been exposed, we do recommend that each homeowner set aside a few minutes to download and read the city's brochure. Then take a look at the bushes, shrubs, trees and fences in front of your house from a pedestrian's and driver's perspective. If you see that free and safe sidewalk access is constricted, and/or your vegetation growth might be a vehicle safety hazard, then consider instructing your gardener (or an arborist for those bigger "bushes") to remedy.

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**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
AFTER A DISASTER  
TAKE CERT TRAINING  
BY KEN CAMPBELL**

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a national program under FEMA and Citizens Corp. Open to all residents 14-90 years of age, the 18 hour training provides information and exercises to practice the basics of fire suppression, first aid, search & rescue and team organization. It's a great way to learn what to do to help each other if our public safety officials are overwhelmed. This is a way to step up and make a difference.

Our goal is a CERT member for every 20 households so that neighborhoods will have safety-trained volunteers to help residents in the response and recovery from a disaster, such as a major earthquake or wildland fire.

More information and registration can be found at [www.readymarin.org](http://www.readymarin.org) or call 415-485-3409.

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## SCOTT VALLEY – IDEALLY LOCATED FOR HIKING & BIKING

BY BOB MITHUN

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Scott Valley homeowners enjoy easy access to some of the best places to bike and hike in the SF Bay Area. Our open spaces also offer us beautiful terrain and views. This is especially important as the popularity for biking, hiking, and dog walking increases. The number of people in Marin County biking to work or for recreation has increased by an estimated 66% in the last 10 years, or about 5% per year (compounded). We have access to our open spaces in the Alto Bowl, the Bob Middagh trail, and the Camino Alto Open Space close to our homes and the easiest bicycle access to Mt. Tam's East Peak and West Point Inn is via the Old Railroad Grade, used by the Mt. Tam Scenic Railroad in the past, from downtown MV.

May is national Bike Month and May 12 was national "Bike to Work Day." Our Mt. Tam area was the birthplace for mountain biking. Tam High School graduates Gary Fisher, Joe Breeze, Charlie Kelly, and others were the pioneers of mountain biking in the 1970s. The Tam High School Mountain Bike Team (MBT), which began with only a few bikers in 2004, now has over 30 boys and girls on the school team. The Tam High MBT won the Division 2 CA State Championship in 2010 and won the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the NorCal Division 1 race at the end of April. Many Scott Valley residents participate in recreational road and mountain bike events informally as well as organized groups, especially on weekends. One group, the SUMOs, or Sunday Morning Only, mountain bike group has been biking every Sunday since 1995 starting from the Mill Valley Depot.

It's important, of course, for all of us to be considerate of others on our multi-use roads and paths. We should all keep to our side of these paths when meeting or passing others. To minimize conflicts, mountain biking specifically has been restricted from most single track paths and to a 15 mph speed limit on Mt. Tam and open space fire roads, and we all, bikers, hikers, and dog walkers alike, need to be considerate of others sharing our wondrous resource of open space. Take the opportunity we have in Scott Valley to enjoy the open spaces around us.



Scott Valley resident, Dr. Steven Masters, bikes to work on *Bike to Work Day* and every other work day.

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## FIRE SAFETY – WHAT YOU CAN DO

BY ANN DYE

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On July 2, 1929 a fire broke out on the southern slope of Mt. Tam. The fire burned for 3 days, covered 2500 acres and destroyed 117 homes. A sudden change in wind limited the extent of the damage. An article in the Marin IJ in 2009 stated that the same area had more than three times the fuel load that existed in 1929. A map showing the area that burned can be found at:

<https://www.mvhistory.org/vignette-the-great-fire-of-1929>

At a recent meeting of the Scott Valley Homeowners' Association (SVHOA), Scott Barnes, Battalion Chief of the MV Fire Department presented information about the Firewise Community program. The Firewise program is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, a non-profit organization devoted to elimination of losses due to fire.

### The five steps of Firewise recognition:

- Obtain a [wildfire risk assessment](#) as a written document from your state forestry agency or fire department.
- Form a board or committee, and [create an action plan](#) based on the assessment.
- Conduct a "Firewise Day" event.
- [Invest a minimum of \\$2 per capita in local Firewise actions](#) for the year.
- Submit an application to your state Firewise liaison.

The SVHOA has already submitted its application for a Firewise designation for Scott Valley. Some insurance companies may offer a break on fire insurance if we meet the designation. Our neighbors in Blithedale Terrace have the Firewise sign at the entrance to their neighborhood and there are three other neighborhoods in Mill Valley that have earned the designation.

What should we all do to reduce our risk from wildfires? According to Chief Barnes the most important actions to take are: have a 30 ft. defensible space around your house, cut back tree branches a minimum of 10 ft. from the roofline, and clean your roof/gutters of dry/dead material. The MVFD will come evaluate your property for defensible space. The MVFD is sponsoring a class on defensible space on June 11. The class is at the MV Community Center from 9am – 4pm. The class description can be found by searching the MVFD page. Another resource is the Vegetation Management Hotline: 415-721-4367. The Fire Department also has a chipper program. Other information can be found on the Firewise website and from the Marin County site <http://www.readyssetgomarin.org/>.

**A CREEK RUNS THROUGH IT**  
 BY BETSY BIKLE, STREAMKEEPERS

**I** did you know that Scott Valley land drains to a creek called Sutton Manor Creek? You can see the creek at several places such as next to the Scott Valley Tennis and Swim Club. It winds through a “riparian” setting. Riparian simply means adjacent to a stream and influenced by the stream. In Mill Valley riparian trees shade the water and help keep it cool enough for fish. Our native animals use the stream ways as corridors between habitat areas. What animals and birds have you seen? The only fox I’ve ever seen in Mill Valley thrilled me as it trotted out of the woods near the stream and the old railroad tunnel area.

Sutton Creek flows into culverts in various places on its way to Richardson Bay at Blithedale Avenue. Baseball players at Edna Maguire School would probably prefer that the stream not be “daylighted” through the field. Perhaps the most engineered look of the stream is the squared open culvert which you

can see from Ashford Avenue between Somerset and Meadow Drive.

For many years the Scott Valley Homeowners’ Association has donated to Mill Valley StreamKeepers (MVSK), \$25 annually.



MVSK’s mission is to protect and restore the watershed of Mill Valley.

You can see Sutton Manor Creek on the [www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org](http://www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org) Events page at the bottom of the page. The Mill Valley General Plan 2040 on the city website has a wonderfully complete description of Mill Valley’s natural environment. In the city code, the Creek Setback Ordinance, 20.76.010-020 briefly sets out the requirement that no structures are permitted within the 30 feet of the top bank of creeks including Sutton Manor Creek.

Thank you for your part in protecting the creek-keeping pesticides out, not withdrawing water from the stream, protecting against unnatural erosion and sediment protection, removing non-native invasive plants. Most of all, thank you for enjoying your creek!

**SCOTT VALLEY IS BECOMING A  
 FIREWISE COMMUNITY**  
 BY BATTALION CHIEF SCOTT BARNES

**A**lthough we are still intermittently experiencing rain, fire season is here! Marin has had several small vegetation fires in the last couple of months with the largest being five acres near Bodega Bay. The grasses in our area are very tall and starting to turn brown. This is the time to evaluate/prepare your home for defensible space. The Mill Valley Fire Department offers several programs to assist with defensible space and preparedness, thanks to the voter approved Municipal Service Tax.

**Firewise Communities:** **Scott Valley HOA is becoming our fifth Firewise Community in Mill Valley.**

**Vegetation Management:** The Mill Valley Fire Department will begin cutting tall grasses on City property in the next couple of weeks.

**Fire Safety Inspections:** There is an upward trend with insurance companies threatening to cancel fire insurance due to living in the wildland-urban interface. The fire department has a program in place to reverse or maintain homeowner's fire insurance.

**Chipper Days:** Thanks to the voter approved Municipal Service Tax, a chipper and crew are available to assist homeowners with removing flammable vegetation around their homes.

**Defensible Space App:** Determining appropriate defensible space can be tricky. The fire department has created a phone app to assist with determining defensible space. [millvalleylibrary.net/wildfires](http://millvalleylibrary.net/wildfires)

Learn more about defensible space and evacuation drills for you and your family:

Defensible space video: <https://youtu.be/rP30PzU1cE>

Evacuation drill video: <https://youtu.be/uUM27LbhWQw>

The Mill Valley Fire Department is here to assist residents in determining defensible space or to answer any questions regarding fire preparedness. Contact Battalion Chief Scott Barnes at [sbarnes@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:sbarnes@cityofmillvalley.org) or call 415-389-4139.

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**THE WILD KINGDOM OF SCOTT VALLEY**

BY BILL BUCHANAN

If all the communities in Mill Valley, Scott Valley enjoys a special relationship to open space. Rising on the western flank is Camino Alto Open Space. Alto Bowl forms the northern horizon, and Horse Hill nurtures the morning sun. These ridgelines support classic California ecotones of coast live oak, toyon, oat grass meadows, coyote brush, Pacific madrone, and a host of wildflowers including lupine, poppy, tar weed, and wild mint. They also provide a corridor for wildlife. The Alto Bowl Horseowners Association leases Horse Hill Preserve for pasturing around a dozen horses. Who among us commuters to the city has not enjoyed the early morning tableau of sunlight spilling across the emerald crest illuminating grazing horses, or the sight of young girls riding pell-mell across the meadows, hair and manes streaming in the wind?

This matrix of wild country supports a surprising menagerie of critters: owls, red



tailed hawks, turkey vultures, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, wild pigs, valley quail, rattlesnakes, king snakes, gopher snakes, fence lizards, field mice, black tailed deer, wild turkeys, bobcats, coyotes, even a breeding pair of cougars. Most of these critters are furtive and remain unseen. It was not always this way. Over a decade ago, a bunch of coyotes decided they liked the Twinkies and peanut butter sandwiches they found near Edna McGuire School better than gophers and quail chicks. Normally nocturnal, they sashayed down our streets in broad daylight, raided trash cans, stalked domestic workers, attacked dogs, and killed and ate cats. Francine Millman watched coyote pups cavorting in her back yard with an adult male. A homeowner on Greenfield Court found the body of Cassie, his Bichon Frisee, chewed up on Horse Hill.

Something had to be done. Law enforcement and wildlife agencies were stymied until a U.S. Department of Agriculture team euthanized an aggressive male who had attacked a German shepherd and stalked a female runner. The rest of the pack got the message and moved back into open space where they remain anonymous, except for moonlight serenades and the occasional ghostly outrider.

Francine Millman’s unfenced backyard serves as a sort of African wildlife observation lodge. As she tells her recent evening ‘show’ from her back deck,

*“Well, THAT was just amazing – it’s 9:35 pm and I just finished watching first two, then a third buck with beautiful antlers on two of them and smaller ones on what I think is the “teen.” They all were playing in my backyard tonight: the “father” and the “teen” were locking antlers—playing, pushing each other back and forth. It was like dad was teaching the teen how to use his newly grown adornments. Then the teen would trot around a little awkwardly and playfully as the ‘father’ watched. Then, they would repeat. This went on for about 15 minutes. Then, the father and a new arrival began playing – a big buck – an elder – like a grandfather. Then, all three! This went on for more than half an hour. I didn’t want to move to ruin the moment – barely breathing the entire time. Fortunately, the faint glow of light casting down from my deck from inside my house and the full moon illuminated enough for me to watch this amazingly beautiful show. I was relieved that the coyote I had seen sauntering through my backyard a few hours earlier did not return to ruin the moment. It is moments like this and so many others that make me grateful I live in Scott Valley.”*

**Editor’s Note:** This is reprinted from 2011. It so beautifully captures the essence of our “backyard”, it only seemed right to reprint it, especially for those new to Scott Valley. Enjoy!



**MAKE YOUR HOME MORE EFFICIENT & MORE COMFORTABLE**

BY KELLEN DAMMANN

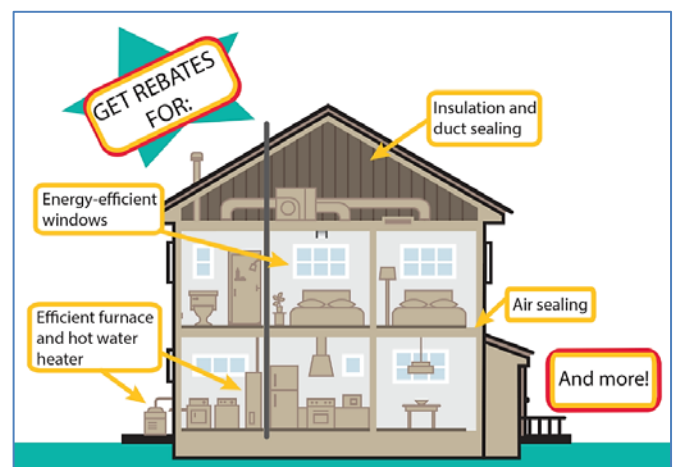
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Have you been planning your next home improvement project? Have you been looking for ways to make your home more comfortable while saving money on your monthly utility bills?

If so, doing a home improvement project with **Energy Upgrade California® Home Upgrade** is a great way to address high utility bills, comfort and air quality issues, and receive up to \$6,800 in rebates for your project.

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**Learn More and Get Support from a Free Home Upgrade Advisor**

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Funding for the majority of these programs comes from California rate payers and is administered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission. The goals of these programs are to help Californians save energy and money on their utility bills, as well as lower greenhouse gas emissions and create local jobs.

### WATCH YOUR SPEED

In a recent Mill Valley neighborhood leaders meeting, Mayor John McCauley informed us that an additional motorcycle police officer has been hired by the MVPD for the sole purpose of managing speeders and traffic.

The speed limit in Scott Valley is 20-25mph and there have been some occurrences of people in Scott Valley receiving speeding tickets. Be mindful and alert!

Join Nextdoor Scott Valley:

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/qnstggxvrgxjwjfkygnk>

OR, send an email and we'll send you a link:

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### ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO OUR CONFIDENTIAL EMAIL LIST

While it is still our goal to keep you informed via the Scott Valley Voice, there are always things happening in our quiet little valley we would like to communicate.

The most efficient way is via email. Please send an email to [info@scottvalleyhoa.org](mailto:info@scottvalleyhoa.org) with your name, your email address and your address.

This list is 100% confidential and will never be used for any purpose other than to keep you informed. We keep these informative emails to a minimum and respect your privacy.

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