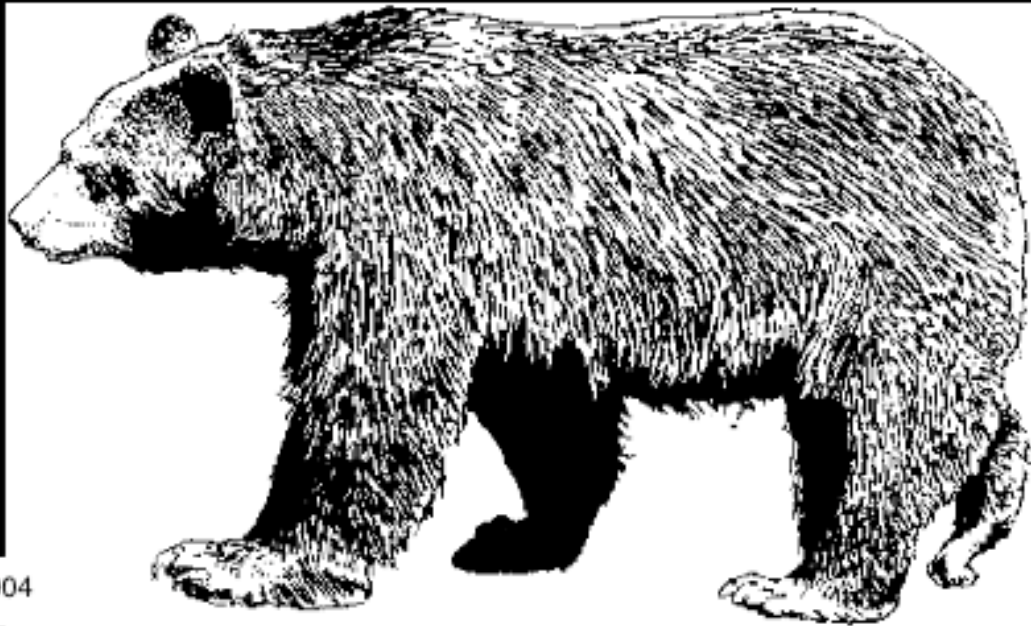


Chaney Trail Neighborhood

BEAR ALERT !!!



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The extended drought and burned areas have resulted in poor forage at higher elevations, forcing wildlife (including deer, cougars, and *bears*) down into the residential foothills in search of water and food...

A black bear is currently in our neighborhood!

A large, cinnamon-color "black" bear has raided garbage cans on Jaxine Drive. While bears are generally non-confrontational and unlikely to attack without provocation, they are also large, powerful, and unpredictable. Be aware of your surroundings and assume the bear is nearby, especially at night. If the bear is observed, do not approach the animal or attempt to block its escape routes. It is essential that the bear remain wild and afraid of humans. Make a commotion, shine light on the bear, blast the bear with an air horn, turn a high power water stream on him, etc. The intent is not to injure the bear, but to frighten it away from people and homes.

🚫 A fed bear is a dead bear! 🚫

The California Dept. of Fish & Game no longer relocates problem bears. If this bear poses a public threat or becomes a chronic, destructive nuisance, it will be killed. Your actions will affect this bear's survival. Please...

- Secure garbage cans indoors (inside your house, garage, or a *sturdy* shed)
- Do not put trash out until the morning it will be picked up
- Separate food garbage from other trash and double or triple bag it to reduce tantalizing odors
- Freeze bones and smelly food waste until pick up day
- Do not leave food on a window sill or a kitchen counter below an open window, especially at night
- Keep BBQ grills clean and free of meat residues and do not leave food unattended on patio tables
- Keep all pet food away from areas the bear might be able to access
- Safeguard small domestic animals, such as chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, and box turtles
- Pick up fallen and ripe fruits and vegetables that might attract the bear
- Close patio doors and windows on accessible ground floors and decks at night (screens are not secure!)
- Until the bear leaves, stop disposing of fresh table scraps on compost piles or in compost bins
- Never deliberately feed a bear!