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**TOWNE LANE
BLOSSOM VALLEY**



October 26, 2003 Oak Creek Road fire. Looking out our bedroom window, neighbor's home completely gone

This is one of the last pictures I took before leaving our house about 11:30 a.m. Oct. 26, 2003. Trees at our fence with flag flying and part of the roof of our neighbor's house which was lost. Our son Scott and his friend saved our home which in turn saved several others. We are so fortunate!



Nickie and Robin helped us pack a few things. Ice plant on fence before fire—note later picture after fire. We left shortly after this picture was taken.

Ice plant doesn't look so pretty any more. Norman Rood shed left top lost except for shell—home saved, however. Home above and to their left both lost.



Piles burning everywhere after we came back in the late afternoon. We left at 11:30 a.m. Looking across Towne Lane, there were spot fires everywhere.

After October 26, 2003—our shed's gone. Our neighbor's home is gone. Day or days after the fire—the air is clear.



This is a picture taken among many others, but when you stop and look at it, it looks like a person with arms reached up praying with fire still burning at the base of the tree. Flag pole just beyond minus the flag shown in other picture. What a sight to come back to!

Our home on Towne Lane was saved. The Oak Creek Road fire lost only storage sheds and miscellaneous. Much damage, but basic home was saved. Thank God!



After the October 26, 2003 fire. View from Oak Creek Road. Our home on Towne Lane was saved with great effort and such.