

# Sierra Recreation Association

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## Park Calendar

Board Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Board Meetings:     November 17<sup>th</sup>  
                                  December 15<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Dinner:    December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Lodge

Potluck Night:        Potluck dinners will resume after the first of the year.

## Good News!

Charles Varvayanis is now home and doing outstandingly well. Everyone wishes the best for you, Charles, and hope that your recovery continues in the best way possible. We ask everyone to keep Charles and his family in their prayers.

## House Number Signs

Did you order your house signs? Many of us who live in the Park full time would be happy to help in anyway possible in order for you to obtain these signs. These signs are very important, not only to the emergency personnel that might need to respond to your residence, but to those of us in the Park that might need to respond to your property also. Many times our caretaker or I have received calls requesting that we check a homeowners' cabin to make sure everything is ok. Sometimes that request becomes difficult because there is no address posted on the residence.

The cost of a single-sided sign is \$9.00, with a double-sided costing \$12.00. To order a sign, call Dewey Barron at 209-533-1505. Mr. Barron is a volunteer for the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office Community Service.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Recreation = Fun and A Good Time!

Christmas Dinner Party = Fun and A Good Time!

It's not too early to plan to be there for fun and a good time at our annual Christmas Dinner to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All residents and members are encouraged to come and enjoy a great evening. Please bring either a side dish or a dessert. Also bring your own place settings and your choice of beverage.

We will be providing our world famous (well, part of the world anyway) BBQ'ed fresh turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, homemade cranberry sauce, rolls and butter. Santa has definitely promised to be there with presents for all the kids and a photo for each with him as well.

Please call me, Tom Clark (209/586-0257) if you plan to attend so that I can plan for how much food to prepare. Calling as early as possible will be much appreciated.

Tom Clark

P.S. Also please let me know how many young people will be in your group so that Santa will be sure to fill his sleigh with enough goodies for them.

## Thank You Corner!!!!!!

The Board would like to thank the following residents for their assistance and help:

**Daryl Clark, Arlan Santos, Wayne Harvey, and Bob Cloak**

These individuals have spent many hours on their own to assist with Park business. These are the type of people who make Sierra Park a wonderful place to visit and live. Thanks to all of you!!!!!!

## President's Corner

We will not drain the lake as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> as mentioned in the minutes because CDF has closed the back country. They feel there is still a fire danger and until they change that directive, the lake will remain full.

Our caretaker unfortunately broke his little finger while working and has a cast from his elbow down to his little finger. (**Bad Break**) The Board of Directors has stepped up and will continue the everyday duties until Mike comes back to work.

Remember the Christmas Dinner and please give Tom a call to let him know that you plan on attending. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Michael Rainwater, President

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Checks Disbursed 9/24/07-10/26/07

Date	Check	Payee	Memo	Amount
9/24/2007	502	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
9/24/2007	503	Mike Caropreso	Reimburse Petty Cash	50.00
9/24/2007	504	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health Benefits	216.39
9/28/2007	499	Mike Caropreso	Payroll 9/10-9/23/07	1,060.95
9/28/2007	500	Robert B. Cloak	Water Testing	91.75
9/28/2007	501	Arlen Santos	Payroll	264.23
10/1/2007	505	EDD	Payroll Taxes	88.27
10/1/2007	506	Oak Valley Bank	Payroll Taxes	1,010.04
10/12/2007	507	Mike Caropreso	Payroll 9/24-10/07/07	1,060.95
10/12/2007	508	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	50.00
10/23/2007	510	Arlen Santos	Payroll	55.05
10/24/2007	511	A & A Portables, Inc.	Health & Safety	171.89
10/24/2007	512	AT & T	Telephones	84.11
10/24/2007	513	Aqua Lab	Water Testing April - August 2007	750.00
10/24/2007	514	Eric A. Carlson Accountancy	Accounting Services	763.94
10/24/2007	515	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health Bene./Petty Cash	336.82
10/24/2007	516	PG & E	Utilities	677.28
10/24/2007	517	Sierra Instant Printing	Member Communications	159.73
10/24/2007	518	Waste Management	Garbage	789.63
10/24/2007	519	Ambrosia's Chimney Sweep	Maintain Buildings	110.00
10/24/2007	520	Angels Pest Control	Maintain Buildings	130.00
10/24/2007	521	ASI-Administrative Solutions, Inc.	Professional Services	250.00
10/24/2007	522	Roger A. Brown, Attorney	Professional Services	52.00
10/24/2000	523	Glenn S. Caldwell Insurance	Directors/Officers liability coverage	5,250.00
10/24/2007	524	CA Dept. of Public Health	Water Testing and Fees - Annual	22.21
10/24/2007	525	Robert B. Cloak	Water Testing	7.53
10/24/2007	526	Joe Cove & Sons, Inc.	Deliver railroad ties-Gen. Park Maintenance	800.00
10/24/2007	527	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	License Renewal - Dump truck	947.00
10/24/2007	528	General Plumbing Supply	Maintain Water System	59.22
10/24/2007	529	George Reed, Inc.	Maintain Roads	569.94
10/24/2007	530	Midstate Rentals	Maintain Equipment-tractor fitting	10.14
10/24/2007	531	Leonard R. Peck	Maintain Buildings-cement work on sand shed	2,740.00
10/24/2007	532	State Water Resources Control Bd.	Water Testing & Fees - Annual	200.39
10/24/2007	533	Tuolumne Co.Tax Collector	2007/2008 Secured Property Taxes	2,373.78
10/24/2007	534	Valley Entry Systems	Gate Expense	8.08
10/24/2007	535	Mark Vann Trucking	Maintain Roads-Road Base Del'y for G.Reed	403.75
10/24/2007	536	Steve Wallace	Maintain Building & Water System	719.71
10/24/2007	537	Zenith Insurance Co.	Workers' Compensation Insurance	625.00
10/26/2007	509	Mike Caropreso	Payroll 10/08-10/21/07	1,060.95
10/26/2007	538	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	50.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>				<b>\$ 24,120.73</b>

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2007

- The meeting was called to order at 8:44A.M. by President Rainwater.
- The invocation was offered by Alan Orth.
- Those present: Everyone! Mike Rainwater, president; Steve Wallace, vice-president; Tom Clark, treasurer; Sue Collie, Clark Kellogg, Mike Ford, Doris Selman, Al Orth, and Charles Varvayanis by way of speaker phone.
- Members before the board:** Larry Vaughn, Cliff Oplend, Maynard Wallin, Paul Emery, Joe Nelson Mike VanGundy.
  - o Paul Emery- requests to use the lodge for a family gathering on Thanksgiving Day. Board approved with a \$250 deposit + \$100 rental fee+\$50 gate opener.
  - o Maynard Wallin- just came to observe.
  - o Mike Van Gundy stopped by to say hello.
  - o Mr. Oplend presented letter from he and Larry concerning a tree that fell on his property on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The tree hit power lines causing pole to snap and tearing off the service panel on Larry's home. {more details in letter submitted} Cliff and Larry asked for two items to be considered by the board:
    1. To have Joe Nelson move his storage trailer off of the park property.
    2. To have the board pay for the damage to Larry's driveway caused by Cliff's tree falling and PGE trucks.
  - o There was much decision and comments but not able to record everything. All guests/homeowners were thanked for coming and asked to leave as the board went into executive session at 10 A.M...
  - o. End executive session at 11:35 with a 10 minute recess for all

**Correspondence:** 1)Letter from Charlene Spencer, MD interested in seeing a cell tower in or near park for cell phone reception 2) Letter from Brian and Erin Parker concerning property dispute with neighbor to be discussed in new business 3) E-mail from Brent and Lori Ingram concerning double sided house number sign; problem taken care of. 4) E-mail from Pat Monahan regarding fire safe grants; Doris will attend meeting. 5

- ◇ Minutes of the Sept. 15, 2007 board meeting: motion by Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, unanimously approved as presented.

**Committee Reports**

**Water:** Varvayanis - Water usage was 679,435 gallons for the month of October. There were two major leaks and both have been fixed. The leak in the park meadow has been fixed and the leak at the Cedar Brook line has been sealed in cement. Mike Ford checked the insides of all five tanks and report that they are all in good shape with no need for repairs.

**Roads:** Wallace- all in good shape

**Buildings:** Ford-The sand shed repair is going well with the cement floor being poured as we met. Ramp approach will be poured this week. Garbage will need to be slightly moved/turned to keep the trucks from damaging the new approach ramp to sand shed.

**Equipment:** Orth-plow and sander are back and ready. Al has possibly found a buyer for our wood chipper.

**Timber:** Varvayanis- Board foot price for wood is dropping. This is because of extra wood that has come into our local mills from the Moonlight Fire in Susanville. The wood was killed and had to be removed immediately to salvage it. This means we are not sure about the cutting in our park. Charles will hear within the next two weeks, hopefully.

**Health and Safety:** Selman- Doris recommends that we start draining the lake Nov.1 but to do it slowly.

**Recreation:** Clark- Tom told us Santa Clause will be Bill Williams. JoJo will get any more gifts we need above what we already have. Next dinner is Christmas Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:** Clark-Questions about Blue Shield payments and that Tom will have to keep track of extra medical. Total expenses- approximately \$15000.

- Motion to approve payment of bills as presented by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clark vote was unanimous.

**Old Business**

- ◇ Already discussed in other areas

**New Business**

1. Discussion of keys. Motion by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles, unanimous vote. Motion for all keyed padlocks be removed and changed. Possible financial impact: 20-30 locks total around \$500. Discussion of safe guarding our water system by having separate water system locks. Mike Ford recommends tubular keys; he and some board members are checking into new locks.
2. Mike Rainwater shared papers from PGE stating they did research in the park to see what trees are in danger of causing trouble to lines. Seven trees were marked and will be dropped within the next few months. They will be dropped but not removed.
3. Gate opener parts including the transmission are getting worn. Board agreed to get quote for having them replaced or buying the parts and replacing them ourselves. To be researched and reviewed at the next board meeting when Charles is present.

**New Business**

1. Newsletter addition of names of volunteers; have a thank you corner where people can be recognized and honored.
  2. Motion stating: Darryl Clark should be honored for his 25+ years of volunteer service to the park. Made by Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue, vote: unanimous
  3. Canales/Anderson park property lines discussion. Need sign "Right to pass is subject to the permission of OSFRA. Sign to be placed off Jordan Way near parking lot. This will be done by Mike Ford as soon as possible. Motion to have the board send Mr. Anderson a letter to ask his intentions. Motion by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doris 7-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent (Charles had leave the meeting for medical reasons.)
- 3. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.
  - Next meeting November 17, 2007

Respectfully and humbled submitted,  
Sue Collie  
Secretary  
Wednesday October 24, 2007