



SIERRA PARK NEWSLETTER

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REBEKAH'S CORNER

Dogwood Rebekah Lodge #200 meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Boardroom. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 11, 2010
ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER
RESERVATIONS PLEASE
BY 12/4/2010
TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED
POTATOES, GRAVY, CRANBERRY
SAUCE, PUMPKIN PIE, COFFE &
TEA WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE**

**WOOD CUTTING AT THE
OLD CAMPGROUND CONTINUES
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

SNOW SEASON REMINDER

Please remember, no parking is allowed on roadways during snow removal-vehicles will be towed at owners' expense.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter has arrived in the Park, so once again we remind you to WINTERIZE your cabins.

Mark Higgins has been the caretaker for six months and we are very pleased with his progress in learning the job. He has been busy preparing the Park for winter. All the equipment has been serviced. Chains were repaired, fitted and installed and snow markers were placed along the road in time for the first major snowstorm of the season. Almost a foot of snow fell on Friday, November 19th and Mark had the roads plowed by 8 a.m. Great job! Mark

The Board approved a policy at our November 20th meeting formally establishing the procedure for supervising the caretaker. To prevent conflicts and confusion, a Director is assigned to organize and prioritize tasks for the caretaker. Homeowners are to approach the caretaker only in the event of an emergency and a Director is not available. The policy is included in this newsletter.

PG&E removed some trees on Park property to protect power lines from falling trees during bad weather. The wood has been left for Park residents to cut. Woodcutters are encouraged to cut the wood for firewood. Moving the wood to the campground has not been practical. For those interested in cutting this wood, check with the caretaker for the location of the down wood. There is also still wood in the campground for cutting.

The Park's Holiday Dinner will be Saturday, December 11 at 5 p.m. For planning purposes, reservations are requested. See the details in the Newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Gloria Harvey

CARETAKER - POLICY

Established on November 20, 2010 by the Board of Directors at their Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors will determine the work assignment of the caretaker of Sierra Park

It is impossible for our caretaker to work efficiently when he is responsible to more than one Director. A Director will be assigned to supervise and interface with the caretaker. All other Directors will coordinate with the Supervising Director when there are tasks that need to be accomplished.

When an emergency exists and needs to be addressed immediately, (a broken pipe, an accident, or a dangerous situation in the park) and a Director cannot be located, homeowners may approach the caretaker with the emergency. The Caretaker will assess the situation and take appropriate action. For all other matters, homeowners need to contact a Director.

If homeowners have suggestions about tasks the need to be completed, they are to bring them to a Board member or to a Board meeting.

VANDALISM

Unfortunately we have had some folks who don't seem to respect their own or other people's property. Specifically, the recent damage to the poles that support the volleyball net. This recreation asset belongs to all Park property owners and residents and is for all to enjoy. This totally unnecessary damage makes more work for our caretaker and prevents others' enjoyment. Please be respectful of our Park and its many amenities.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2010 - 8:30 AM



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas up here and we're getting ready for the Annual Holiday Celebration! We are asking **THREE** things from all who plan to attend. **FIRST**, please call in your reservations to Linda Clark at (209) 586-0257 **no later than December 4th**. We really need to have a number so that we are certain to have enough food for everyone. **SECOND**, if you are bringing children, please bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it for Santa to pass out. And **THIRD**, please bring a side dish to share and a beverage of your choice. The Park is providing a menu of Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Homemade Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream, Coffee and Tea.

We will be having our usual Grand Raffle and are asking for donations for it. All proceeds from the Raffle go to the Kids Fishing Derby. Please contact one of the following Directors to make arrangements for getting your donations to the Lodge. Linda Clark (209)586-0257, Friedhelm Peter (209)586-5950 or Gloria Harvey (209)586-6161

Your Board of Directors is looking forward to seeing you and your families at the dinner and we hope you Holiday Season is a truly joyous one for you.

WATER REPORT

Director Hawke thanks all of you who have updated your current contact information! If you have not yet done so, please do.

The California Department of Public Works (CDPH) inspected our water system on October 19th. Water License holder Don Ness's assessment was that the Department was favorably impressed with our system. Caretaker Mark and Director Peter deserve significant credit for the successful inspection. A formal report from CDPH is expected.

A method of remotely monitoring the water levels in the storage tanks is under consideration. This would alleviate the need to drive to the tanks in inclement weather and would provide quicker indications of water leaks and facilitate pump operations.

Nearly all items to prepare the water system for winter have been accomplished, including insulating well house and storage tank piping.

Follow up of items found by the diver inspection by Inland are under investigation for repairs in the Spring of 2011.

There was on water leak this month which was promptly repaired. Water usage for the month of October was 541,300 gallons

SAFETY AT THE LAKE

BE AWARE: The lake is being drained - it is a slow process at this point. Please use extreme caution at this time as the water will be very cold and there is the possibility that a very thin ice coating may develop as the temperature drops to freezing and below. Please be aware and be safe.

BENCH PLAQUES

Thank you to all who purchased the Honorarium Plaques and to the Rebekahs for funding this project. The plaques are now installed on all the benches. A very special thank you to Bob and Sue Cloak for building the benches, putting them in place and for putting on all the plaques. It is hoped everyone will enjoy the benches for many years to come

EXERCISE CLASSES & YOGA

The exercise classes are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. for about half an hour to 45 minutes. On Saturdays at 9:00 a.m., Claire Velayas is leading an hour of yoga exercise. During the winter months the schedule may change. Check the Bulletin Board at the Lodge.

SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.

Your Board welcomes your suggestions, comments, etc. So, please do let us know what you think

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact the Board via phone or e-mail

Due to time constraints, minutes of the November 20th meeting and the report of expenses for October will be in the December Newsletter.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

