

SIERRA PARK NEWS FOR DECEMBER 1994

RECYCLING CENTER: Don't forget to make use of the recycling center in the old corporation yard.

SIERRA PARK LODGE #376 Odd Fellows meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month at 7 PM in the Rec. Hall. New officers have been elected and will be installed here on January 14, 1995 in connection with our regular meeting. We would like to have as many members out as possible. This will be a social event with refreshments to follow the ceremony. We are planning an initiation of new candidates for March 11, 1995. Please get any new petitions to the secretary of the lodge in plenty of time.

WEATHER-Winter weather came early this year. Temperature has been below freezing. This is the beginning of the snow season so members and renters are cautioned not to park on the roads. The parking lot at the lake will be kept as clear as possible. Unless you have parking on your lot unload your things at your cabin, then park your car at the lake parking lot. There will be "no parking" signs placed at certain places there for the purpose of clearing the snow so that parking will be available. ALWAYS CARRY CHAINS!!!

RECREATION-Christmas pot luck: We had the usual crowd, and all had a good time. The dinner was followed by music provided by Joe and Gladys Freitas. Most joined in a sing along to the music. In the middle of the music we had a visit from Santa Claus.

REMINDER: The next dinner will be St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage furnished by the lodge to be held March 11, 1994.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The caretaker does not do private jobs. His responsibility is to keep the park in shape for members enjoyment and not use his time or park equipment for member's personal needs.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....Sierra Sue

REPORT OF FUNDS DECEMBER 1994

RECREATION ASSOCIATION CHECKING BALANCE		\$ 63,198.43
TIMBER CHECKING		NO REPORT
CHECKS DISBURSED DECEMBER 1994 (REC. ASSOC.)		
7260	DALE SMITH	P/R \$1,067.81
7262	STATE COMP. INS. FUND	WORKERS COMP. 385.81
7263	GEORGE FLAVIN	BOOKKEEPING 260.00
7264	P. G. & E.	ELECTRICITY 559.45
7265	U.S. POSTMASTER	MEMBER COMMUNICATION 195.00
7266	DORIS KILGORE	MEMBER COMMUNICATION 61.25
7267	VOID	
7268	CAL SIERRA DISPOSAL	GARBAGE 616.90
7269	HALES & SYMONS	117.19
7270	FIREMANS FUND	INSURANCE 129.00
7271	ZAKS AUTO SHACK	REPAIR EQUIPMENT 83.44
7272	TUOLUMNE FOUNDRY	REPAIR EQUIPMENT 8.94
7273	ANGELS PEST CONTROL	SPRAY BUILDINGS 100.00
7274	SUGAR PINE HARDWARE	REPAIR BUILDING 40.28
7275	J.S. WESTS	PROPANE 5.00
7276	PACIFIC BELL	TELEPHONE 34.79
7277	RON HAWKE	REC & MILEAGE 160.76
7278	DALE SMITH	REPAIR BUILDINGS 28.12
7279	WILLIAM ZOBEL	MILEAGE 66.00
7280	JASPER MORRISON	MILEAGE 45.00
7281	KENNETH RAIDEN	MILEAGE 31.00
7282	GORDON GREENE	MILEAGE 68.50
7283	JOHN HANCOCK	SAP SEP 243.75
	TOTAL	\$ 4,307.99

CHECKS ISSUED - TIMBER FUND - DECEMBER 1994

172	GREYHILL LAND SURVEYING	5 ACRE PARCEL	\$ 4,083.25
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WINTERIZE YOUR PIPES NOW!

Don't let winter weather catch you unprepared. Prevent the expense and inconvenience of frozen pipes by taking a few simple steps now.

1. Insulate exposed pipes and faucets:

Outside faucets, pipes and pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces are most vulnerable to freezing weather. To prevent pipes from freezing, wrap them with newspaper, rags or other insulating material. Cover them with plastic and secure with string or wire.

2. Locate your main shut-off valve:

Don't wait for an emergency. Find your main shut-off valve now! If a pipe breaks, you can stop excessive water loss and flooding by turning off your main shut-off valve. It is commonly located in the basement, the garage, or outdoors by the foundation, often near the front faucet. Test the valve by turning the handle to be sure it is working properly and identify it with a tag. If a main shut-off valve does not exist, it is worth having one installed by a plumber.

3. Winterize your vacant house:

If you leave your house for several days, take the following steps to protect pipes from freezing:

1. Turn off the main shut-off valve.
2. Turn off the water heater.
3. Open indoor and outdoor faucets to drain pipes.
4. Flush toilet once to drain the tank but not the bowl
5. Leave your heat on at a minimum temperature setting to help keep pipes from freezing in interior walls.

4. Protect pipes prone to freezing:

Pipes can be wrapped securely with electric heat tape or pipe insulation, or if you don't mind the additional cost on your utility bills, you can let one indoor faucet slowly drip warm water overnight during spells of below freezing temperatures. Do not leave water running in a house that will be vacant for an extended period of time.

5. Should a pipe freeze, never thaw with an open flame:

Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, heat tape or a light bulb.

CAUTION

Use only heavy duty extension cords with ground plug (the extension cord should never be lighter duty than the appliance cord). Assure that extension cord connections and the appliance are thoroughly protected from moisture and exposure to the weather. Light bulbs should be protected by a cage (trouble light type) and not be placed near flammable materials.

During freezing weather the District handles a large number of calls. If you call for assistance, please be prepared to wait until a service representative is available to assist you. In the meantime, should you have a broken pipe, turn off your main shut-off valve.

TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
SONORA, CA 95370
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The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Ed Smith. All members present except Morgenroth, Adams, excused.

MINUTES - On motion the minutes of the 11/12/94 meeting were approved as printed.

CARETAKERS REPORT - Caretaker reported good compliance with the request for no parking on roads during snow plowing time. He recommended that four cedar trees on Jonathan between Jesse and Joseph be taken out of the roadway and the stumps be ground down. These trees are a hindrance to snow plowing. The Board concurred. He also recommended that the trees on upper Wheeler be thinned so that more sun can get through to melt snow and ice. Ed. Smith and Dale Smith will survey the situation to see what trees can be removed.
The Board also wished to thank Charlotte Mitchell for a generous donation for fishing.

CORRESPONDENCE - 1. Letter from Lee Tarkington Lundrigen regarding a copier for sale. The Board decided against this offer. 2. From Lisa Van Rosendale - a complaint on lot next door. The Secretary is to write to Mrs. Van Rosendale and to the owner of the vacant lot. 3. Letter from Ray & Norrine Coyle requesting use of the picnic grounds for July 15, 1995. A check was included. Granted. 4. Letter from Tuolumne Utilities District regarding winterizing cabins. See separate entry with Park News.

MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD -

1. Ronald Roberson, CPA reported on the audit with recommendations. The Board will study further. 2. Bill Williams with a request for permission for access to lot 46, block 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER -Smith--Water use: 405,000 gals. The two new tanks are in Fresno and will be installed as soon as weather permits.

ROADS -Morrison - Due to the weather there must be no parking on the roads.

TIMBER -Adams - No report.

RECREATION -Hawke - There were 48 at the dinner last evening. A good time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Earl Bass for officiating as Santa Claus. Also thanks to the Freitas for their music for the evening. Also thanks to all those who worked in setting up and cleaning up for the occasion. The next dinner scheduled will be the corn beef and cabbage dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day, to be held on March 11. Watch for details later.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - Morgenroth - Keep your propane tanks clear of snow. The Western Propane Gas Association has issued a Safety Alert which, in part, states:

"ALL propane tanks should be kept free of any snow accumulation. The weight of the snow could eventually snap the line at the tank which could release gas vapor into the surrounding snow. The gas could then find its way into a home with serious consequences should a source of ignition be present."

There should be NO skiing, sledding, tobogganing, etc. on the roads. This is a safety factor for those involved.

EQUIPMENT -Rairden - The sander is working beautifully.

FINANCE -Zobel-Several members have not paid their assessments for 94-95. This puts a financial burden on the rest of us: it costs us to send notices to remind them as well as not having the money allocated to various projects for the year. The following owe all or some of the assessment plus late fees and interest: Tom and Linda Clark, Marvin & Leona Jones, John & Marilyn Ogdon, Roy and Cheri Palmertree, Manual J. Soures, Linda Kile, Donald & Carrie Durkee. Most of these have been turned over to Cimarron, some that have been partially paid will receive letters from the Secretary. Bills for Recreation Association: \$ 4,307.99. Bills for Timber Fund \$ 4,083.25. MSC to pay the bills. Balance for Recreation Association checking \$ 63,198.43.

OLD BUSINESS - Secretary is to check on fines levied.

NEW BUSINESS - Tim Flavin gave the new address of the bookkeeping office which will take effect on December 19, 1994

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 15, 1995 at 9:00 AM.
Respectfully submitted, Bill Kilgore, Secretary

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