



# **Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Newsletter**

**August 28, 2005**

## **President's Corner**

Unfortunately, this newsletter is not going to arrive in time to remind you of the Labor Day weekend activities. Hopefully, all of you marked your calendar for the bingo night and the potluck BBQ on Labor Day weekend. I am very sorry about this but we had a situation that required the Board to notify all homeowners by mail of what had occurred and what corrective measures were taken. This notification is required by law as is the notification that the problem has been corrected. Instead of sending out two or three letters to each homeowner, I checked with the State Water Department and they agreed that it would be best to wait and send the newsletter and the notification at the same time. Enclosed you will find a letter of notice as directed by the California Domestic Water Quality Department. Basically, it states that we failed a drinking water standard and we had to perform certain tasks in order to bring our drinking water back up to state standards. Those specific tasks were completed immediately and the following day, our drinking water was back to normal. This was not an emergency, but if it had been, we would have taken a totally different approach to the problem and notified each of you immediately.

Which brings me to my next area of concern, as President, I've had the opportunity to speak with a small portion of you regarding all different types of situations via phone. These contacts have usually been made at your request with you telephoning me. Each time that I have received a communication with a home phone number; I've written it into my Park binder for future use. However, there are a large number of homeowners' home phone numbers we do not have. I feel this is very important. We might need to contact you in case of an emergency, and if we don't have your home phone number, snail mail might take too long. I understand that many of you don't want your home phone number given out. That will not be the case; I have an unlisted number and understand the privacy some homeowners wish to keep. These numbers will only be used by the caretaker or me in case of an emergency. The numbers will never be given out to anyone for any purpose. If you would please send us your home phone number with area code to P.O. Box 116, Long Barn, California 95335, please include your name and your address in the Park.

The playground equipment has been installed and looks terrific. Mike Caropreso has been working extremely hard installing the sprinkler system that surrounds the playground. Next spring, we plan to seed the old playground area and add additional seed to the present grass area. With the new sprinkler system and additional seeding, the playground area should resemble a very eloquent park setting. If you have the opportunity to speak with Mike Caropreso, our caretaker, please express your gratitude for all the hard work and dedication he has spent transforming the surrounding area into a spectacular park that we all can be very proud of. Thank you, Mike, and for all you youngsters; enjoy the new playground!

The last word from George Reed Paving was that they might be in the Park near the end of September. If you wish to have any private paving done on your property, you need to contact George Reed Paving as soon as possible and let them know what you would like to have done.

Respectfully,  
Michael Rainwater, President

## ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

### Board of Director's Meeting

August 20, 2005

Present were: President Mike Rainwater, Vice President Bob Cloak, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Doris Selman, Members Charles Aston, Roger Townsend, Mike Van Gundy, Charles Varvayanis; absent and excused Tom Clark.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rainwater at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session and reopened at 9:55 a.m.

By motion (Selman/Townsend, unan.) the minutes of the July 16, 2005, meeting were approved as mailed.

Members before the Board: None

Correspondence: Copy of a letter from Attorney Roger Brown to CNA Insurance Co. again requesting payment of his bill; pink slip for the new Park truck; letters from Caldwell Insurance Services enclosing a refund of an overpayment on our insurance premium, an endorsement to our insurance policy to cover Joanne (JoJo) Caropreso if she drives the park truck, and the annual I.R.S. and State income tax reports (nothing due the I.R.S., but quarterly estimates need to be sent to the State); notice from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, of a class action suit against Aon Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates; notice from Miracle Recreation Equipment that the approximate date of shipment of the new playground equipment will be August 22; California Tree Farm newsletter; magazines and information from the California Rural Water Control Board; grant deeds on sale of property from Hugh and Janet Jory to Dave & Maria McMillen and from Arlene Kranich to Nelson & Jodie Fiahlo; and a copy of a letter from President Rainwater to the County Building Dept. assuring them that water is available to 25300 Deborah.

#### Committee Reports:

Water - Cloak: Water usage during the past month was 1.7 million gallons. There is some contamination in the water and the system is being chlorinated. Aqua Lab took a water sample which failed the test, but they did not inform us of the problem so that we could correct it. They later took samples at several places and those samples also came back positive. All tanks have now been chlorinated. More tests will be done next week. This is causing a lot of State required extra paper work.

Roads - Varvayanis/VanGundy: The culvert and drainage on Deborah have been repaired and/or replaced.

Buildings - Clark: No problems.

Timber - Townsend: He finally was able to get in touch with Will Dorrell who said he would see that Sugar Pine Road area is cleaned up.

Health & Safety - Aston: A dead tree at the end of Abraham will be taken down. No water was running out of the lake. It was found that someone had opened the gate so the water was going down the stream instead of into the lake. The gate has been closed and locked and the water is flowing into the lake again and the lake water is O.K. People have apparently been smoking in the lodge hall, which is illegal. Some "No Smoking" signs will be put up in the building. By motion (Townsend/VanGundy, unan.) it was agreed more "20 MPH" signs are needed.

Equipment - VanGundy: He presented a written inventory of the equipment and large tools owned by the park, as well as the caretaker's personal equipment which he is using in the park, and the building in which each piece of equipment is housed. A few repairs need to be made to the fire truck. Mike VG. will look into what the cost of those repairs would be. By motion (Townsend/Aston, unan.) it was agreed to purchase seat covers and floor mats for the new pickup.

Recreation - Clark: The Labor Day festivities have been planned with Bingo on Saturday night at the hall, and a barbecue on Sunday. See the July newsletter for what to bring to these events.

Finance - Selman: The total of all bills was \$15,803.50. \$30,000 will be moved from a C.D. that has matured to pay for the road work. By motion (Aston/VanGundy, unan.) the bills were approved for payment. About 25 reminders have been sent out to people who have not paid their assessments.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Association Water Supply

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants in the Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Association water system. A total of six (6) water samples were collected during the month of August 2005 and three (3) showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

### What should I do?

You **do not** need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria, which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever coliform bacteria are detected in any sample, follow-up testing is done to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. None of the positive coliform samples showed the presence of fecal coliform bacteria or the bacterium *E. coli*.

### What happened? What was done?

The cause of the problem is not known for sure. However Mike repaired several small breaks during the month of August. We chlorinated on the weekend of the 20th and samples taken since then have been clear of coliforms.

For more information, please contact Bob Cloak at 586-1459 or at the following mailing address: PO Box 116 Long Barn, Ca 95335.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Association in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

**Old Business:** The new playground equipment has been ordered. Charles A. said a diesel generator will cost \$16,420, and a propane one would be \$12,000 if he hauls it up to the Park. Each of these would be stationary units. If the generator is under 50 horsepower, a lot less permits are required. It would cost \$27,000 for a diesel 50 hp unit that the company would deliver. It comes with a 50,000 gallon tank. Two other companies have been contacted but have not responded. Bob said if we purchased a portable diesel generator, no permits are needed. He can set it up, but has to have more information about the Park's needs before getting a price. Further information will be obtained.

**New Business:** President Mike said if a new house/cabin is to be built on a vacant lot, the President has to send a letter to the Tuolumne County Building Department stating that water is available to the lot before P.G. & E. will connect electricity to that lot. State required insurance for the Board members will cost \$5,500. By motion (Selman/Cloak, unan.) it was agreed to buy the insurance. We are still waiting for a settlement of the Boy Scout case. By motion (Townsend/Aston, unan.) it was agreed that the caretaker may carry 40 hours into the new fiscal year and earn his normal 3 weeks vacation during the next fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, any vacation time on the books over 40 hours will be lost. The Board has the right to advance future vacation time if necessary. By motion (Varvayanis/Aston, unan.) effective June 1, 2005, the caretaker will be compensated on May 31 for 1/3 of unused sick leave. Charles V. said the computer's hard drive needs to be replaced, or because the computer is old and not working properly, the whole thing needs to be replaced. By motion (Mike R./Aston, unan.) Charles V. was authorized to purchase a new computer and printer not to exceed \$1,200. Doris said she would be absent from the September meeting. She has asked Tom Clark to pick up the mail.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will be September 17, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norrine Coyle, Secretary

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Payee</u>        | <u>Account</u>     | <u>Payment</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 7/20/05     | 11460         | EDD                 | split              | \$22.47        |
| 7/22/05     | 11437         | Michael Caropreso   | Payroll            | \$997.70       |
| 7/22/05     | 11438         | State Farm Bank     | Payroll Deduction  | \$50.00        |
| 7/27/05     | 11461         | Franchise Tax Board | Taxes              | \$503.00       |
| 8/01/05     | 11462         | Sierra Excavation   | Maintain Roads     | \$3,400.00     |
| 8/05/05     | 11463         | Michael Caropreso   | Payroll            | \$932.16       |
| 8/05/05     | 11464         | State Farm Bank     | Payroll Deduction  | \$50.00        |
| 8/10/05     | 11465         | U.S. Bank           | split              | \$920.84       |
| 8/10/05     | 11466         | Eric Carlson        | Accounting Service | \$2,391.29     |
| 8/11/05     | 11467         | EDD                 | split              | \$102.66       |
| 8/11/05     | 11468         | Charles/Joyce Aston | Account Receiv.    | \$272.50       |
| 8/19/05     | 11469         | Michael Caropreso   | Payroll            | \$1,105.60     |
| 8/19/05     | 11470         | State Farm Bank     | Payroll Deduction  | \$50.00        |
| 8/22/05     | 11471         | A & A Portables     | Health/Safety      | \$294.67       |
| 8/22/05     | 11472         | Angels Pest Control | Maintain Bldgs.    | \$130.00       |
| 8/22/05     | 11473         | Aqual Lab           | Health/Safety      | \$368.00       |
| 8/22/05     | 11474         | Joanne Caropreso    | Employee Health    | \$543.00       |
| 8/22/05     | 11475         | Tom L. Clark        | Recreation         | \$381.41       |
| 8/22/05     | 11476         | Duane St. Clair     | Maintain Roads     | \$200.00       |
| 8/22/05     | 11477         | General Plumbing    | Maintain Water     | \$237.44       |
| 8/22/05     | 11478         | George Reed         | Maintain Roads     | \$168.29       |
| 8/22/05     | 11479         | Glenn Caldwell Ins. | Insurance          | \$2,193.00     |
| 8/22/05     | 11480         | J.S. West           | Utilities          | \$66.19        |
| 8/22/05     | 11481         | PG&E                | Utilities          | \$893.85       |
| 8/22/05     | 11482         | Mike Rainwater      | Water Maintain     | \$35.56        |
| 8/22/05     | 11483         | SBC                 | Phone              | \$73.95        |
| 8/22/05     | 11484         | Sierra Excavation   | Maintain Roads     | \$1,500.00     |
| 8/22/05     | 11485         | Twain Harte Lumber  | split              | \$1,551.88     |
| 8/22/05     | 11486         | Waste Management    | Garbage            | \$762.97       |
| 8/22/05     | 11487         | Zenith Insurance    | Insurance          | \$908.00       |

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