



# **Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Newsletter**

**September 2005**

## **President's Corner**

Well, where shall we begin? Labor Day weekend was a success. The Lodge Hall was full Saturday night with bingo players, gifts, and fantastic desserts. The end result was a donation to the fishing derby in the amount of \$266.00. Bingo night is an awful lot of work and the Park wishes to thank Christy and Dan Mead and Kim Wach for their hard work and dedication in support of the fishing derby. For those of you who could not join us, you missed out on some very special desserts, but I hear that there are some recipes being passed around that you might want to get your hands on. Sunday was the annual BBQ and the turn out was rather small this year. However, those of us that did attend were rewarded with a variety of delicious food. The biggest attraction over Labor Day weekend was the new playground equipment. Never has the playground equipment been used as much as it was that weekend. From early in the morning until late at night; and I mean late at night, the equipment was constantly being played on and used. Thanks to Mike, our caretaker, the playground area was well lighted and made for a picturesque scene that truly exemplifies our wonderful Park. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort to complete this magnificent playground for the children of the Park.

The paving of Deborah has been completed and unfortunately George Reed & Co. was unable to provide any paving for individual homeowners. However, they did inform us that they could come back, early next year, and pave everyone's driveway at the same time. This would reduce their costs and ours because they are able to pave several different driveways at the same time in the same area. I'll keep you informed and let you know when to make that final decision.

Mike, our caretaker, was very busy throughout September with the repair of several water leaks. In addition, Mike has completed the sprinkler system around the playground equipment and he will soon re-seed the area before winter sets in. The Board had Mike replace the front tires on the tractor and we're purchasing a new set of chains for the snow plow. Mike took a week of vacation, and he justly deserved it. Now that he is back, Mike's next project are the bar ditches. The bar ditches need cleaning before the heavy rains start. This is a big job and takes about four to six weeks. If you, as a homeowner, has any material in the front of your cabin in the bar ditch; we would appreciate you removing it. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Several other issues I would like to bring to your attention. First, the speed limit inside the Park is 20 miles an hour. This speed limit is throughout the Park, from the minute you enter at the gate, till the time you leave the Park. The Board asks that you adhere to the speed limit and notify any of your guests what our speed limit is. The other issue is enclosed within this newsletter. A new pamphlet has been printed by the Hwy. 108 Fire Safe Council and I have enclosed a copy for your information. The last item I would like to mention is that the Boy Scout Camp is private property and you are trespassing if you enter their property. Please stay out of their area, thank you.

Respectfully,  
Michael Rainwater, President

## ODD FELLOWS SIERRA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

September 17, 2005

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

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 10:10 a.m.

By motion (Townsend/Van Gundy, unan.) the minutes of the August 20, 2005, meeting were approved as corrected to show that check number 11474 was voided.

Members before the Board: Clare Smith spoke about the need for a generator and urged that one be purchased as soon as possible.

Correspondence: Letter from Robert Cloak asking for permission to remove a tree on park property in front of his house--the tree gets topped almost every year by P.G. & E. because it is under a power line and next to his driveway and is a problem for him as well as P.G. & E.; a "Nonoperated Vehicle Notice" on the old Park truck was received from D.M.V.; letter from Jeff Cook concerning two trees near his property which were cut down by P.G. & E.; notice of land for sale in Mono County; letter from Scottsdale Insurance Co. regarding a claim filed by Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation on July 30, 2002.

### Committee Reports:

Water - Cloak: Water usage during the past month was 1.56 million gallons. We had three water line breaks, two on private property and one on Park property.

Roads - Varvayanis/Rainwater: George Reed will be in the Park on Friday, Sept. 23 to pave Deborah. The company is not able to do any driveways this year because they are too far behind on their regular schedule. Bar ditches and culverts need to be cleaned out. Cost estimates will be obtained.

Buildings - Clark: They are mostly in good shape. A rafter needs to be fixed in the big metal shed. Mortar needs to be filled in on the fireplace in the lodge building.

Timber - Townsend: The Fire Council is doing a lot of work in the forest area in MiWuk to make the residential area easier to protect during fires. The Fire Council has a fire break up to our area. They are trying to get the break around our property.

Health & Safety - Aston: Signs are needed, especially speed limit signs.

Equipment - VanGundy: For \$339, he has purchased snow-type floor mats, seat covers and a bed liner for the new pickup to extend its life. He got new tires for the snow plow. It needs snow chains. He will look for an auger that the caretaker needs.

Recreation - Clark: We will have a Christmas dinner. Over Labor Day, the Bingo games took in \$800, \$450 of which was paid to the winners. They made \$316 selling raffle tickets, and had \$421 in expenses, leaving \$225 plus a \$266.00 donation which will go toward the fishing derby.

**Finance - Selman/Clark:** The total of all bills was \$7,267.26. By motion (Cloak/VanGundy, unan.) the bills were approved for payment.

**Old Business:** Chuck Aston is still working on getting information about a generator. Playground equipment has been installed. One slide is not quite aligned right and will be fixed. We didn't get the two baby swings that we ordered but we will have them in the near future. Insurance for the Board has been put into place.

**New Business:** By motion (Townsend/Clark, unan.) Robert Cloak's request to cut down a tree was approved. Comp. insurance has been canceled on the old truck. A gentleman asked the Board if we would be interested in purchasing the Boy Scout property. The Board will have to wait until the litigation with the Boy Scouts is settled before we can discuss this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be October 15, 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>
8/26/05	11488	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health	\$ 543.00
9/02/05	11489	Mike Caropreso	Payroll	\$1,148.79
9/02/05	11490	State Farm	Payroll Deduct.	\$ 50.00
9/02/05	11491	Mike Caropreso	Payroll	\$ 877.68
9/08/05	11492	U.S. Bank	split	\$ 930.42
9/08/05	11493	EDD	split	\$ 104.20
9/08/05	11494	Franchise Tax Board	Taxes	\$ 800.00
9/12/05	11495	Glenn Caldwell	Insurance	\$5,500.00
9/16/05	11496	Mike Caropreso	Payroll	\$1,381.17
9/16/05	11497	State Farm Bank	Payroll Deduction	\$ 50.00
9/20/05	11498	A & A Portables	Health Safety	\$ 148.36
9/20/05	11499	Angels Pest Control	Maintain Bldg.	\$ 130.00
9/20/05	11500	Mike Caropreso	Employee Health	\$ 181.00
9/20/05	11501	Eric Carlson	Accounting Service	\$ 881.83
9/20/05	11502	Roger Brown	Professional Service	\$ 498.94
9/20/05	11503	W.H. Breshears	Fuel	\$1,231.89
9/20/05	11504	Robert Cloak	Maintain Water	\$ 30.14
9/20/05	11505	Dept of Health	Water Testing	\$ 521.00
9/20/05	11506	Doherty Tire	Maintain Equip.	\$ 288.68
9/20/05	11507	MidState Rental	Maintain Equip.	\$ 147.88
9/20/05	11508	PG & E	Utilities	\$1,009.08
9/20/05	11509	Postmaster	Member Commun.	\$ 200.00
9/20/05	11510	Mike Rainwater	Fish Derby	\$ 50.00
9/20/05	11511	SBC	split	\$ 65.43
9/20/05	11512	Twain Harte Lumber	Maintain Water	\$ 273.35
9/20/05	11513	Mike Van Gundy	Maintain Equip.	\$ 339.82
9/20/05	11514	Waste Management	Garbage	\$1,023.87
9/20/05	11515	J.S. West	Utilities	\$ 47.48
9/20/05	11516	Zaks	Maintain Equip.	\$ 126.51
9/20/05	11517	Zenith Insurance	Insurance	\$ 72.00

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## Who's involved in the Highway 108 FireSafe Council?

Homeowners and residents are invited to attend monthly meetings of the Highway 108 FireSafe Council and become involved in its volunteer activities.

Participating organizations in the Highway 108 FireSafe Council include:

- Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
- Tuolumne / Calaveras Unit of the California Department of Forestry
- Tuolumne County Fire Department
- UC County Cooperative Extension
- Sonora Fire Department
- Stanislaus National Forest
- Bureau of Land Management
- Miwuk Tribal Council
- And a wide range of homeowners, citizens, business and conservation groups and other interested participants.

Check our website, email, or call us to learn how you can become involved.

## Why does Tuolumne County need a FireSafe Council?

All of the communities in Tuolumne County are in danger of wildland fires. Terrain, vegetation, weather and accessibility conditions in the county create the potential for catastrophic wildland fires.

The Stanislaus Complex fire of 1987 threatened all of the communities from Tuolumne City to Long Barn.

There are many fire-prone areas in Tuolumne County which are at risk of wildfires because they have large accumulations of natural fuels.

We all enjoy living with the beauty of the wild land around Tuolumne County- but it's also prone to wildfire. In fact, it's not a matter of *if* it will burn, but *when!*

The Highway 108 FireSafe Council wants to empower individuals and communities to make our homes and neighborhoods "Fire Safe".



*Public and private partners  
working together to make  
Tuolumne County  
"Fire Safe"*

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## What is the Highway 108 FireSafe Council?

The Tuolumne County Highway 108 FireSafe Council is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization composed of individuals, public and private businesses, and agencies that share a common vested interest in preventing and reducing loss from wildfires.

Tax deductible donations can be made to Highway 108 FireSafe Council to further fire safety in Tuolumne County.

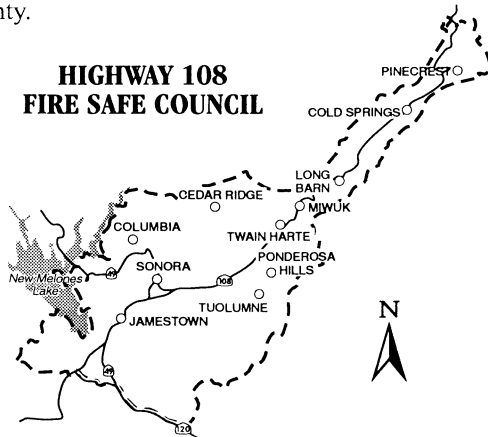
## Mission of the Highway 108 FireSafe Council

**To educate** the public so as to significantly increase public awareness about fire risk and ways that property owners can reduce that risk.

**To develop** creative ways to make compliance with firesafe regulations easier and more effective for property owners.

**To reduce** this risk through fire prevention, fire safety, fuel reductions, and community preparedness.

**To build** community support for gaining additional funding, programs, and equipment in order to meet suppression and prevention needs in Tuolumne county.



**Defensible Space is Sensible Space**  
**Eliminating fire dangers around your home is the first step in making your family and community safer from wildfires**

