

# Sierra Park Services News and Updates

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## President's Message

You've heard of the "perfect storm"...

...the one where everything goes wrong, one after the other? Last week's big storm was one of those. It reminded us that spring is not the end of snow season in Sierra Park, where we've had snow in June - so we all need to be prepared for extreme conditions for a bit longer.

Our community is surrounded by National Forest lands, a big part of its beauty. But the stretch of road from the highway, over a mile, can be a challenge to keep cleared - as can roads within the Park itself. Many of our roads are steep, slick black ice is inevitable with the daily thaw/freezing cycle, and berms can be full of tire-grabbing snow. Even out on the highway, ice can be a hazard. Carrying chains, sand and a shovel can help if your car slides into a problem.

Most property owners in Sierra Park drive up from areas with gentler weather. If this sounds like you, please look over the list of winter preparation ideas on the next page. They were gathered from folks with years of experience dealing with mountain winters, and can help to keep your family or guests safe and happy during your visits.

Above all, be safe out there -- **Heidi Ordwein**

*Next SPS meeting will be at 10:30 am on April 7th, 2018.*

Photo by Mark Logan, showing entrance to Mia's Pizzeria on March 2nd.

Happy  
Spring???



Sure feels  
like winter  
up here!

## Holiday party recap

This year's party was a great one! Over 65 community members attended, with a good mix of long-time residents and new owners. The Board served hot sandwiches and salads, and folks brought sides or desserts to share. Fun, casual and plenty of time to meet neighbors old and new. Thanks to all who made it a success!

## The fishing derby - TBD

Preparations for the Fishing Derby are well underway, but there may be a hiccup. New State regulations may now require that the Rec Association (which owns the water rights to the lake) measure and document any flow that is diverted from Sugar Pine Creek in order to fill the lake. The RA is working with State officials to determine how they can meet the requirements effectively and economically in time to refill the lake before Father's Day. More information to follow as we learn it.

## Winter prep - yes, even in March!

Temperatures can still drop into the teens, and homeowners have experienced a number of waterline breaks lately. Draining pipes or wrapping them can prevent problems. If you do get a break while you're up here, you'll want to have the name of a plumber available ahead of time. Trying to research help on-line during a storm can be a problem, as internet service is sporadic in heavy weather. Other ideas:

- If you burn a lot of wood to keep your place warm, schedule a chimney sweep in the spring to clear your flues for next season. These guys are really busy through the summer!
- Have wood delivered pre-season. Wood delivery trucks often cannot navigate roads once it snows, leaving you or your visitors without heat.
- Power outages are common with storms. Keep flashlights or lanterns available, along with new batteries, and note where they're kept.
- A well-stocked first aid kit is even more important if there's a chance of being snowbound.
- Not all locations in the Park have cell phone reception. Your best chances may be near the gate, or by the lake, the dumpster or the lodge.
- If you lend your cabin to others, note locations of all these items for their use.
- Check weather conditions before coming up to decide if it will be safe. Have enough food on hand for an extra day or so, and try to keep your go-home schedule flexible.

## Stock purchase deadline - don't miss it!

At this year's Annual Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, sweeping changes to Park operations will be discussed. These changes will affect all property owners. Becoming a shareholder is your way to make sure your voice can be heard and your vote can be counted. A share of stock costs only \$10, and each property can hold a single share; yours will have an impact.

**The deadline for stock purchases is April 1st, 2018.** After that date, stock sales will be frozen until after the annual meeting. To purchase a share of stock, you can start by using our hotline number, 209-533-7909, or searching for "stock certificates" on our website, [www.sierraparkservices.com](http://www.sierraparkservices.com).





# Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:40 by president Heidi Ordwein.

**Board Members Present:** Heidi Ordwein, Wanda Lenhardt, Mitch Gabriel, Michael Lechner and Susie Lechner. Mark Logan was excused.

**Shareholders Present:** Jesse and Marianne Worsham

**Others Present:** none

**Attendees' Comments/Questions:** Jesse Worsham reported on progress of Fishing Derby preparation.

**Minutes for September and November Board meetings:** approved unanimously.

#### **Directors' Reports:**

**Caretaker Report** - Heidi Ordwein - There are still trees marked to come down. PG&E will fell them, but you may have to file a request for removal of any logs left on your property.

**Roads** - Heidi Ordwein - nothing to report.

**Vice President** - Susie Lechner - Stabilizing work on the creek bank at the new pedestrian bridge was a big job, and completed just before the first rain. New Fish & Wildlife requirements, mandated by their ecologist, drove the price significantly higher than the structural engineer's proposed scope of work. Costs will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in May.

**Secretary** - Wanda Lenhardt - Last year's Annual Meeting minutes will be sent out for review before the meeting in May. Wanda has re-mailed notices to those who have neither paid their annual bills nor "opted out" of services.

**Treasurer** - Mitch Gabriel - The Board reviewed bills and agreed unanimously to pay. Full treasurer's report deferred to executive session.

**Gate** - The gate will be fixed at "open" when roads may be slick.

**Buildings and common Areas** - Heidi Ordwein - The picnic area and its tables are being refurbished for Spring.

**Old Business:** Sierra Nevada cable has finally received its permit to cross forestland with its cables. They have been out in the Park to measure for lines, plan repeater stations, and prepare for installation - planned for this summer! An update will be available at the Annual Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Wanda Lenhardt is updating our list of property owners to match County records. You may get an email or letter from her, requesting clarification on ownership arrangements.
- Unfortunately, all efforts at mediation of the long-running lawsuit by seven homeowners against Sierra Park Services, Inc. have failed. We have been assigned a judge and the trial is scheduled for April.

The meeting temporarily adjourned to executive session at 12:05 to discuss issues relating to legal and financial matters.

The regular meeting reopened at 2:14 pm. Report from executive session: Save The Date cards for the Annual Meeting will be mailed in early March.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

*Note: These minutes reflect our recollection of the proceedings. If additions or revisions are needed, they may be noted by calling the hotline number, 209-533-7909, emailed via the link on our website, or brought to the Board's attention at the following meeting.*