

PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

November

NEWSLETTER

2013

President's Message

Greetings:

The water project for our Ponderosa community is ongoing. I have been informed by PCSD that they are looking to complete in a couple of weeks. I hope everyone has been able to work around any inconvenience it may have caused. We should all enjoy the final results.

The PPOA Fire Brigade Picnic at the Rudnick's, on September 1, turned out great. Thanks to Phil and Jackie for hosting the event, and to everyone that showed up to support the Brigade.

The next PPOA event will be the Thanksgiving Potluck Party that will be at the Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge again this year, on Saturday, November 30th. Look for more information on this event in the newsletter. Again, I encourage anyone who is not a member of the PPOA, to consider becoming a member. There are many projects that your community PPOA board provides to you to keep our community up-to-date, safe, and a wonderful place to visit.

There is a membership form available on line at the community web site: www.ponderosaca.com/pondo. You can also find the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters at this site.

Regards,

Kit Korf



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Contact PPOA Treasurer Gail Lack at
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The next newsletter will be out in February.
Submissions are due by January 18th.

PPOA Fire Brigade

By John Kracik

Questions have been asked as to why the Fire Brigade exists, I'll try to answer these along with the functionality of the Brigade.

Any fire in our community can result in a major community incident as our cabins are close together and separated by numerous trees. Local, State and Federal response can be as short as 45 minutes to several hours. The Brigade was formed to provide the initial fire response for our community to try and mediate the fire.

A recent fire in Cedar Slope (which is 15 minutes closer to our county fire station) is a good example. The call came in at approximately 11:20 PM. Due to an error in dispatch (hwy 190 rather than Cedar Drive) and problems in locating the fire (dead end street with poor signage) the county volunteers lost a good 15 minutes trying to locate the structure. The first hose was put on the structure a good 40 minutes after the call. Within this time period the complete attic was fully engulfed. At approximately 5:20 AM the fire was put out with the help of additional county and CalFire engines. The structure was a complete loss but the fire had not spread in to forest where additional cabins would have been threatened.

Had this incident happened in Ponderosa (a good 15 minutes further) the brigade would have had a hose on the fire in less than 10 minutes which may have saved the structure. The Brigade would have setup additional resources as they became available to guide incoming fire engines to the fire that would save valuable time.

The Ponderosa Property Owners Association Fire Brigade was organized on July 1, 2007 to safeguard the homeowners and their properties from the threat of fire. This fire brigade is intended to function primarily during the incipient fire stage as identified by OSHA, 29 CFR 1910, and Subpart L.

Membership:

The fire brigade is composed of Ponderosa Cabin owners whose normal job duties are not that of a fire brigade. In the event of an emergency, fire brigade members will assume the response duties of the fire brigade.

Organization:

The brigade is headed by a brigade chief. In the absence of the chief, an assistant chief is in charge of the brigade. During a fire incident, the chief or assistant chief is in charge of the incident until the local county, state or federal fire department arrives.

The PPOA will be responsible for the brigade annual budget and insure adequate funding is provided to the brigade for training and equipment. The funding comes strictly from donations to the fire brigade and NOT PPOA membership dues. Your support of the brigade through donation will continue operation of the brigade and the acquisition of additional fire fighting equipment.

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Functions:

The primary function of the fire brigade is to perform fire-fighting operations prior to the arrival of the County, State or Federal fire department. The fire-fighting operations will not exceed the capabilities of the brigade members.

For fires involving enclosed structures, the fire brigade will suppress the fire from the outside; fire member will not enter into a building or enclosed structure.

Fire brigade members will wear protective gear and will have responsibilities for emergency first aid, isolation of fuel sources and application of water, foam, and dry chemical from the perimeter of the fire, and protect adjacent exposures.

Fire brigade members will remain in the warm zone as defined in NFPA 1080 where full structure gear is not required.

Additional functions include the provision of advanced first aid, assistance in any salvage operations that are necessary during any type of incident.

Training:

Each firefighting member will receive training and education commensurate with the response duties and functions they are expected to perform. Thirty-two (32) hours of fire and safety will be provided annually in quarterly 8 hour training programs using established performance based standards. Training will include, but not be limited to, hose and nozzle handling, fire fighter safety, use of protective gear, strategies and tactics, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and hazard identification. Firefighting members must attend an initial 8 hours safety and equipment training and successfully complete the initial training program before participating in emergency response organizations.

Training will be provided by qualified personnel to meet established performance standards as agreed with the Tulare County Fire Department. Such training will include classroom instruction and hands-on training that has been selected to keep members familiar with equipment, systems, and standard operating procedures.

Training will be provided by recognized fire departments, Tulare County Fire Department, state agencies (Cal Fire) and federal agencies.

Safety:

While this fire brigade exists to help safeguard the people and property of the Ponderosa Property Owners Association, the first and foremost consideration must be for the safety of the fire brigade members. The brigade has limited resources and training and thus has limited abilities. These limits must be recognized by all members to ensure that members are not extended beyond their capabilities or the limitations imposed by the equipment with which they must operate.

Please support the Ponderosa fire Brigade through your annual donations and Brigade fundraiser. If you are interested in joining the Brigade, please contact me or any brigade member. We train the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM at the district building. Remember the Brigade is our first response to any incident in the Ponderosa Area.

John Kracik

Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

PPOA Thanksgiving, Potluck Party, Nov. 30th 5 pm

- * We will supply meat & salad bar for the Thanksgiving Potluck party.
- * Lodge will close early on Wednesday, Nov. 27th.
- * Closed on Thursday Nov. 28th. Open at 9am Friday Nov. 29th
- * Christmas Party Dec. 21st. 5 pm at Lodge. Potluck, Christmas carols with Bill Dolmovic.
All are welcome! We will supply meat & salad bar.
- * Lodge will close early on Dec. 24th. Open Christmas day at 11 am.
- * New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31st (Reservations Please)
- * As it snows, we will resume being closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.
- * As of now, open 9 am & close 6 pm



PPOA
Annual Thanksgiving Potluck
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at Brewer's Lodge.

Bring your favorite dish
to share .

There will be a no-host
bar at the lodge.



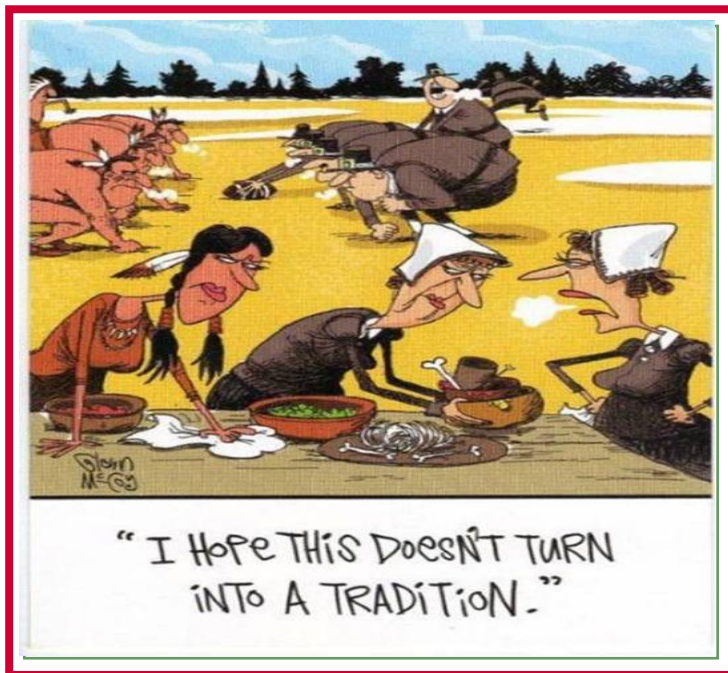
PPOA 2012 – 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

The year 2012 – 2013 was a down year for the PPOA. Membership numbers and dollars were just about the same as the previous year at 147 members and \$4,465 in dues, but the donations received for the Fire Brigade were down significantly. We received \$662 in donations from members. We did receive a \$500 donation from our Tulare County Supervisor, Mike Ennis. This is a 71% decrease as compared to the previous year. We had a total income of \$6,472 for the year.

Our expenditures were down, also. Our total expenditures were \$8,354. The expenditures as itemized are: electricity \$292; liability insurance \$554; mail room expense including insurance \$393; membership invoicing, newsletter publishing, and directory costs \$1571; social functions \$260; directional signs for PPOA events \$300; and light engine fire expenses \$3,362. The breakdown of the light engine expenses are: fuel & oil; hose & hose roller; AED battery pack & battery tender; installation of siren at Summit tank; and the cost of the September fundraiser, totaling \$1,094. The largest expenditures are insurance on the truck \$973 and much needed new tires \$1,295. We were able to offer a \$1600 donation for the Ponderosa area participation in the Tulare County Search & Rescue.

PPOA ended the year with a \$1,882 loss. We do not expect the year 2012 – 2013 to become the norm. The September 2013 fundraiser brought in \$1300. The membership dues invoicing has been mailed out on October 25. If you have already paid your 2013 – 2014 membership dues, you will not receive an invoice. We sincerely appreciate your participation and any donation for the Fire Brigade, if you haven't contributed already.

Submitted by Gail Lack, Treasurer PPOA



GREATEST PUMPKIN PIE EVER!

2 eggs beaten, 3 c. mashed, cooked pumpkin (canned will do), 2/3 c. evaporated milk, 1 c. sugar, 1/4 c. all-purpose flour, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp ginger, 1/2 tsp all spice, 1/2 tsp ground cloves, 1/4 tsp nutmeg.

Mix ingred. & pour into an unbaked 10" pie crust. Bake at 400 for 10 min. then reduce heat to 350 & bake for an additional 35 min. Add topping & bake at 350 for 10 more min.

TOPPING

1/4 c. melted butter, 1/2 c. flour, 1/2 c. brown sugar, 1/2 c. chopped pecans. Combine the melted butter, The flour and the brown sugar, then stir in the pecans. Add to the top of the pie.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- * Nov. 17th, Fire Brigade training, 9:30 am
- * Nov. 30th, PPOA, Potluck party at the Lodge. 5 pm

DECEMBER

- * Sunday, Dec. 1st, PPOA meeting, 11 am at PCSD building
- * Dec. 21st, Potluck Christmas Party at the Lodge. 5pm
- * Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve party (Reservations please)

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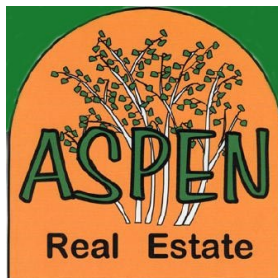
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Name _____

New Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Phone _____ Email _____

Ponderosa Address _____

Detach here and mail to the address above

Below is a form to join the Ponderosa Property Owners Association if you haven't already done so for the 2012-2013 year. The cost for a developed lot is \$30 a year **OR** \$15 for an undeveloped lot. Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check to **PPOA 56693 Aspen Drive, Ponderosa, CA 93265**. If you wish to make a donation to the Volunteer Fire Brigade fund, please mark the form below with the amount desired along with your PPOA membership dues.

Detach here and return to PPOA at the above address

PPOA Membership Dues 2013-2014

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Cabin Phone _____

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☐ Cabin

OR

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Volunteer Fire

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