



## PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

July

# NEWSLETTER 2014

### President's Message

Greetings:

Well it is finally summer and our mountains are as beautiful as ever. Let us all be fire safe and keep them that way. We had some excitement at our place. A very large pine tree on our lot fell down. It crossed the yard, the road and partially up our neighbor's driveway. Fortunately, it missed the house and power lines, but it left quite a mess. Those who were around heard the noise. Since we were not on the mountain at the time, our good Ponderosa neighbors came to our rescue and cleared the road.

The next PPOA event is our Fourth of July picnic. This year it will be on Saturday, July 5th. Like last year, it will be held at the Rudnick's. There is more information about it in this 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](http://www.ponderosaca.com/pondo). You can also find the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters at this site.

Regards,

Kit Korf

PPOA President



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Personal ads are free for PPOA members space permitting.

\$5- Business card

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\$15- 1/2 page

\$25- Full page

\$40- Both sides of page

Contact PPOA Treasurer Gail Lack at  
[glack@bak.rr.com](mailto:glack@bak.rr.com) for payment

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The next newsletter will be out in Sept.

Please have submissions in by Aug 8th

## Fire Brigade Newsletter July 2014

Once again the Fire Brigade is getting to be our first line of defense under the current conditions of our forest. With our current conditions the threat of fire is growing. At this time the Forest Service has mandated the forest be under fire restrictions. What that means is that the only two campsites near us, Quaking Aspen and Peppermint, are the only areas where open flames are allowed, with a camp fire permit. It will be up to all of us to stand vigilant to these camp sites and take action when we see our community being threatened. In the past communication with the FS during a July 4th BBQ, they stated that they could use all the help they can get if things turn bad. This included the use of our Fire Brigade for initial fire suppression.

Their only request was that we would contact the Porterville SQR, CCICC Dispatch at (559) 781-5780 or the night dispatcher at (559) 782-3120 ext. 701 if we discover an abandoned camp fire. Of course we should first do a 911 call as the primary action when anything occurs.

One area of great concern is the various "Fire Safe Areas". These are areas within our forest where campers can go without paying a fee and camp for up to 14 days. The biggest area is next to Peppermint Camp Ground. This area is NOT an improved campground hence, under the current fire restrictions, open fires are not allowed. Another area is off the highway before Peppermint on a road we call Lovers Loop. Just in from the road there is a fork; the left hand fork is a dead-end and follows Peppermint Creek. Along the road are several offshoots to the left that lead to Fire Safe Areas. If anyone has some time, it would be pertinent to check these areas to insure no campfires are there.

***What do we do if we see something that could present a fire risk? Call 911, Call the FS dispatch, and mobilize the Ponderosa Fire Brigade.***

To mobilize the Brigade, go to the Brigade fire truck building. On the right wall (just as you enter the garage) there are detailed instructions. Follow the instructions and wait for brigade members to arrive. On the white board use the grease pencil to identify where the fire is, what is burning, and the time you observed the fire. Once Brigade members arrive they will take control and may ask you for your assistance.

As you read this article the brigade has completed two training sessions so far this year. The first was held on May 25 and the second on June 21st. During our May 25 training we had 7 brigade members attend. We reviewed the reverse 911 instructions, pump panel, and mock-up sequence to put a 10 by 10 brush/campfire scenario. Our newest member Mike H. led the group in mock-up scenario.

## Fire Brigade Cont.

We then discussed the fire hydrants in our community. A brigade team consisting of Tom G., Mike H., John L., and Kent L. took on the task to check all of our Hydrants. They found two that were difficult to open and two that had low flow. The brigade will be in contact with the

hydrant manufacture to determine corrective action on the hydrant that are difficult to open. Tom G. will notify the PCSD board on the two low flow hydrants. Hopefully by the time you are reading this article all of the above will have been addressed.

The above just emphasizes the need for our Brigade and to insure the brigade is well trained. The Brigade is open to all residents of the Ponderosa to participate. We started out with over 20 brigade members when we first formed the Brigade. Over the years, our brigade active members that attend training has dropped to less than 10. I can't emphasize the importance of our training. If you are a member that has not attended training, please come to the next training session.

training session. ***Training will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10AM at the District building.***

If you are not a member and want to become one, come to the above training dates. As always I am available for a one on one training, call 542-2639.



John Kracik

WELCOME!

NEW PONDEROSA RESIDENTS

Mike Allen, from Porterville

Dr. Larry Bennett, from Porterville

Neil & Hillary Lahey, from San Luis Obispo

Ken & Linda Smith, from Paso Robles

Leah Walton, from Camp Nelson



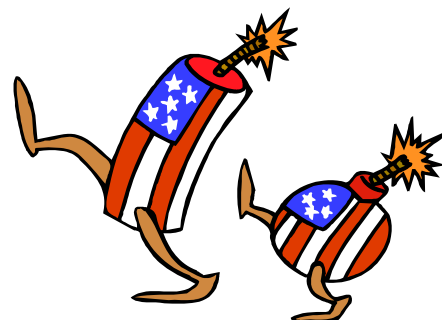
# Brewer's Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579



## ***Summer Hours:***

- **Saturday—Tuesday: 8 am—9 pm (kitchen)  
Bar open later**
- **Wednesday– Friday: 9 am– 8 pm (kitchen)  
Bar open later. . . . Friday \* Steak & Bake \***
- **Thursdays– Happy Hour 4:30-6:00 pm: 1/2  
off appetizers & dollar off drink specials**
- **Live music on the deck, Saturday & Sunday  
11-4 pm , all summer long.**



## ***Important Dates:***

- **July 4th: Parade & BBQ: Begins at 10-am at the  
Lodge.      \*    MUSIC ALL WEEKEND    \***

### **FLAG CAKE**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

**1 (18.25 OZ) PKG YELLOW (GOLDEN BUTTER RECIPE) YELLOW  
CAKE MIX**

#### **COOL WHIPPED FROSTING**

**1 PINT BLUEBERRIES, RINSED & DRAINED**

**2 PINTS FRESH STRAWBERRIES RIINSED & SLICED**

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

**PREPARE CAKE ACCORDING TO PKG DIRECTIONS & BAKE IN A 9X13 INCH PAN.  
COOL COMPLETELY. FROST CAKE WITH COOL WHIPPED FROSTING. PLACE BLUE-  
BERRIES IN A SQUARE IN THE CORNER, & ARRANGE SLICED STRAWTERRIES AS  
STRIPES. CHILL UNTIL SERVING.**

### **COOL WHIPPED FROSTING**

**1 CUP MILK**

**1 (3 1/2 OZ) PKG INSTANT PUDDING MIX,  
(ANY FLAVOR)**

**1/4 CUP POWDERED SUGAR**

**8 OZ COOL WHIP**

**POUR MILK INTO BOWL & ADD PUDDING  
MIX & SUGAR. BEAT WITH WHISK 2 MIN.**

**GENTLY FOLD IN WHIPPED TOPPING**







# PPOA Annual Independence Day Celebration

**Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**An even you do not want to miss.**

*As last year, we will be the guests of Phillip and Jackie Rudnick for a late afternoon of fun and fellowship at their home on 57862 Fox Drive*

**3.00 - 4.00 pm:** Get together. Drinks and appetizers  
**5.00 pm:** Top Block Sirloin and Hot Dogs BBQ.  
**6:00pm:** Auction Sale by Bill Dolmovic  
**7.00pm :** French Crepes by Yves and Dominique DeClerck

Music and Songs by Patti Tory

*The PPOA board want to send a special invitation to new members of the Ponderosa Community as this will be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors.*

*Donate auction items  
to Bill Dolmovic  
Confirm your attendance and  
willingness to help to  
[declerck.yves5@gmail.com](mailto:declerck.yves5@gmail.com) or  
[ddeclerck@me.com](mailto:ddeclerck@me.com)*

*Bring your favorite  
side dish to share and  
your own beverage.*



- \* JULY 4TH PARADE & BBQ AT THE LODGE
- \* SATURDAY JULY 5TH PPOA ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ
- \* SUNDAY, JULY 6TH PPOA MEETING: 11 AM, PCSD BUILDING
- \* BRIGADE TRAINING: THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 10:00 AM PCSD BUILDING

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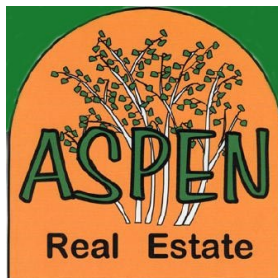
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Below is a change of address form. It is important to let me know if you have moved or have a new PO Box number. Each time I receive an address correction from the US Postal Service it costs PPOA extra money. Please notify me by email at jahansen@bak.rr.com, call (661) 836-2060, or mail this form to Julie Hansen at 8803 Brannock Ct. Bakersfield, Ca. 93313.

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 2013 –2014 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin/Lot Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cabin

**OR**

☐ Lot \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Fire

Brigade Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mark & Julie Hansen  
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