



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

February

2019

President's Message

February 2019

Greetings,

Well, it looks like there will be enough snow for our annual PPOA Snow Day this year, on Saturday, February 16. We will meet at the lodge for snow play and then lunch. Look for more information in the newsletter. Hope you can make it. It's always a great event.

For your information, Betty Korf is always keeping a running update of the PPOA Directory. If your information is not correct, missing, or you do not want your name included in the Directory please let her know.

As always, 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 in this newsletter. Also, visit the web site: ponderosaca.com to view the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters.

Kit Korf
PPOA President



How to get a Ponderosa mailbox

- * Contact Tammi Stewart
559-542-2218 to request a box
- * Setup cost is \$45
- * Annual fee is \$20
- * Your address will be the Ponderosa street number, in Springville CA 93265
- * Do *NOT* use the mailbox number as your address

To place an ad:

email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

Personal ads are free for PPOA members, space permitting.

\$5- Business card

\$10- 1/4 page \$15- 1/2 page

\$25- Full page \$40- Both sides of page

Contact PPOA Treasurer Yves Declerck at
declerck.yves5@gmail.com for payment.

Circulation 250

The next newsletter will be out in May

Please have submissions in by Sunday, April 28th

Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, recipes, etc. that you feel would be of interest to the Ponderosa community.

Community Voices.....

The inaugural Ponderosa Christmas Lights Contest was held on December 26th. It was a success and we all had a wonderful time, and are looking forward to next year's event. We had 7 participants and 14 families/individuals voting. Our 7 participants were really competitive with each other and did a beautiful job decorating their cabins. Our first place

winner went to Dana & Tammi Stewart, who received the \$100 dollar Visa gift card. Second place went to John & Ann Bozanich and third place went to Jack & Roxanne Brooks. Here are some pictures of the festivities.



Thank you so much for sponsoring and supporting this great event!

PPOA Membership Dues 2019

It's that time again to pay your annual PPOA membership dues. Membership fees are critical to allow the Association to conduct its activities. Funds are used for social events such as Snow Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, and pays for newsletters.

The Association also supports the Ponderosa Fire Brigade.

Please find a membership form in the back of this newsletter.



PPOA Annual Snow Weekend February 16-17, 2019

Saturday, February 16

11:00 am Meet at the Lodge for snow play and snowmobile rides.

PPOA Members- Please bring snowmobiles to Lodge for rides!

1:00 pm BBQ at Lodge (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs; courtesy of the PPOA). \$6.00 for non-PPOA members. Side dishes and drinks extra.

Sunday, February 17

9:00-11:00 am Breakfast with Belgian Waffles at the Lodge (\$6.00 per waffle)

Confirm your attendance: declerck.yves5@gmail.com

Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579



Winter Hours:

- Friday and Saturday 9 am to ???
- Sunday 9 am to 5 pm
- Weekdays—varied hours; call ahead



Beginning February 1, 2019.....

Movie & Pizza Time



EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

Pizza @ 6:00 Movie @ 7:00

10 foot screen

\$6.00/Plate


PONDEROSA
LODGE

Call to find out what movie is being shown 559-542-2579

UPCOMING:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SNOW DAY AND BBQ LUNCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST—9:00 AM
AND PPOA BOARD MEETING—AT 10:00 A.M.

Time to Winterize Your Cabin

Should I turn off water each time I leave the cabin? Anyone that does not live in their residence 'full time', and those full time residents that leave for extended periods of time for vacations, etc. should always turn off their water as a precaution, even in the Summer months. It only takes a few minutes and if a leak/break occurs, the only amount of water that can potentially leak out will be what is actually in the lines at the time. This simple precaution could save thousands of gallons of water and the homeowner a costly bill.



When Should I Winterize? It is recommended that you 'winterize' your cabin beginning in the fall, typically around Thanksgiving Day. By then the temperatures typically drop below freezing each night.

How to Winterize: While the 'set up' in each cabin can differ, the following is a simplified version of the procedure.

1) Go to the Water Heater and turn the settings dial to 'vacation'. Older Water Heaters may not have a 'vacation' setting, if so turn the dial to the lowest setting. By placing the water heater on the low setting, it will use a minimal amount of propane or electricity to keep the water warm and hence prevent it from freezing in the tank. If you intend to shut off your water heater completely, then you should drain it completely.

2) Go into the 'sub area' (underneath the cabin) and find the water supply line where it enters the foundation. This will 'typically' be a copper or galvanized pipe line coming out of the ground with a shut off valve very close to this point. The 'shut off' valve may be either a round handle not unlike the handle to your hose bib, or it can also be a 'directional' handle. If it is a directional handle, turn it until the handle is at a 90 degree angle to the incoming water line. In either case, make sure the valve completely shuts off water to your cabin. You can test this by opening a valve inside your cabin (i.e. kitchen sink); no water should come out of the faucet if the shut off valve is properly closed.

3) Once the water is turned off, find the lowest water faucet (preferably on the exterior) and open the faucet, and leave it open. If there is no exterior faucet, open whatever faucet is at the 'lowest' elevation point in the cabin.

4) Now, go back through the cabin and open every water faucet, shower/tub faucet, and flush every toilet. As an additional safety measure, make sure to partially open the shower head 'diverter' valve, if so equipped. Your goal is to eliminate as much water from the pipes in your system as possible.

5) Next, pour antifreeze into each and every drain in the cabin including shower drains, sink drains, and toilets (both the bowl and tank). The exact amount of antifreeze will depend on the type of antifreeze you use - read the directions on the container carefully. Some use regular auto antifreeze and others use antifreeze designed for RV plumbing. You might also find some ideas through internet research.

6) Lastly, close the door to your Dishwasher (if applicable) and turn on the Dishwasher for just a few seconds. This will activate the solenoid in the Dishwasher allowing what little water is in the line serving the Dishwasher to drain and prevent the plastic solenoid from freezing and breaking. You may need to do the same thing if you have a washing machine and also set the ice maker in your freezer to the “on” position as well as the water dispenser on the refrigerator, if you have one.

7) As an added precaution, some of us leave our heater (assuming you have one) set to a low setting of about 50 degrees. This will keep the interior of your cabin warm enough to prevent interior pipes from freezing, but most heaters only work if the electric power is on. In the event of an extended power outage, this extra precaution will be nullified.

Conclusion: Even though you properly shut down and drained your cabin, it is virtually impossible to evacuate all of the water from the system. There will always be an amount of water still in the pipes. The amount of water depends on if the plumbing system was properly ‘sloped’ when it was installed. When we experience freezing conditions, the remaining water in the system can still freeze and result in broken pipes. If you or someone else has not been to your cabin recently, we have very strong words of caution. **Do not turn on the water and leave the cabin without looking and listening for breaks!**

We hope you find these tips helpful, and if you have any questions about how to properly winterize your cabin, then we suggest you contact one of the long term or full time residents who can offer specific advice for your situation. The following people may be able to help you if you have questions:

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| Bill Dolmovic | 559-542-8000 |
| Richard Thomas | 559-542-2970 |
| Kit Korf | 559-542-2504 |
| Jimmy Parminter | 559-542-2524 |



**FYI.....ads can be placed on the Ponderosaca website and Facebook for minimal cost. Please contact Julia Inestroza if you are interested.
(Julia@tenalu.com)**

How did you find Ponderosa? We’d love to share your story of how you found this special mountain community in a future newsletter.

ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

Dog Owners Take Note...

In the past few months the PPOA has received emails regarding incidences involving dogs not on leashes interacting with property owners.

The PPOA has no jurisdiction over such incidents, and we suggest that if any of our property owners experience a disturbing encounter, they should report it to the Tulare County Animal Control and the Tulare County Sheriff's Department. The penalties against the owners of a dog who attacks someone can be significant.



If you are interested in the California Laws related to such matters we suggest you do an internet search. For your convenience here is a web link we found on the subject: <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/california-dog-bite-laws.html>

We encourage all dog owners to responsibly control their pets. Leaving them run loose, especially if they are aggressive is a recipe for disaster.

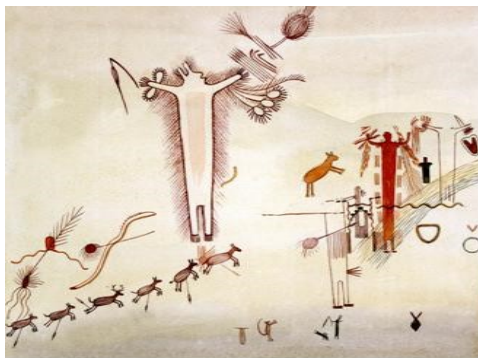
High Sierra Snow Clearing in the Ponderosa Community

High Sierra Snow Removal starts plowing before 6:00 am after and during a snow storm. We start plowing Aspen, Ponderosa and the Divide Hwy with 4 to 5 operators. After the main artery is initially cleared, we continue to plow the remaining through roads and then non-through roads. This work is done with two 8ft snow plows and 2 snow blowers. We try to have all of the roads plowed at least 8ft wide by noon. By the end of the day we try to have all of the roads cleared for 2-way traffic.

Winter storms are unpredictable and we deal with them as efficiently as possible. If anyone has a special need to have their road cleared earlier, please call me the night before (542-8000) and put your request in so I have a chance to inform my operators of a schedule change.

Removing snow is cold, demanding and often thankless. Be patient, we're doing our best!

Sincerely; Bill Dolmovic (owner/operator)



Spirit Release Work

Spirit Release is the clearing of beings as well as learned and inherited patterns of thought from a person's energetic field which can lead to illness, behavioral problems and addictions.

It is a Shamanic tool along with reclaiming lost parts of a person's 'soul' or personality aspects lost during trauma. These two procedures alone can clear a number of physical and emotional difficulties.

For more information:

Beth Benton

Ponderosa

bentononline@gmail.com

281-249-5580

Reporting a Fire / Medical Emergency

#1 For medical or fire emergency call 911 no exceptions

**#2 Then call 1-866-623-7425, when prompted for the user name enter 542-2639 , when prompted for a password enter 1013.
Follow the simple instructions to record your message.**

Example “ Fire at (location)Aspen Drive, your name, date and time of call”

The following 5 names are full time Fire Brigade residences / Operators

Dana Stewart	542-2218
Tammi Stewart	542-2218
Jim Parmenter	542-2524
Bill Dolmovic	542-8000
Larry Gray	542-2993

Ashes: method of disposing your ashes.

Place hot ashes from your stove / fireplace in a covered metal container. Leave in container until cold to the touch.

Burning Piles: Method of burning your yard debris.

Always call the Tulare County burn number to insure it is a legal burn day.

Always have a shovel,hose or fire extinguisher on hand. NEVER burn on windy days.

Chimney Fires: Method to extinguish an active chimney fire:

Throw a cup of water on to the fire than close the door to the stove / fireplace. The steam should extinguish the fire.

Recommendation: Have your chimney cleaned often by a “Chimney sweeper”.

Cal Fire/ Springville	539-2413
Cal Trans/ Roads condition:	800-427-7623
Camp Nelson Fire Station 23 :	542-2718
Tulare County Burn # 1-877-429-2876 ext 7	
District Ranger:	539-2607 ext 72210
Sherif Department:	782-4700
Highway Patrol:	784-7444 or 911
Camp Nelson Ambulance:	542-2140

Professional Chimney Sweep:	732-6200
Matt Goldsmith:	542-2709

Look in the mail room for an Upper Tule Evacuation Guide!

2 Day Workshop ----- Shamanic Journeying

*Learn the art and science of shamanic trance.
Meet your totem animals and guides that can work with you.
Learn to use journeying for yourself and others.*

March 2nd & 3rd
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Ponderosa
\$80/weekend

For more information Contact:
Beth Benton 281-249-5580
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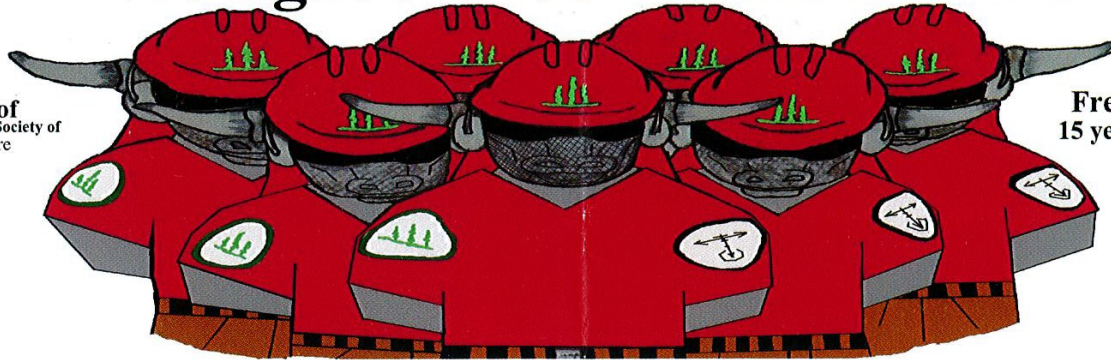
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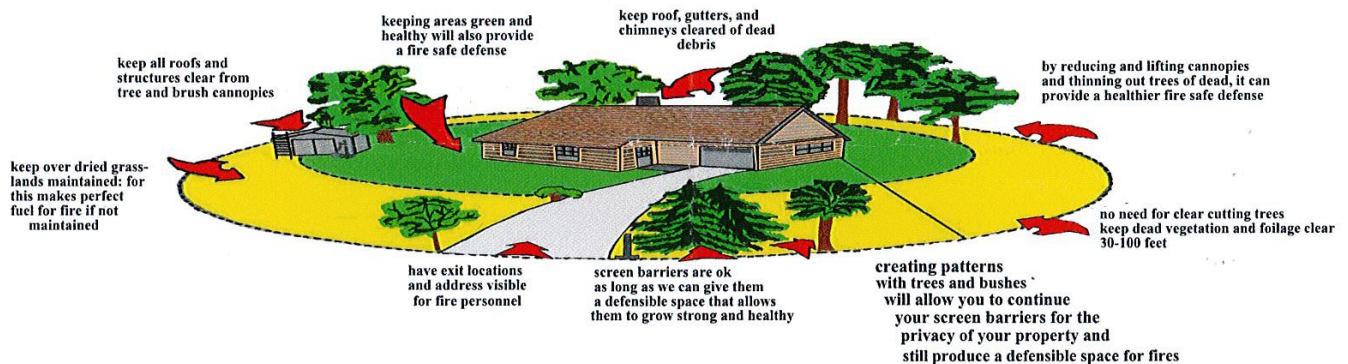
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TorosTreeCare@hotmail.com

Kelsey Lane
Owner/Secretary

Toro Lane
Field Manager

(559)542-0042

"Between every two pines there is a door leading to a new way of life"
-John Muir-

Jordan-Slate Earthwork

“For on time and reliable work, call Matt!”

Grading Drainage Building Sites
Fire Clearance Tree Removal/Haul Away

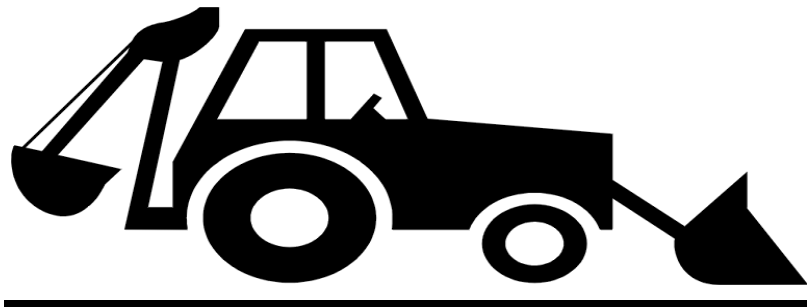
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Change of Address

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 ppoanewsletter@gmail.com or mail this form to Lorna McWilliams, 7300 Feather River Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

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 for the 2019 year. The cost for a developed lot is \$30 a year **OR** \$15 for an undeveloped lot **due in January** of each year. Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check to **PPOA 56693 Aspen Drive, Springville, 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 2019

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cabin Phone _____

Cabin/Lot Address _____

Newsletter delivery by: mail hard copy e-mail or both

Email _____

☐ Cabin

OR

☐ Lot \$ _____

Volunteer Fire
Brigade Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Mike & Lorna McWilliams
7300 Feather River Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Address Service Requested



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Open Position

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