

PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November

2018

President's Message

Greetings,

We will be having our annual PPOA Thanksgiving potluck again on Saturday, November 24, at the Ponderosa Lodge. Look for more information in the newsletter. Hope you can make it.

Moreover, great work by the PPOA Fire Brigade responding to the fire in the development last month. Look for the details in the newsletter.

Sadly, I have to report that John Kracik passed away last month. John and Alvie did so much for the Ponderosa and the mountain. He was a good friend, and will be missed.

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 let her know immediately.

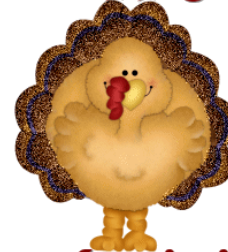
As always, I encourage anyone who is not a member of the PPOA, to consider becoming a member. There are many projects that your community PPOA board provides to you to keep our community up-to-date, safe, and a wonderful place to visit. There is a membership form available in this newsletter. Also, visit the web site: ponderosaca.com to view the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters.

Kit Korf
PPOA President



November 2018

Happy



Thanksgiving

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 February

Please have submissions in by Sunday January 20th



New Property Owners in Ponderosa:
Judi Martin and Kaycee Reeves

Community Voices.....

PPOA Membership Dues 2019 due December 2018

At our recent meeting, the PPOA Board decided to adopt a calendar fiscal year to facilitate accounting. As a result, membership to the PPOA will also follow the calendar year and membership dues for 2019 are now due in December. To renew your membership, you can send your check with the form in the back of the newsletter to **PPOA at 56693 Aspen Drive Springville, California 93265**. You can also include in your membership, a tax deductible contribution to the fire brigade.

Your support to the PPOA is vital in allowing the PPOA to work at serving the Ponderosa Community in many aspects. This year, contributions were used in particular to maintain our fire truck and to train new members of the fire brigade which intervened twice recently to suppress fires in our community. Without the rapid and efficient intervention of the brigade, these fires could have been rapidly out of control (see note from our chief Dana Stewart). Contributions in 2018 were also used to build the commemorative shelter (see note from Richard Thomas in this Newsletter), for the publication of our Newsletters, for the maintenance of the Website and for the social events organized by our social committee among others. Thank you very much for your support to the PPOA.

Yves A DeClerck Treasurer

PPOA Commemorative Shelter update:

The Commemorative Shelter is now complete and has a fresh coat of stain on it thanks to Yves DeClerk and family. It looks great. We are waiting for Will Legette to complete the redwood bench and it will hopefully be installed before the snow flies.

Thanks again to Yves DeClerk and family!

Submitted by Richard Thomas



Halloween Fun at the Lodge

October 31



In Memory of John Kracik...

Some you may have heard already, that **John Kracik** passed away Sunday, October 21, 2018 following a long illness. If you never knew John let me tell you a little about him and his wife Alvie.

John and Alvie owned the Mountain Top Bed and Breakfast for well over 20 years and were a part of the very fabric of our Ponderosa community. John was one of the most sincere, friendly, and generous persons you could know. He and his wife Alvie generally went out of their way to welcome new owners, and often hosted get-togethers at their home. John and Alvie were even voted "Mountain Man & Mountain Woman".

John served as our first Acting Fire Chief, and was the driving force behind the founding, operation, and training of our Ponderosa Fire Brigade. He worked tirelessly on community projects and was always available to lend a helping hand.

John and Alvie served on both the PCSD Board and on the PPOA Board of directors. Their handprints are on many of the good things about our community.

I could go on and on about John and Alvie's contribution to Ponderosa but suffice it to say it was a loss when he moved off the mountain and even a bigger loss with his death.

Those of us that had the honor to call John a true friend will miss him dearly.

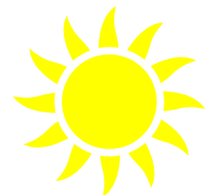
Submitted by Richard & Sharon Thomas



Nothing in Nature lives for itself
Rivers don't drink their own water
Trees don't eat their own fruit
Sun doesn't give heat for itself
Flowers don't spread fragrance for themselves

Living For Others, is the Rule of Nature

*Author unknown
Submitted by Barbara Arnold*



FIRE IN PONDEROSA

On October 16 we experienced a fire in the meadow between Fox Drive and Ponderosa Drive. The fire was started by a local resident discarding hot coals at the edge of the meadow, behind their home on Fox Drive. The fire then began to spread into the dry meadow. A long time resident and local neighbor called 911 but did not alert anyone on the Fire Brigade, which was established in order to implement initial suppression activities until local authorities arrive on the scene. We are lucky we had tree cutters in the area that began to cut a fire line around the fire in order to contain it and stop it from spreading. They did a very good job stopping the spread of fire beyond the meadow.

As mentioned, 911 was activated and the alert went out to the County Fire authorities as well as the USFS. Luckily this communication was heard by a friend of Michelle Gletne, who called Michelle to inquire as to the details and location of the fire. Michelle then contacted Tammi Stewart from the Fire Brigade, and they began to search and find the location within the Ponderosa. They also contacted Brigade members for immediate response. Tammi, Larry Gray and Roby Cope brought the fire truck to the meadow, while Michelle set off the siren and followed the protocol to set the Brigade in motion! Brigade member Mathew Killian heard the siren and went straight to the firehouse to put on his fire gear and ran to the fire to assist. Larry Gray was the truck engineer and operated the panel to produce water to the hose reels on the truck, which we offered the fire authorities on the scene in order to extinguish the blaze. Once this was completed, they began the mop-up and investigation.

I believe we need to help our locals that do not participate on the Fire Brigade better understand how to utilize the assets of the Brigade. If the Brigade would have been contacted initially, we could have had the fire out much quicker and with less damage to the meadow. By simply going to the firehouse and turning on the siren and identifying the location, the subdivision would have been alerted to the problem and a response would have been initiated immediately! We were lucky the tree cutters were on the hill and acted on our behalf in order to isolate the fire until our truck arrived on the scene. Our Brigade members did an outstanding job, even in the face of the aforementioned challenges!

All residents including potential renters need to ensure they do not discard hot coals into the environment! The proper procedure would be to place hot coals into a metal container for at least 24 hours and then ensure all embers are completely out prior to discarding. We are working on a communication to our homeowners that identifies the contact information for reporting a fire and contacting the proper authorities as well as the Brigade.



Please look for more articles in newsletters and on the Ponderosa website regarding how you can help avoid future fire challenges as well as respond appropriately if and when challenges arise.

Dana Stewart
Chief, Ponderosa Fire Brigade

Ponderosa Lodge

559-542-2579

***The Lodge got a new roof recently and is
offering a new menu.
Come check it out!***

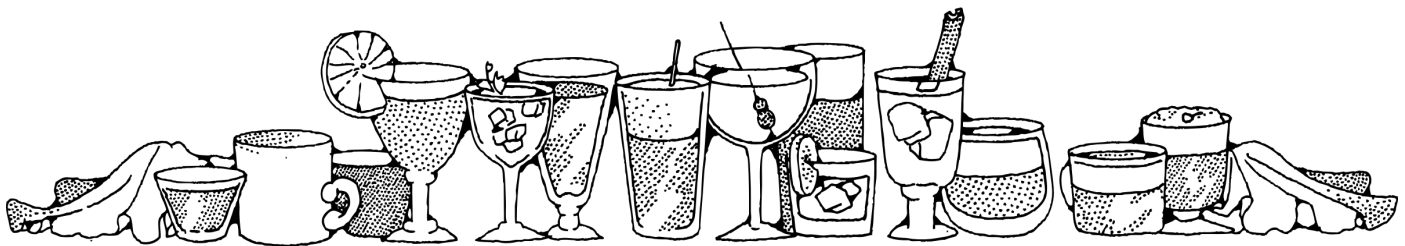


**** *SPECIAL EVENTS * ****



- **Bingo Night—Wed. Nov. 14 at 6pm**
- **PPOA Thanksgiving Potluck—Sat. Nov. 24 at 5 pm**
(Turkey provided)
- **Christmas Party Potluck—Sat. Dec. 22 at 4pm**
(Ham provided)
Bring a White Elephant Gift

- **New Year's Eve Party**
Mon. Dec. 31 starting at 6pm
(appetizers provided by Chef David)
Bonfire to bring in the New Year!



UPCOMING:

PPOA BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, NOV. 25^H AT 10AM

Please join us...
PPOA
Annual Thanksgiving Potluck



Saturday, November 24
5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
at the Ponderosa Lodge

Please bring a side dish or dessert

(Turkey provided)

No host bar will be open!



Ponderosa Lodge
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22
4:00 p.m. til?



Potluck, Singing
and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Please bring a side dish or dessert
(Ham provided)

No host bar will be open!



New Year's Eve Trivia,,,,Did you know???

- Fireworks were banned and thus came into existence the Time Square New Year's Eve Ball that became highly famous for its illumination on New Year's Day. It was in 1907 that the first ball was lighted up, made of wood and iron and weighing around 700-pounds. The first ball was decorated with over a hundred 25-watts light bulbs. Time Square New Year's Eve Ball of today has come to weigh around 11,875-pounds and is 12 feet in diameter. The ball is designed by Waterford Crystal and adorned with nearly 2,668 Waterford crystals. The wartime restrictions became the reason for not lowering the New Year's Eve ball in 1942 and 1943.

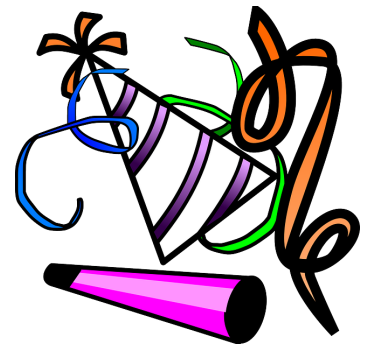
<http://www.123newyear.com/new-year-trivia/>

- The top three destinations in the United States to ring in the New Year are Las Vegas, Disney World and New York City.
- According to this survey, 40 to 45 percent of American adults make one or more resolutions each year. The top New Year's resolutions include weight loss, exercise, quitting smoking and better money management. By the second week of January, 25 percent of people have abandoned their resolutions.

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/hackettstown/new-years-eve-trivia-to-stump-the-party>

- It's good luck to eat foods like black eyed peas, ham and cabbage because it is thought they bring prosperity. But if you want to have a happy new year, don't eat lobster or chicken. Lobsters can move backward and chickens can scratch in reverse, so it is thought these foods could bring a reversal of fortune.

<https://www.ibtimes.com/new-years-eve-facts-trivia-fun-things-know-about-holiday-1523662>



**Ring in the New Year at the Ponderosa Lodge on Monday,
Dec. 31st! Starting at 6:00 p.m!**



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
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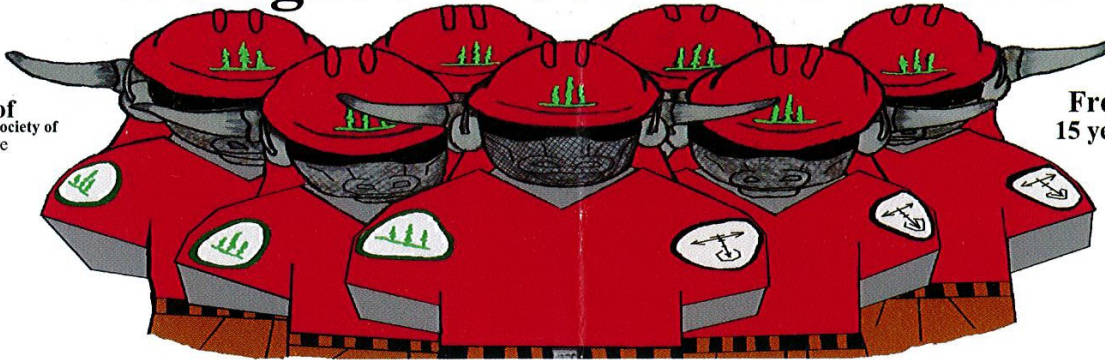
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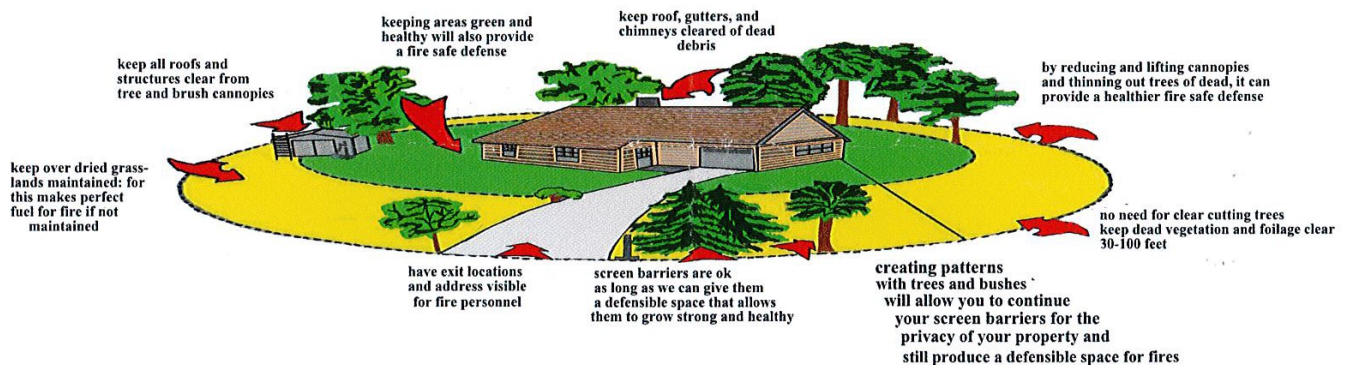
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Grading Drainage Building Sites
Fire Clearance Tree Removal/Haul Away

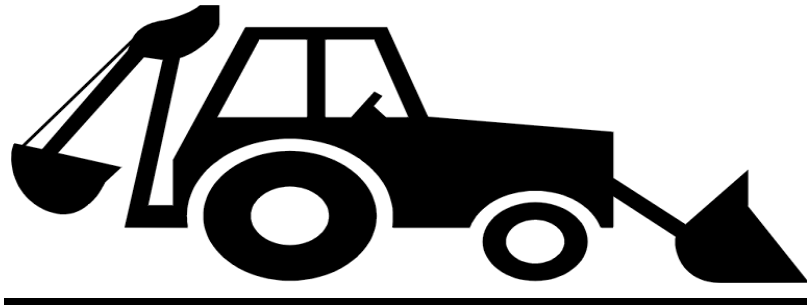
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Name _____

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 for the 2019 year. The cost for a developed lot is \$30 a year **OR** \$15 for an undeveloped lot **due in September** 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

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Home Address _____

City _____

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Mike & Lorna McWilliams
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