



Ponderosa Property Owners' Association

February

Newsletter

2020

President's Message

February 2020

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a good holiday season and are back into a normal routine. We had a wonderful & busy holiday season with family and friends. I heard such positive reports on Ponderosa by many people enjoying the beautiful new snow. The next holidays we will be celebrating are Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day.

Ponderosa community will continue to enjoy the **PPOA Snow Day** again this year on **Saturday, February 15th**. Look for more information in this in the newsletter. Hope you can make it.

In addition, Betty Korf is always keeping a running update of the PPOA Directory to send yearly to the property owners. She needs your email address for you to receive over the computer as we do not mail. Also, 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



Beginning in 2020, the PPOA will not send out paper mailings of the Newsletters. We will still publish a newsletter four times a year with three distribution options:

1. You can "opt-in" to continue to receive newsletters by mail **if you are a PPOA member in good standing**. Please send an email to ppoanewsletter@gmail.com to opt-in or call [661-589-0303](tel:661-589-0303) and leave a message with your name and address.
2. You can go to the www.ponderosaca.com website and "Subscribe" at the bottom of the page to receive notices that newsletters are available online. You will get an email acknowledging your subscription which you will have to confirm. You will then receive an email notification when the newsletter is available and a link to open it. You will also periodically receive notifications of other posts on the Ponderosa website.
3. You can visit www.ponderosaca.com, click PPOA, and follow the links to all Newsletters posted. You will not be alerted when current Newsletters are posted.

Community Events...

The 2nd Annual **Ponderosa Christmas Lights Contest** was held on December 28th. It was a success and we all had a wonderful time, and are looking forward to next year's event. There were 7 entries that participated in the contest. There were 24 individuals/families who went out and judged/voted for each cabin who participated in the contest. The event also included a potluck dinner and the Lodge was full.

This year we had first, second and third place winners. Each received a beautiful carved tree and a gift certificate redeemable at the Ponderosa Lodge. A beautiful plaque was also hand made which is displayed at the Lodge year around and each first place winner's names will be added each year.



This year **First place** went to **Rich & Sharon Thomas** who received \$80 dollars. **Second place**, **Scott & Tara James**, received \$70 dollars and **Third place**, **Dana & Tammi Stewart**, received \$50 dollars. Many thanks to **Rich Thomas** for hand carving each of the trees for the prizes and to **Juana Gray and Rich Thomas** for creating the Winner's Plaque. Thanks also to **Juana and Larry Gray** for organizing the Lights Contest and to the PPOA for sponsoring this fun event.

PPOA Snow Day...For PPOA Members Only *February 15, 2020*



8:00 – 9:00 Belgian Waffle Breakfast at
Lodge \$5.00 (Coffee/Drinks Extra)

10:00 –12:00 FREE Cross-Country Skiing guided event
(Bring your own equipment)

10:00 –12:00 FREE Snowmobile Rides/Snowmobile
guided event (Bring own equipment)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch at Lodge Hot dogs or Burgers
\$6.00 (Drink and Sides Extra)



Ponderosa Lodge Activities

559-542-2579

- **2/2 Super Bowl Bash**—Appetizer Specials
- **2/14 Valentine's Day Dinner**—Call for Reservations (\$45/person)
Ribeye and Garlic Shrimp Special, Plus Dessert!
- **2/15—PPOA Snow Day**— Breakfast and Lunch Specials
 - Join us for **Taco Thursday** Starting 2/6



Also we are adjusting our hours to the following:

Thurs 11am-5pm **Friday 11am-8pm**
Sat 9am-8pm (extended bar hours) **Sunday 9am-5pm**
Monday—Wednesday (call ahead)

Treasurer's Note from Yves DeClerck

Thank you very much to the 77 owners who have responded to our letter by renewing their PPOA membership in January. Thank you also for the many generous donations. We received (more than \$2,800) in support of the fire brigade. If you have not sent your membership dues, it is not too late and the PPOA encourages you to do it. With the support of your membership, the PPOA can contribute, maintain and improve our community to the benefit of all owners.

My Apologies AND Thank You

I recently had a little experience that illustrates the community spirit of Ponderosa that is worth reporting. As I was cross-country skiing in the area recently, I had left my car in the afternoon at the lodge and from there took by ski Needle Rock Road and the trail along Kramer meadow to get back home. I intended to walk back to the lodge with my wife later in the evening, to have dinner there and pick up the car.

I did according to the plan and was home by 4:00 pm. Thirty minutes after that, Larry Gray stopped by to ask if I was there, then Dana called to see if I had returned from my trip. The lodge had alerted them that my car was still there as it was getting dark and they had not seen me returning. They were ready to start a search and rescue operation.

As much as I feel sorry for the trouble I created, I also feel grateful for having experienced the community spirit of Ponderosa. So, again, my apologies and thank you!

Submitted by Yves DeClerck



- **PPOA SNOW DAY – FEBRUARY 15 8AM TO 1 PM**
- **PPOA BOARD MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 10 AM**
- **PONDEROSA FIRE BRIGADE MEETING – MARCH 22 AT 10AM**

Community Information...

Happy Birthday to the Ponderosa twins! (from Kelsey Lane) **Vincent LittleBull** and **Jedediah LongHorn** turned two on January 21st. Vincent, is our sweet and gentle soul and his smile shines bright and fills everyone with light and love. Jed, is our wild and fierce heart that faces the world head on with stars and determination in his eyes. Mama and Daddy love you so much! You deserve the world and the best birthday ever. Happy Birthday babies!



Social opportunity...The Ponderosa Book Club

The book club meets on the last Saturday of each month at the Lodge at 11:00 a.m. There are about 15 members and the reading list is posted on the mailroom window. Several books are chosen ahead of time so members can share a book, have time to use the Library or purchase it from Amazon.



Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to find out what exciting book is being read, please contact **Tammi Stewart** at **(559)542-2218** or tammistew-art26@gmail.com

To place an ad:

email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

Personal ads are free for PPOA members, space permitting.

\$5- Business card

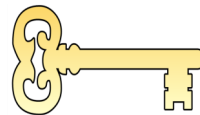
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\$25- Full page \$40- Both sides of page

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

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

ppoanewsletter@gmail.com



Do you want a Ponderosa mailbox? Ponderosa residents interested in getting a mailbox key, please contact Tammi Stewart at: 559) 542-2218

**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)**

A Message from our Fire Brigade Chief David LaPere

The Ponderosa Fire Brigade (PFB) has been active in the defense of our community's homes since its inception in 2007, thanks to the dedicated service of our PFB volunteers. I'd like to take the opportunity in this column to thank all of our volunteers, but particularly **Bill Dolmovic**, **Jimmy Parminter**, and **Rich Thomas**. These members have actively served on the Brigade from the start. Both **Assistant Chief Dana Stewart** and I would like to draw attention to the commitment these men have made to the prevention and the extinguishment of fire in and around our community. For over 12 years they have responded to emergency calls and taken action to ensure our quality of life on the mountain. If you run in to them during your excursions, please thank them for their service.



It is also important to recognize new members to the Brigade; our newest members are **Scott and Tara James**. They are new homeowners in the community and have jumped in with both feet participating in both PPOA events and Fire Brigade training functions. At the last Brigade training, Scott and Tara came up with the idea of a gun raffle for one of our first PFB fundraisers for 2020. The fact that Scott is an FFL dealer only adds to the many benefits of having such active members in our community.



In Spring, we will be working on a project to place pictures of all members of the Brigade, both active and former, on a picture board at the fire house so we can always remember their service to the community. We will also be establishing a Fire Brigade patch, and then starting a fire department patch board to display patches from other departments, which can be traded with ours, bought, or donated. This fire service tradition serves to represent our solidarity with the other fire departments throughout the country.

Since our last report, PFB members have responded to one medical aid call, which entailed both Assistant Chief Dana Stewart and Firefighter Jimmy Parminter caring for a man experiencing a cardiac event until an ambulance arrived to transport him to Sierra View Medical Center in Porterville.

Both Assistant Chief Dana Stewart and I encourage anyone that would like to participate in the PFB to come to **our next meeting on March 22 at 10:00 at the PPOA building**. We would also like to encourage you to donate to the Fire Brigade when you send in your dues for the PPOA Membership, or please participate in our upcoming fundraisers. If you have any fire or PFB related questions you can contact me at dlapere68@gmail.com or just stop me in the street when you see me.

Be safe!

Chief LaPere

Contact information:

Regarding Fire Brigade, please contact Dave
at dlapere68@gmail.com
Regarding Streets and Road Signs, please contact
Julie at juliedp99@gmail.com
Cabin phone number is (559) 542-2452

Guide to Winterizing 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:

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

Reporting a Fire / Medical Emergency

#1 For medical or fire emergency call 911; no exceptions!

#2 Then call 1-866-623-7525. 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”

Full time Fire Brigade residents/Operators

Dana Stewart	542-2218
Tammi Stewart	542-2218
Jim Parmenter	542-2524
Bill Dolmovic	542-8000
Larry Gray	542-2993
Robert Cope	542-2601
Jeff Gletne	542-2415

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

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 ensure 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 then close the door to the stove / fireplace. The steam should extinguish the fire.

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

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

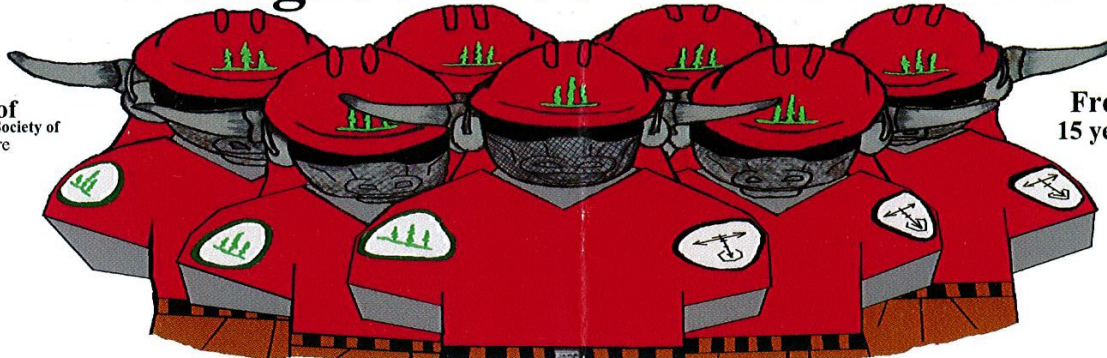
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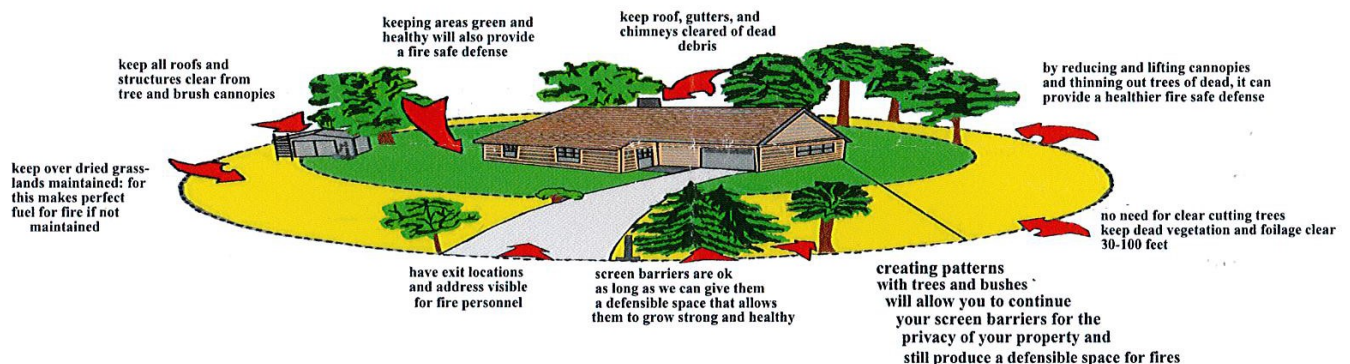
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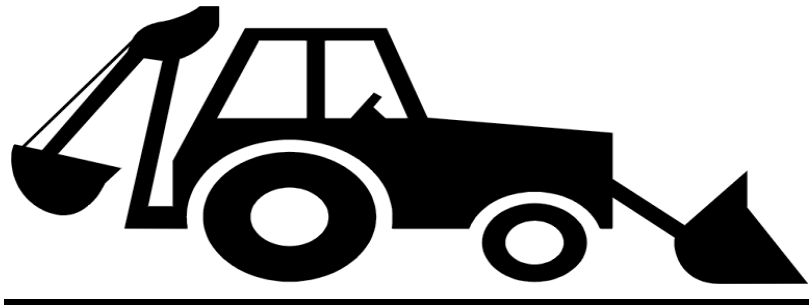
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Name _____

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 for the 2020 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, 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 2020

Name _____

Home Address _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Cabin/Lot Address _____

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OR

☐ Lot \$ _____

Volunteer Fire

Brigade Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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