



THE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

BUTTE MEADOWS & JONESVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE TO OUR BYLAWS

This Association is organized to protect and promote the safety and welfare of the Butte Meadows and Jonesville Community, to create a strong influence for the common good of the community, to provide a parent organization under which other service oriented groups can be organized to benefit all who reside in the community area, to help preserve the community's history and to serve as one of the community's representatives to Federal, State and Local governments as well as other organizations or businesses as deemed necessary.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DOUG CARPENTER

Where is the Verizon cell tower that was supposed to be built on Carpenter Ridge? I have received at least a dozen inquiries from community members about it, and want to give you an update.

In late October of last year, the Butte County Planning Commission approved a minor use permit for “Complete Wireless Consulting, Inc.” to build a Verizon cell tower off Humboldt Road on what is known as Carpenter Ridge near “Little Summit.” Lots of folks are hoping for cell coverage in Butte Meadows. So where is it? The answer has been hard to obtain. Complete Wireless Consulting seems adverse to answering phone calls or emails.

Here is what I have pieced together: Sierra Pacific informed me that Verizon just completed a new tower in Forest Ranch. That tower is part of a chain that includes the proposed Carpenter Ridge tower. The Forest Ranch cell tower is near the school, and I must say it is really cool. It is built to look like a giant fir tree with large metal rods for branches and what looks like thinly cut lacy metal or plastic needles. The top of the tree looks like a needle-covered menorah. Worth a look! (Sorry for the diversion.) Finally I reached someone in the Butte County Planning Department who thinks construction of the Butte Meadows’ tower will begin this spring. Since Verizon’s permit expires in October of this year, they are anticipating an October completion date – but gave no guarantees. I hope this explanation helps.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT: January 1 – March 31, 2017

The following information is submitted by Kim Wessels, Treasurer

INCOME	
Membership Dues	3,475.00
Restricted Donations:	
Emergency Preparedness	650.00
General Fund	775.00
Green Waste Dumpsters	430.00
Web Site / WebCam	1,170.00
Book Sales	65.42
TOTAL INCOME	6,565.42

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EXPENSES

Donation to S.T.A.R.S	250.00
Maintenance of Heli Pad	150.00
January Newsletter	185.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	585.04

Have you filled out and returned your 2017 BMJCA Membership Renewal Form? Thank you if you have. If you have not you can use the form included in this mailing. It’s never too late to renew!

OTHER BOARD MATTERS:

Come to find out that the January Newsletter did not mention an important note from the November 4, 2016 Board meeting. At that meeting BK Brooks made a motion that the outdoor table area at the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire House be named *The Logging Camp Picnic Area* in memory of our area’s history of logging operations. The motion was voted on and passed. The Board directed that an appropriate sign be made and installed, hopefully before the Omelet Breakfast in September.

Speaking of Motions: At the March 17 Board meeting, Jim Sheets made a motion to amend a short section of the BMJCA Bylaws, specifically in the safety section of the Primary Goals. The clause in question now reads “To encourage the creation, maintenance and enforcement of the recommended defensible fire space around all community dwellings and out-buildings.” The amendment would remove the words “and enforcement”. After a short discussion the motion was voted on and passed and will now be voted on at the Annual Association Membership Meeting after the Omelet Breakfast in September. This notice will also appear in the upcoming July BMJCA Newsletter.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The committee has met several times during the last couple of months and is pleased to announce plans for late Spring and Summer activities for all in our community to enjoy. The hope is that the following events will be well attended. So, come on out to meet your neighbors and see your membership dollars at work! **Note: an asterisk (*) indicates an activity NOT sponsored by the BMJCA.**

*** Starting now: Mercantile Potlucks.** Bring a dish and visit with your friends every first and third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm

*** Saturday, May 6 - Community Block Party** Start the summer off at the annual Block Party beginning at 12n at the Maddrill Lane cul-de-sac. Bring a dish to share. We also suggest you bring a chair. Your donation of \$10 per person/\$20 per family helps cover the cost of the band, BBQ and beverages. Call Dave Curtis at 530-873-3252 for more information. As an added attraction, Bob Wessels will demonstrate how to safely operate our recently purchased Safety (Water) Wagon.

*** Saturday, May 27 - All You Can Eat BBQ Dinner** served from 5:00-8:00pm on the back patio at the Outpost every Saturday through Labor Day weekend. The BBQ this year will include brisket, whole hog and chicken. Call the Outpost for more details 530-873-3050.

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***Sunday, May 28 through end of second Deer Season – Sunday Champagne Brunch** featuring hot breakfast items, fruit, rolls, coffee, juice and champagne. Every Sunday 8:30 -11:00am. Call the Mercantile 530-873-5016 for questions.

***Saturday, June 3: 5K Beer, 5K, 10K, Marathon, 50K & 100K Loco Go Adventure** runs in Butte Meadows. Each distance starts & finishes at the Bambi Inn where runners and volunteers can enjoy an all-day breakfast hosted by Joy, 6th Street Center for Youth and The Loco Crew. For more information go to **intrepidadventures@outlook.com**.

Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 - Green Waste Dumpsters: Make your property fire safe. Clean up pine needles, fallen branches and pine cones, and get rid of it all **free of charge** in dumpsters provided by BMJCA. Volunteers will be on hand to help unload. Hours: Saturday from 8:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am – 12:00n at the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire Station. **Green waste only – no trash**. Volunteer helpers are needed. Call Doug Carpenter at 530- 873-3236 or 530-715-4499 if you can help.

***Saturday, June 17 – Chili Cook Off:** Chili competition and live music. Proceeds benefit local Chico Veterans Resource Center. Contact Bambi Inn for more information 530-873-4125.

Saturday, June 24 - Dresses for Needy Girls: If you can iron, rip seams or sew a straight line you can help make dresses for girls living in impoverished countries. All materials provided. 9:00am – 12noon at Betty Volker’s cabin. Call Judy Carpenter at 530-873-3236 or 530-762-1321 for details. If you can, bring a sewing machine.

Tuesday, July 4 – Root Beer Floats: Pick up your **FREE** Root Beer Float before staking out your viewing spot along the parade route. Served 10:00-11:00am at the Logging Camp Picnic Area while supplies last.

***Tuesday, July 4 - Fourth of July Parade** up Humboldt Road sponsored by the Mercantile. Starts at 12noon. Contact the Mercantile for parade entry information 530-873-5016.

***Saturday, July 8 – Annual Wheelin’ with Cops Adventure:** Kids from NV Boys & Girls Club ride with cops, firefighters and four-wheelers on a 4x4 adventure to Colby Mountain. For more information about how you can help contact Mike Maloney at maloneez@hotmail.com or the Bambi Inn at 530-873-4125.

Saturday, July 22 – “Logging, Yesterday and Today”: This topic will be presented by Bill Dennison at 1:30pm in the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire Station. The talk will include a power point history of logging in the Butte Meadows area, the video “Our Story” documentary that Bill created for the Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference and a concluding power point showing present-day logging in the Butte Meadows area. Following the presentation, there will be a refreshments and the dedication of a plaque honoring Bill Dennison and Blackie Gilbert at the Logging Camp Picnic Area.

Saturday, July 29 – Crafts with Cheryl Conery: Bring a large leaf (elephant ear – we mean as big as you can get) to Cheryl’s cabin and transform it into a decorative concrete accent piece for your garden or

cabin. Supply charge is \$15. Bring gloves and wear work clothes. Cheryl's cabin address is 7342 Humboldt Rd – not far from the Butte Meadows campground (phone 343-7703 or 873-1298).

Saturday, August 5 – Butte Meadows and Jonesville Community Potluck: Bring a beverage and your favorite dish to share and enjoy dinner with friends, family and neighbors. The potluck will be held at the Logging Camp Picnic Area at 5:30pm. Remember to bring a lawn chair for circle time visiting.

Saturday, August 12 – Garage Sale: It's time to find those hidden treasures in your basement, attic or storage space! Join us for this every-two-year event at the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire Station. Bring donations on Friday the 11th from 10am to 3pm. Please, no large appliances or clothing. Small to medium sized furniture is welcome. The sale will be from 8am – 3pm on the 12th. For more information call Patti Black at 530-873-6694 or Carol Triolo at 530-873-6772.

Saturday, August 19 – Paint a Beautiful Masterpiece with Chico artist Christine MacShane of Studio 561. She will guide you step-by-step in completing your own work of art in about two hours. All supplies and instructions are included in the \$45 fee. The two-hour class will begin at 1:00pm at 7516 Maddrill Lane. Call Carol Triolo 530-873-6772 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, August 26 – Hike with Bob Wessels: This hike will be about 20 miles for the “fit and fast” from Humbug Summit to Belden on the Pacific Crest Trail. There are shorter hikes within the long one and shuttles will be provided. Bring your own food and water. Places and times to meet will be determined before 8/26. For more information, call Bob at 873-2917.

***Saturday, September 2 – Annual Rib Cook off:** Taste and vote for your favorite ribs while enjoying live music at this annual event held at the Bambi Inn. Proceeds benefit local Chico Veterans Resource Center.. Contact Bambi Inn at 530-873-4125 for entry details.

LABOR DAY WEEKENDThe Most Popular Event Of The Season**OMELET BREAKFAST**

Saturday, September 2 – Chopping Party: Many hands make light work. Stop by the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire Station and lend a hand chopping vegetables and fruit or setting up. Starts at 2:00pm

Sunday, September 3 – Omelet Breakfast: Annual breakfast includes made-to-order omelet or scramble, fruit, muffins, pancakes, coffee and juice. Serving will be from 8:00 to 11:00am. Our BMJCA annual membership meeting will begin at 11am followed by the Prize Drawings and Silent Auction. You need not be present to win. The 2016 BMJCA coffee mugs and history books will also be for sale. This all happens at our Volunteer Fire Station & Logging Camp Picnic Area. Cooks, servers and clean-up crews are needed. To volunteer for a job or crew call Betty Volker at 530-588-8918 or 530-873-7091. Can you donate a drawing prize or an auction item, or sell tickets during the breakfast? Call Casey Sohnrey at 530-893-2517 or 530-873-6694.

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Saturday, September 16 – Crafts with Carol Triolo: This will be a mosaic workshop. The object can be a step stone, flower pot or a small tabletop for the patio. Please call Carol at 530-873-6772 or email her at catriolo@sbcglobal.net with your suggestion. Majority rules. You must bring your own pot or small table. Carol has molds for the step stones. Other materials will be discussed beforehand. The workshop start time will be 10am at 7516 Maddrill Lane.

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

A Notice from Sierra Pacific Industries: Most of you probably read the article in the January *Mountain Messenger* about the suspension of wood cutting permits on SPI lands because some individuals from a nearby community cut standing trees that had been left to support wild life. However, SPI is now considering opening fire wood cutting for Butte Meadows this fall. The area being considered is along Humboldt Road just before one passes the CalFire Station. Interested parties should periodically check with Bill Kelso at the Mercantile since SPI usually entrusts him with the wood cutting permits. This consideration by SPI does not imply that any wood cutting will be permitted after the 2017 fall cutting season. Remember: Do **NOT** cut beyond the designated cutting area and do **NOT** cut standing trees dead or alive.

A Note from our friends in Jonesville: Most likely, some people noticed that any mention of the 2017 Jonesville Stage Coach Days was omitted from the calendar of events on page 4. The reason for that omission is that plans are in the works for some renovations and upgrades on the Jonesville Hotel exterior areas. But the contractors have not yet given a timetable for the work to begin or end. Hopefully a date for that annual fundraiser will be chosen and announced in time for the July BMJCA Newsletter.

Editor's Note: *The following letter was written on March 3 and is addressed to the BMJCA Board and Membership. It tells a poignant story of fond memories. Enjoy.....*

Dear Friends,

We received the BMJCA Annual Membership Form and were prompted to send a message about the transfer of ownership of our Jonesville cabin "Raycraft's Retreat".

After many years and bountiful memories, it became clear it was time to pass the cabin from our stewardship to a new family. Headed by a very nice gentleman from Chico with grown children and grandchildren who live nearby – their love for the Jonesville area runs deep. It was both sad to leave our storybook haven behind us and reassuring that this new family is the perfect match for Raycraft's Retreat.

We are forever grateful that Walt's late Grandparents, Helen and Vince Raycraft, had the foresight to know what a blessing the cabin would be to our family and friends who would enjoy it during the next 60 years. Our little slice of heaven has been a source of joy and a peaceful, friendly place to spend our recreation time. Poignant memories of sitting by the warming fires, fishing in the creeks and streams, mountain biking down the fire roads, climbing the watchtower, the 4th of July Parade, end of summer Pancake Breakfasts, BBQ and Burger Baskets at the Outpost, quick-stops to the Tank House for supplies, peaceful walks, and **of course...***the endless maintenance tasks*, will be among our fondest memories.

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We look forward to future trips to visit friends old and new and enjoy the fresh mountain air. Enclosed is our membership form (so we can stay on the newsletter list) along with our donation to the fund – given in the name of our late, beloved brother Greg Wellsfry. Although we are no longer owners, Butte Meadows-Jonesville and our friends there will forever occupy a special place in our hearts.

Thank you for all the memories!

Sincerely from our hearts to yours,

[Signed] Leslie and Walter Wellsfry, our sons Chase and Will Wellsfry, Ralph and Marilyn Wellsfry, the late Greg Wellsfry, his widow Natalie and children Sarah and Matthew Wellsfry.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

There are three 911 Emergency Phones in the Butte Meadows / Jonesville area: at The Bambi Inn on the front porch; at the Volunteer Fire Station on the outside wall by the bulletin board; at the Jonesville Snow Park on the outside wall of the equipment shed.

There are two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) located at the Mercantile and the Outpost for CPR emergencies.

There are 4 First Aid bags stocked with a good supply of items for use by anyone in the area who is responding to an emergency. The bags are located at the Outpost, the Mercantile, Kathy Ferguson's house, 7590 Humboldt Road, across the road from the Outpost and in Bob Wessels' pump house located at 7553 Humboldt Road.

SPRING AND SUMMER HOURS AT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Bambi Inn

Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 11am until closing
Summer Hours: Wednesday – Monday, 11am - close. Closed Tuesdays

The Mercantile

Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 11am – 6pm
Starting May 1: Open daily; Weekdays, 11am-6pm, Weekends, 8am-7pm

The Outpost

Hours: Thursday, 4pm for dinner; Friday, 11am – close; Saturday / Sunday, 9am - close

Check out the Friday dinner specials and the weekend breakfast specials.
Look for new Summer hours starting in May.

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