THE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

BUTTE MEADOWS & JONESVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MAY 2019

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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NOTICE

The Butte Meadows & Jonesville Community Association is a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity Organization. The tax identification number is 68-0031274. All donations to the BMJCA are tax deductible as permitted by law as long as no goods or services are provided to donors in exchange for their contributions.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MIKE MALONEY

With memories of the Camp Fire still fresh in our minds, and the 2019 wildfire season now upon us, it is more important than ever that we realize the potential for such conflagration to befall our beautiful Butte Meadows and Jonesville communities. There are a number of steps we can all take to prepare for the fire season and to be ready if a fire happens here. Here are some things to remember and some suggestions:

1. Remember that effective May 1st, burn permits are required. They may be obtained at any Butte County/CAL Fire station. Also, it must be a permissive burn day, as determined by the Butte County Air Quality Management District (www.bcaqmd.org, 530-332-9407 for Butte County residents, or toll free 1-855-332-9407).

- Burn hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 am
- 4' x 4' is the maximum size a burn pile may be
- 10' of clearance to the soil must surround the pile
- An adult must be in attendance
- There must be a means of extinguishing the fire immediately available (hose, bucket of water, tools, etc.)
- Only dry vegetative waste grown on the property may be burned

2. Speaking of burning, we don't want anyone's home or property in Butte Meadows or Jonesville to burn. And each of us as property owners are in the position to minimize our own risk, as well as risk due to exposure from neighboring properties. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we do what is necessary to clear 100" of defensible space around our homes as is required by law. It is recommended that a clearance of 30' immediately surrounding your home is most critical, and that fuels in the remaining 70' (or to the property line) be reduced by creating spacing between plants. It is additionally recommended that all build-up from needles and leaves be removed from roofs and gutters, that tree limbs be trimmed at least 10' from chimneys, and that dead limbs which hang over any roofs be removed. Finally, the law also requires a screen over your chimney outlet of not more than ½" mesh. By taking these steps, we can help to reduce our likelihood of significant damage if subjected to fire.

3. If you have not yet registered for the Butte County Emergency Mass Notification Code Red system now is the time! To do so, go to the web page for the Butte County Office of Emergency Management (www.buttecounty.net/oem) and follow the red mass notification link on their home page.

4. While you are on the web page for the Butte County Office of Emergency Management, this is a good time to take a look at the link to "Disaster Preparedness" at the top of their home page. Of particular note are the links to the Forest Ranch/Butte Meadows evacuation plan and evacuation map.

5. A key to surviving wildfire is preparation. Prepare your property ahead of time in case you are not here if a fire strikes. If you are here, know what it is that you need to get out of your home if it becomes necessary to evacuate. Know and familiarize yourselves with the various assembly points and evacuation routes from Butte Meadows and Jonesville. Insure that your family members and guests know what to do in the event of a fire. Have a method or means of staying informed in the event of an emergency and if the power is out.

We know from our collective experiences with the Camp Fire that it *is* highly possible Butte Meadows and Jonesville could be struck by wildfire. By taking some of these steps we can be better prepared to respond if such an event occurs. So, be prepared, stay safe, and have a fantastic summer season in the mountains!!

BMJCA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1 – April 22, 2019

Beginning Balance		**71,137.32**
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	3,700.00	
Member Donations:		
Emergency Preparedness	600.00	
General Fund	702.00	
Green Waste Dumpsters	480.00	
WebSite/WebCam	1,250.00	
TOTAL INCOME	**6,732.00**	
EXPENSES:		
Emergency Preparedness	462.50	
Office Supplies	77.52	
Postage & Delivery	144.00	
State Taxes	179.27	
Utilities	144.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**1,007.29**	
Ending Balance		**76,682.03**

ACTIVITIES - 2019

At the last Board Meeting, on April 22, the members solidified the list of our 2019 activities. Read on to see what activities you would like to attend. Those activities beginning with an asterisk (*) are NOT sponsored by our BMJC Association.

Saturday, May 25, Memorial Day Weekend: Following tradition our "season" begins with another history lesson entitled "John Bidwell: Overland to California, 1841". Join your neighbors and maybe some guests for a journey across the West on the Oregon Trail. Our local history buff, Dave Nopel will give a presentation using images and written accounts of Mr. Bidwell's crossing America on his way to California. The program will begin at 2:00 pm at the Butte Meadows Volunteer Fire House next to the Logging Camp Picnic Area.

Friday, June 7: Volunteers will be welcomed to help rake pine needles around the Volunteer Fire House and Picnic Area. Please bring your own rakes and pitchforks. The "Party" begins at 10:00am

Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9: It's GREEN WASTE DUMPSTER WEEKEND! Bring your pine needles, cones and branches that have fallen during the winter months to the Fire House and fill up the dumpsters absolutely FREE as voted on by your Board of Directors. Schedule: Saturday from 8am – 4pm and Sunday from 9am – 12Noon.

(*) Saturday, June 29: The Block Party, 12Noon – 5:30pm at the end of Maddrill Lane. Bring a side dish or dessert and anything out of the ordinary you may want to drink. Some drinks will be provided.

(*) Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day Parade sponsored by the Mercantile. Floats and other entries check-in at the Mercantile between 11:00 and 11:30am. Floats and other entries line-up at Bambi Inn and Scout Road by 11:30am. Parade begins at 12n. Like last year there will be a free give-away of popsicles to youngsters and oldsters alike by members of the Board.

Saturday, July 6: A new adventure known as the Wet Meadow Walk. Orchids, shooting stars, sun dews should all be out to greet the participants on this trek. Everyone will meet at the Jonesville Snowmobile park at 10am. Important Note: The Walk will be about 2-3 hours across wet uneven ground. Wear water shoes, or shoes that can get wet to over the ankles. A walking stick would be helpful, as would water, lunch or snack and a sun hat. For more details call Betty Volker 891-7091

Saturday, July 13: MIND VACATIONS THROUGH PAINTING *"Big Sky / Sweeping Landscapes"* with Amber Palmer MA, MFT. First session: 10am – 12n. Lunch break. Second session: 1pm – 4pm: Continue painting with individual instruction and encouragement. $40.00 Registration. All supplies included. For information: amberpmft@sbcglobal.net, 899-8401. Location: Volunteer Fire House

Saturday, July 20: Annual Town Hall Meeting with Supervisor Doug Teeter and other Civic Leaders. More information will be available at a later date.

Saturday, July 27: "Dress-A-Girl" sewing party at the Volunteer Fire House from 9am – 12n. For more information and to register, call Judy Carpenter @ 873-3236 or Patti Black @ 873-6694.

Saturday, August 3: Community Potluck: Last year 55 neighbors from Butte Meadows and Jonesville gathered at the Logging Camp Picnic Area for this annual event. Bring a side dish or dessert and meet your neighbors. Festivities begin at 5:30pm. Call Patti Black @ 873-6694 for more information.

Friday & Saturday, August 9 & 10: Our FAMOUS biannual Garage / Yard Sale: It's time to find those hidden treasures in your basement, attic or storage unit. Join us for this BARGAIN BASH event at the Butte Meadows Fire House. Donations will be accepted on Friday from 10am to 3pm. PLEASE, no large appliances or clothing. Small to medium sized furniture is welcome. The sale will be on Sunday from 8am – 2pm. Half-price or more bargains begin at 2pm.

Saturday, August 17: "Paint & Sip" some wine with artist Christine MacShane at 5:00pm. Participant fee is not yet determined. Contact Carol Triolo by phone: 873-6772 or email: catriolo6157@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 31: The annual pre-Omelet Breakfast **Chopping Party** ALWAYS begins at 2pm at the Volunteer Fire House. Volunteers should bring a chopping board (we have very few on hand) and a sharp knife to chop veggies and fruit. No need for volunteers to register, just show up.

Sunday, September 1: The annual and even historic fund raiser and community get-together known as the **OMELET BREAKFAST** will open at 8am and close at 11am at the Volunteer Fire House and Logging Camp Picnic Area. Ticket prices for this family friendly fundraising event will be the same as last year: $12 for adults and $6 for youth ages 5-12. Children age 4 and under are free. The customary drawing, silent auction and annual BMJCA Membership Meeting will follow the breakfast. Volunteers should call Mike Maloney (521-8115) or Holly Parker (990-6643) or Patti Black (873-6694) or Bill Pritchard (413-0077) to choose your time-slot or one of these tenacious Board members will call you!

Saturday, October 12: Starting at 10am come and help plant 2000+ more daffodil bulbs to beautify our community. Meet at the Mercantile. The bulbs are provided by our Association and the sweat (in October ???) is provided by the volunteers! Wear gloves and bring your favorite digging utensils. Plant in October for April/May blooms!

Speaking of daffodils, the following comes from Board member BK Brooks:

A Splash of Yellow

"Fields of Yellow" paint Butte Meadows way

This splash of color lasting even into May

The petals they rustle from a foraging Jay

In the springtime warmth the visitors say

"Oh those daffodils down Butte Meadows way!"

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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 Bambi Inn, the Outpost, the Mercantile and Bob Wessels' pump house located at 7553 Humboldt Road.

The safety water wagon is housed at Liz & Dario's garage next to the Outpost from November 1 to April 31. From May 1 to October 31 it is on Bob Wessels' property.

SPRING AND SUMMER HOURS & EVENTS AT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Bambi Inn

Hours: Beginning Memorial Day Weekend:
Open Wednesday – Monday, 11am - ? Closed Tuesday

Events: Saturday, June 15: Veterans Chili Cook-off
Live music by "Looking 4 Eleven"

Saturday, June 29: After Block Party-Party
Live music at Bambi Inn by Driver"

Saturday, August 24: Mud Hens Extravaganza
Live music by "Driver"

Saturday, August 31: Veterans Rib Cook-off
Live music by "Looking 4 Eleven

The Mercantile

Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9am – 7pm
Friday & Saturday: 8am – 7pm
Sunday: 8am – 5pm

Events: Sunday Champagne Brunch begins May 26th
Fourth of July Parade and Celebration – 12n
September 1 & 2: Arts & Crafts Show

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The Outpost:

Hours: Summer schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend.
Thursday, May 23 – Monday, May 27
May 29 – End of Summer: Wednesday – Friday, 11am,
Saturdays & Sundays, Breakfast at 9am.

Events: Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Brunch, 9am – 2pm with live music

Saturday, May 25: First Saturday Night BBQ 5-8pm with live music.
The Brisket is back, Baby! Plus ribs, chicken, salads & sides.
Continues every Saturday night through Labor Day

Sunday, May 26: Summer Season kick-off Luau with whole roasted
pig, live music, dancing and more

Sunday, June16: Father's Day BBQ, 11am-4pm with live music
July 4-7: Independence Day Celebration Weekend. BBQ, live
Music and good family fun all weekend

Saturday, July 18: Chico High School Reunion, All classes, all ages.
If you graduated from Chico High join us for an afternoon
Panther Pride!

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for schedule and weather updates, further events, Music and more: https://facebook.com/The-Outpost-Restaurant-and-Bar

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Your BMJCA Board values the input of Association members. If you have a compliment or gripe, a suggestion or observation, please contact one of the Board members listed on page 1 and your concern will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

- Jim Sheets, Editor