



THE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

Butte Meadows & Jonesville Community Association

JULY 2020

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

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MIKE MALONEY

Hello Butte Meadows-Jonesville Friends and Neighbors!

To say the last few months have been crazy with all of this COVID stuff going on would be an understatement... but even with all that is happening (and all that isn't!) your BMJCA Board of Directors has still been hard at it, albeit in isolation or at an adequate and masked social distance, making things happen for the betterment of our little slice of Heaven. Here's some of the things that have been going on:

BMJCA Newsletter

Beginning with this edition, the Association newsletter The Mountain Messenger will be delivered/transmitted via e-mail instead hard copy via U.S. Mail as we have done in the past. There are a variety of reasons for this, including; 1) Preparation and processing of the hard copies is quite labor intensive; 2) Copying and collating is expensive; and 3) Postage for mailing is expensive. The Board felt strongly that with there being a number of other ways to share/deliver the newsletter mailing hard copies was not a good use of the Association money, which comes from YOU! So, how will one obtain/view the newsletter? Each time it is published, there will be a hard copy posted at the volunteer fire station on the bulletin board, hard copies will be available at the Bambi Inn, the Mercantile and the Outpost, it will be available on the BMJCA web page (bmjca.com), and it will be shared on Facebook on the "Butte Meadows/Jonesville Property Owners" page. The decision to handle the newsletter in this manner was not taken lightly by the Board. There was lots of discussion that took place, and ultimately it was our consensus that discontinuing the mailing of hard copies was more efficient and a better use of the members' money.

Community Center

Since the Omelet breakfast in September 2017, following an informal poll of BMJCA members present, the Board has been discussing the concept of establishing a “community center” for Butte Meadows-Jonesville. After extensive discussion, which included review and analysis of multiple options, reflection on history and consideration of a whole myriad of issues, the Board has adopted a final position on this issue. It is our position that the BMJCA should work to refine and nurture the relationship with Butte County Fire and Volunteer Company #10/24, and work together to jointly maintain and utilize the current volunteer fire station for our mutual benefit. Taking this position essentially brought us to a revisit of the reason for establishment of the BMJCA and the construction of the volunteer fire station, originally. By working together for the greater good of the community, the limited funds of the BMJCA could be utilized to help maintain and improve the fire station, volunteer labor from the community could be utilized and leveraged, and the Fire Company and the entire community ultimately derive benefit. As improvements would be of smaller scope and project based, this would also allow for maintaining a treasury balance that would help to kick-start or fully address other initiatives which may come to the attention of the Board and which fall within the purview of our reason to exist. We have considered what is reasonable, costs – both initial and ongoing, the likelihood of raising significant funding, ongoing physical maintenance and operations, and looked at that all in the context of what realistically and actually occurs up here in Butte Meadows/Jonesville. It is our perspective and strong feeling that this the appropriate direction for the BMJCA to take. As we have been entrusted by you as your Board to take actions we deem most appropriate for the greater good of Butte Meadows/Jonesville and the BMJCA, absent any other specific request for Board action, it is our intent to proceed as I have described. I prepared a detailed letter for the membership which lays out our discussion, the options considered and our conclusions and recommendation. As it is too long to include in the newsletter, for those who are interested in taking a look it will be available on the BMJCA web page under “Information.”

Omelet Breakfast Postponed

As it seems that the COVID pandemic and the associated restrictions on social contact will continue for the foreseeable future, the Board has made the difficult decision to postpone the Omelet Breakfast until next year. When we discussed the possibility of responding adequately to the restrictions associated with food service, we realized very quickly that for the greater good we should not hold the event this year. Our greatest priority as we discussed this was the health and well-being of our residents and friends in attendance, and this helped to cement our decision.

Annual Membership Meeting

The BMJCA Bylaws require that at least once a year a meeting of the full membership be held. Historically, this has been done in conjunction with the Omelet Breakfast. Since the Omelet Breakfast is not being held this year, the Board has decided to hold a “Dessert Social” on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 2:00PM at the home of Bob and Cory Davis, 7501 Maddrill, Butte Meadows. This event will be different in that we realize that

there will not be nearly as many people in attendance, so social distancing will be much easier in the Davis' yard. The event will be from 2 to 5, with the Annual Membership Meeting taking place at 3:00PM. Our Bylaws require at least 25 members to be present for a quorum, so it is hoped we will at least have that many in order for us to conduct our brief meeting. Realizing that conditions in relation to the COVID pandemic are ever-changing, if there is a need to reschedule this event or make other arrangements for an annual meeting, we will let you know.

BMJCA Communications

The Board has been discussing ways that we can communicate with the membership other than via the newsletter. As we did so, we quickly realized that the formats are available and we just need to make better use of them. What are the formats (besides the newsletter)? Well, first of all, we have the BMJCA web page (BMJCA.com). The Board commits that we will make greater use of that format to communicate issues of a routine or "information only" nature. Our web page also allows us the ability to access a tool for mass e-mailing of the membership (those with e-mail addresses). Although we will use this now for sending out the newsletter, we do not want to make it too much of a habit because we are aware that too many e-mails in one's in-box can get bothersome, if not overwhelming! The other format we will use, which is already used informally by many community members, is our local Facebook page, "Butte Meadows/Jonesville Property Owners." This page is not private for BMJCA members only, and is already utilized by many for informal sharing of information up here. Members are encouraged to view the web page and Facebook periodically for updates, and to utilize Facebook in particular if you have anything communication-wise you wish to share with our friends and neighbors.

Marketing

We have ordered a new supply of Butte Meadows/Jonesville coffee mugs in a couple of different colors (stand-by to be surprised!), and we will post a notice as soon as we receive them and they are available for sale. Also, we are working on developing some ideas for BMJCA/Butte Meadows-Jonesville T-shirts, which will also be sold as a fundraiser for the Association. As with the mugs, we will post a notice to let you know when the shirts are available. Finally, we still have limited copies of the BMJCA published "A Little Corner of the West" book, which provides some neat history of Butte Meadows/Jonesville. Those are available for \$50 each. Contact a BMJCA Board member of you would like one.

Weather Station

I'm sure many have noticed that with the move of the BMJCA camera from the Outpost to the volunteer fire station, the weather station component is no longer in service. We are working on getting something up and running as soon as possible, and hope to have something in place before our next Winter season.

Camo Pages

Some of you may recall that we once had a local directory of Butte Meadows/ Jonesville residents that was known as the “Camo Pages.” As the last version of this is many years out of date, we are working on trying to get a new and current version put together. Our primary source for contact information is the membership forms you submit for your annual BMJCA membership. If you do not wish to be included in the directory, please be sure to so indicate when you submit your membership form.

Membership Forms

If you did not receive a BMJCA membership form, or you have not submitted a form for 2020, you can access blank forms on the BMJCA web page under “Membership.”

Antique Logging Tool Display

You may not be aware, but several years ago the BMJCA came to be in possession of a collection of antique logging tools. In keeping with the BMJCA goal, as indicated in our Bylaws, to “...help preserve the community’s history,” we have been working on development of a plan to display the tools next to the Diamond Match Cabin at the volunteer fire station. It is envisioned that we will have a side-opening weather tight storage container with exterior features to make it look like a Diamond Match Cabin. Inside, the tools will be displayed on the walls and doors. This project is going to be undertaken by the son of one of our newest residents, who is working on his Boy Scout Eagle Award. His name is Kenny Estes, and he will be working closely with the Board to bring this project to fruition.

Well, that’s it for now. My most sincere best wishes to you all. I hope that you stay sane and healthy with all the craziness we have going on in the world. As I’m sure you already know, I have learned and greatly appreciate, one of the best places in the entire world to be socially distant and to have peacetime is right here...in our little corner of the West!!

Best regards,

Mike Maloney

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Activities update:

Summer is here-and welcome back to the mountains. Also congrats to locals for surviving another winter. Aren't we lucky to have a cool place to go? Our roads make nice walking paths to allow our 6 foot social distancing and a great place to visit with our neighbors.

Activities:

Meals on Wheels has had an increase in clients and are in need of placemats. Placemat size is approximately 12-18. If you are willing to make a placemat or 3 call Betty Volker for details and drop off point. They are also having request for face mask. Betty 873-7091.

Note-There maybe other **non**-BMJCA events and activities listed in the BMJCA newsletter.

Betty Volker
Activites Planner
Home #345-0806
Or email: bettyinchico@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

A number of recent incidents in the Butte Meadows-Jonesville area, and the quick and efficient responses by first responders has prompted me to share a few things about our local volunteer company. Butte Meadows has had a volunteer fire company (Company #10) since the early 1980s. At some point, membership dropped significantly, and the Company was combined with Forest Ranch Volunteer Company #24. Now, with membership from Butte Meadows and Forest Ranch, there are a total of 13 members in the combined Company. Four of those members are Butte Meadows cabin owners: Ren Wakefield, Dave Purvis, Kathleen Purvis and Blake Weber. Participating in two trainings per month, the volunteers are highly trained and prepared to respond to fires, medical emergencies, traffic accidents, vehicle extrications and other dangerous situations.

In the January edition of the Forest Ranch Post, the Volunteer Fire company strongly suggested that all resident have clearly visible address signs that can be seen from the road. If you do not have one, you can get them from Company #24. An application to obtain one can be downloaded from:
www.forestranchcommunityassociation.weebly.com .

Some members of the Butte Meadows – Jonesville Community have been discussing the idea of developing a presentation for the Late Summer/Fall of 2020 on the history of the Butte Meadows Volunteers and the construction of the volunteer fire station. The idea and hope is to include current volunteers, people who were involved in the original founding of the Company and community members who helped in construction of the fire station. If you have any historical photos or information about the Butte Meadows Volunteers, or would like to participate in developing this historical program, please contact BMJCA Board members Mike Maloney or Barbara Mann.

CALENDAR OF MOUNTAIN EVENTS

August

- August 22, 2020 at 2:00PM at the home of Bob and Cory Davis, 7501 Maddrill

A BLAST FROM THE PAST - POSTPONED TILL 2021



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT THE OMELET BREAKFAST

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

There are two 911 Emergency Phones in the Butte Meadows / Jonesville area: at The Bambi Inn on the front porch and at the Jonesville Snow Park on the outside wall of the equipment shed. The phone at the volunteer fire station is no longer connected.

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 AT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Bambi Inn We officially start our summer hours memorial weekend which means we would start Friday , May 22... we are open every day at 11 AM except for Tuesdays ,we are closed.

The Mercantile Will remain as 8-5ish, 7 days a week.

The Outpost Closed pending additional information.

Diamond Match Historical Logging Tools Display

Thanks to a large donation of historical logging tools by Rob Hanford the BMJCA is preparing a permanent display near the Diamond Match Historical Cabin (which has been recently renovated thanks to community volunteers). The plans are that this display is created sometime by 2020. It will show off various logging tools which have been identified by Bill Dennison, (no easy task even for a person raised at the camp). These tools will show off the ruggedness and outright ingenuity of their design and purpose, bringing out a living history for the viewer. It will be erected in a manner that

will compliment and mimic the style of the Diamond Match Historical Cabin yet supply a safe and secure area to keep these interesting logging tools. If you have any related logging tools that you are willing to donate, feel free to contact BMJCA after we have this display up. Also if anyone has any genuine Diamond Match bunk beds (steel and spring construction) you would want to donate let us know by contacting any board member. Volunteers to help with this project are always welcome and the construction is being headed up by our President Mike Maloney.

-BK Brooks

Green Waste Procedures (2020)

We suggest Please wear your facemask or bandana when outside your vehicle. You will need to unload your green waste yourself, so bring helpers if you need assistance.

Bring any tools you want to use for unloading your green waste.

There is an important change this year: You will enter the Volunteer Fire Station through the upper (northernmost) entrance. You will then be guided to an available dumpster.

After unloading your green waste you will leave out the lower exit.

Reminder. There will be another green waste event this fall, [October 10](#) and 11.

A note from BCFD Company 24:

It is with heavy hearts we share the news of the passing of our fellow Forest Ranch/ Butte Meadows Fire Company member Ren Wakefield. Ren passed on June 16th while enjoying cabin time. Ren was so very instrumental to our community over the years in numerous capacities—volunteer firefighter, BMJCA board member and Boy Scout Camp volunteer to name a few. A long-standing goal of Ren's was to get seating at the helipad-pad for use during emergencies. Through community donations we will make this happen in honor of Ren. If you would like to donate towards this memorial checks can be made out to FRVFD Station 10. Comment line—Ren.

Forest Ranch Fire Dept
P.O. Box 13, Forest Ranch CA 95942-0013

If you have questions please email Dave Purvis: Dave@purvisconsulting.com or call 228-8935.

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Annual Membership Form

2020

The **BMJCA** is organized to protect and promote the welfare of the Butte Meadows-Jonesville communities and to present a strong influence for the common good of all members.

Annual fees are \$20 per membership. Families may have multiple memberships @ \$20 per member. Membership term is January 1 through December 31 of each year.

- **Voting Membership** – property owner or resident of Butte Meadows/Jonesville. Must provide a cabin or local BM/JV address otherwise membership will be considered a Non-Voting Guest Membership
- **Non-Voting Membership** – guest membership for non-residents or non-property owners

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cabin Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cabin Phone _____

Email _____

Do you want to be included in a BMJCA Membership Directory? Yes No (circle one)

Enclosed is my check for:

BMJCA MEMBERSHIP..... \$20 x _____ \$ _____

Additional Donations (optional):

Emergency Preparedness \$ _____

Green Waste Clean-up dumpsters\$ _____

Website /Weather Station & Camera \$ _____

General Fund (Community Projects, Events, Programs, etc.) \$ _____

Make check payable to: BMJCA CHECK TOTAL \$ _____

Mail check and this form to: 7601 Humboldt Rd, Forest Ranch, Ca 95942