

Butte Meadows Jonesville Community Association Newsletter-December 2024 Newsletter
Mountain Messenger

The Winterfest Celebration at Butte Meadows Mercantile was a huge success again this year. The caroling started with the ever popular song, "Santa Claus is coming to Town." While I wasn't there to witness the karaoke contest, word on the mountain is that McKenzie and the Tanabe Cousins won hands down! The prize is a \$100.00 gift certificate to **Butte Meadows Mercantile & Resort**! Check out their performance live on Facebook. For more information: 530-873-5016

Winter Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 9am to 5:00 ish



<https://www.facebook.com/TheButteMeadowsMercantile/videos/1661088337955946>

Food and drinks galore were served and a fun time was had by all!



Note: The Mercantile is sold out of Christmas tree permits. Purchase one in Chico or at Zavattero's in Forest Ranch before heading up the hill to Butte Meadows.

Meanwhile just down the road at the Bambi Inn.....



The Christmas Tree Donation was well-received and many families cut an extra Christmas tree to donate to families in need.

Northstate Motorsports provided a trailer for tree donations for one day and then coordinated with the Salvation Army to connect with families.

The Bambi Inn is decorated for the holidays



Ugly Christmas Sweater and Karaoke Contest on December 21, 2024

For hours and information call [\(530\) 873-4125](tel:5308734125)

Camera and Weather Station update

The current weather station has stopped working and as the equipment is over 15 years old a new replacement will be installed. This will allow for the 24 hour a -day weather info to be provided has been BMJCA's mission. The installation of the equipment will take place as soon as possible.

The camera continues to function well. There is still the problem of correctly covering the cable from the camera to the building. Next year after things dry out the work can start to secure the cable correctly. The camera provides a vital function allowing anyone to view the road condition in front of the fire station

GMRS Radio

I'm sure by now you have all heard or seen the postings on Facebook about GMRS radios for emergency communication on the mountain. A GMRS repeater was installed on top of Carpenter Ridge, which allows anyone with a GMRS radio to communicate throughout the Butte Meadows/Jonesville area. The GMRS radios are not only for emergency communications. They are a great way to keep in contact with your family and friends as you enjoy our outdoor activities.

You can purchase two 5-watt (BAOFENG UV-5G) radios for less than \$40 on Amazon. You will also need to obtain an FCC license to use the GMRS radios, which costs \$35 for a ten-year license. (A license good for everyone in the household) Once you purchase radio(s) you will need your GMRS radio to be programmed to the repeater, but there is plenty of people on the hill that can help you with that.

WINTER CHECKLIST

Winter: A good time to remember your home can be the source of a fire as well as the victim of one. As it is also a cooler period, winter is the season to do projects that may require the use of power tools.

INSIDE Keep anything combustible at least 3 feet away from fireplaces and other sources of home heat.

- Blow out candles when you leave the house and before you go to bed. Set a reminder on your phone if needed. Consider using battery-operated candles in place of open flames.
- Extension cords or power strips should not be used to plug in portable heaters. Be sure your fireplace has a secure glass or metal screen to keep embers in.
- Don't leave portable heaters unattended; turn them off while away and overnight.

OUTSIDE

- Inspect your roof for gaps and missing shingles. Hire a chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney.
- Inspect your siding, repairing any gaps where embers could get in.
- Enclose your eaves with non-combustible material. Review and practice your home evacuation plan. Your driveway is your evacuation route.
- Clear vegetation 10 feet wide and 14 feet high on both sides.

A PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECT BY BUTTE COUNTY FIRE/CAL FIRE



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

Also proudly serving the Cities of Oroville, Biggs, Gridley, and the Town of Paradise

NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Duty PIO
530-521-8265

RELEASE DATE: Monday
October 28, 2024

Butte County Burn Permit Suspension to be Lifted

Butte County-- Effective Friday, November 1 at 8 am, the burn permit suspension in Butte County will be lifted. CAL FIRE Butte Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current burn permits may now resume burning on permissible burn days. All CAL FIRE burn permits are issued annually and can be obtained online at burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/ or through your local jurisdiction at bereadybutte.com/burn-permits/.

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of the declared fire season. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and the chance of winter weather have begun to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissible burn day prior to burning. Visit <https://bcaqmd.org/> or call 855-332-9407 (residential) or 855-332-9406 (agricultural) for burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations.

Residential Pile Burning Requirements

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles, and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood, or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to the pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is always required to be in attendance of the fire.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal, and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov, and the Be Ready Butte website at <https://bereadybutte.com/>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jim Conery, jimconery1@sbcglobal.net, 530-343-7703

Vice-President: Kevin VanderVelden, Kevin.VanderVelden@enloe.org

Treasurer: Jenny Keen jennykeen@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Melissa Gebicke: gebickemelissa@gmail.com, 530-514-3303

BOARD MEMBERS:

Debbie Adams, debbieadams.chico@gmail.com

Michael Reynolds, Michaelr6464@yahoo.com

Jon Wrynski, dinobuilder62@gmail.com

Sue Hancock, hancocsm@icloud.com

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: CALL 911

Watch Duty Fire App

<https://www.watchduty.org/>

Local radio for news and information

KPAY 93.9 on the FM dial

www.kpay.com

Go to their website, download the app from the app store.

If cabin owners need help getting this information or downloading the app, others can assist.

Battery operated radio at the cabin to use when the power goes out. It can be plugged in when using it normally, to save the battery life. Get an “**old school phone**” to have on hand in case the power goes out and there is no wifi available.

<https://www.starlink.com/us>

Starlink's standard residential service includes unlimited data for \$160/mo. and equipment fees range from \$599 to \$2,500 depending on the plan.

INSTALLATION: Curtis McMaster of Forest Ranch has been recommended by a number of cabin owners **530-965-3558**

Emergency medical bags are available at the Butte Meadows Mercantile, The Bambi Inn and the Jonesville Hotel: The kits include first aid supplies, bandages, **NARCAN** to use in case of an overdose and a **Defibrillator** to use in case of a victim with a heart issue.

We asked our board members to share some stories about Butte Meadows & Jonesville...

Hancock's Haven

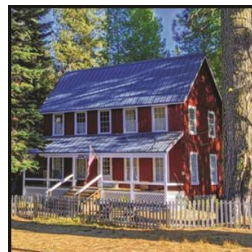
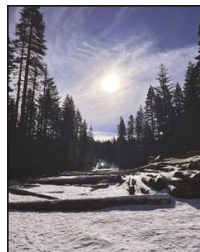
My name is Cole Davin and I'm a grandson of Sue Hancock. She owns a Cabin up in Butte Meadows that I've loved visiting ever since I was a child. There are so many things that I love about the area, the local businesses, the landscape, the community, all of it. The natural surrounding creeks and hiking areas are great for fishing or just getting out there and enjoying nature. I enjoy going out to the water with my cousin on our bikes to go fishing. The community is kind too. I don't think I've met a mean person in Butte Meadows yet. The locals are friendly and helpful, often more than willing to help give you directions if you're lost or advice on the best places to go fishing. Once when my cousin and I were out we were having some problems with our lines getting tangled and a band of off-the-clock firefighters helped us to untangle our lines before going off about their day. Their kindness and willingness to go out of their way to help us has stuck with me as a core memory. The local businesses are great. I find myself going to the local shops not just when I'm in need of quick supplies but also to shop and relax, especially the Mercantile, with its cozy interior and convenient array of items to buy. The owner is kind and patient; I loved the environment both inside and out. The fun decorations around holidays are a treat as well, frankly, I wish I never had to leave when vacations end. All in all Butte Meadows is a beautiful place full of kind people and gorgeous scenery that I'm not sure I would be able to live without.

EXERPS FROM A SMALL CORNER OF THE WEST

In the Beginning

The McGann and Cussick families are credited with the early settlement of Butte Meadows. The developed area of Butte Meadows (later known as the Davis Tract) was purchased by James J. and Mary McGann from the Central Pacific Railroad on April 25, 1877. Less than a year later, Henry P. McLaughlin opened a Post Office for Butte Meadows. The presence of the post office marked the formal recognition of the community's existence. This community feature stayed in business until April 1967 when it was closed and mail services moved to Forest Ranch.

The name "Butte Meadows" was given to the area by James McGann. This was in 1900. Up until that time "The Meadows" was the name used for the area.



Properties for sale in Butte Meadows & Jonesville



Patrick Riley
Kind, quality service to help achieve your goals.
patrick.riley@c21selectgroup.com
Office: 530.588.6593
State Lic: 01417492



Active • Single Family Residence

\$399,500 ↓

21418 Skyway Rd • Butte Meadows 95942

93 days on the market

2 beds, 2 full baths • **2,000 sqft** • **11,326 sqft lot** • **\$199.75/sqft** • **Built in 1994** Listing ID: SN24171506

Highway 32 to turn off on to Humboldt Road towards Butte Meadows. Right at Bambi Inn/Skyway, house is on your left.



7952 HUMBOLDT ROAD
BUTTE MEADOWS, CA 95942



OFFERED AT \$299,500
2 BED | 2 BATH | 964 SQFT.

PRESENTED BY LAURIE MALONEY
530-518-1616 | @LAURIEMALONEYREALTOR | DRE#01310705



Putting on events for Butte Meadows and Jonesville can be very work intensive. Many long time members know how events were planned “back in the day” and we are hoping to tap into that knowledge. If you can help with a specific event that would be great. We are looking for people to join the board. If you are interested in being a board member please reach out to one of the board members. Thank you to the current board