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The snow has nearly all melted away, and all roads are now driveable. The season brought an incredible amount of rain and an average amount of snow to Wilsonia. All that water, mixed with the debris from some late season tree removal, has left a considerable mess in many areas. Additionally, the debris caused many culverts to become clogged, which resulted in run-off down and across many roads. Some roads are in need of repair, and Tulare County has been notified that we are in need of extra time and materials this year.

Please be a diligent cabin owner and good neighbor and make an early and concerted effort to clean your property. The extra moisture we received will help us by delaying the extreme fire danger, but the additional fuels need to be cleaned up soon, before the hot summer sets in!



The 9th annual Black Pot Cook-Off is on June 17th.
Start planning and practicing your recipes now.
Details of the event in the next newsletter

Summer 2017

Take notice of a few changes to the Calendar this year. First, we removed the Memorial Day Potluck; instead, plan on spending that time with family and friends after a hard day of cabin clean-up. Please come back the following week for the WAT-NPS presentation at 10 am, and in the evening, a Potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by a Buck Rock Foundation presentation.

Returning on July 3rd, after being on hiatus for many years, is the Wilsonia Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt. Stay tuned for more details. The season ends with a special Centennial Kick-Off event. Please read the article on page 2 and respond with your ideas and comments on the Centennial survey (also available on Facebook).

Of course, the **Quilters and Crafters Retreat** is still on - read the insert for more information about this very popular event. And the Cabin Tour is back again! Read on:

Let's Do Two in a Row

There were some owners who said they could not wait another year to have their cabin on the tour... so let's do one this summer instead of waiting till next! This year's **CABIN TOUR** will be on Saturday, August 5th. Please let Jean Faszholtz or Neal Mixer know if you are interested in opening your cabin for this outstanding event.

New Restaurant to Open Soon

Delaware North Corporation, the concessionaire for Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP, announces the late May opening of the brand new Grant Grove Restaurant. This 7 million dollar investment will provide visitors and locals with exciting new dining options. The restaurant will offer a full breakfast menu from 7-11 am. After breakfast, until 10 pm closing, many affordable sit down and "grab and go" options will be available, including burgers, wraps, sandwiches, salads and pizza. After 4pm, additional daily dinner specials will be added to the selection.

The restaurant features local & sustainable agricultural items, and offers California wines and local bottled and draft beers. The beautiful dining room seats 80, with 40 more seats on the deck overlooking Bradley Meadow.

Upcoming Events:

May 18th - Thursday

WAT Meeting 3:30 pm

Provost & Pritchard - Visalia

May 27th - Saturday

WVI Board Meeting 2 pm

Fire Meeting 3:30 pm

May 28th - Sunday

W.H.A.T. Hike 8 am

Duck Race 3 pm

June 3rd - Saturday

WAT Presentation 10 am

Potluck 6 pm

Buck Rock Presentation 7 pm



Community Clean-Up

We are piloting a community clean-up day in coordination with the NPS Fire Crew. On June 10th, we are calling on able bodied volunteers to join us in helping clean the village in some identified "hot spots". Lunch for volunteers will be served. Please contact Ty Parkinson or Neal Mixer to volunteer.

The NPS dump will be open for yard debris on weekends in June. All other times, obtain a key at the Visitor Center. Please, only natural yard debris, branches, leaves and needles are allowed at the dump. No trash or trash bags are allowed!



There is plenty of water this spring in our local streams, so we have pulled out our little yellow floaty friends for the Wilsonia **Duck Race** on Sunday, May 28th at 3 pm. Please bring the kids and head on up to the "Billy Goat Gruff" bridge at Lily and Hazel. The entry fee for this wet and wild race is "a buck a duck". Prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners of each race.

In Memory of

Barbara Cornell

and

Francis Preston

Wilsonia friends and neighbors
who will be dearly missed.

Wilsonia's Centennial: Just Around The Corner

As we all prepare for a new cabin season, plans are already underway for next summer. Many of you know that Wilsonia was originally founded in 1918, when Andrew D. Ferguson began to subdivide the land and named it Wilsonia. In recognition of our Village's history, we invite you all to join us and celebrate Wilsonia's 100th birthday in **2018**.

The Wilsonia Centennial Committee (Sara DeJager, Jean Faszholz and Neal Mixer) is beginning preparations for a full summer of celebrations, including some new events and the return of old Village favorites. While these events are still in early planning - and we still have the full summer of 2017 to enjoy - there are three things you can do to help us now:

1. Save the date. The centennial celebrations will be centered on:

Wilsonia Week, June 30 to July 7, 2018

Plan to bring your family and spend a week up in the mountains. We'll kick things off with our 2018 Black Pot Cook Off, enjoy our 4th of July celebrations that Wednesday, and throw a special birthday party for our Wilsonia.

2. Send your ideas. We are sending out a survey with this newsletter and on our Facebook page. What events would your family be interested in attending? What Centennial merchandise (available fall 2017) would you like to buy? Send us your thoughts and suggestions to make this the best celebration possible.

3. Donate. As we celebrate our first 100 years, we are looking forward to the next 100. We are hoping to launch a service project and remodel the Clubhouse bathrooms this year. This will only be possible with the support and generosity of our community. If you are able, please consider donating through our website. If you cannot donate money, consider donating your time! Get in touch with a Board Member if you would like to help organize an event.

Garbage Service resumes May 15th

Garbage service for *paid* Wilsonia Village members begins soon. Now is a good time to talk about how we can keep the cost of the service down, have enough space for everyone's garbage, and help prevent having a bear situation.

Please, use the dumpsters only for the daily trash and garbage from your cabin. Please use trash bags (to help keep the smell and mess under control) and compact them as much as possible. Do not throw empty boxes, or large items in the bins. This takes up a lot of space and prevents others from having a place to dispose of their garbage. Do not use the dumpsters for disposal of ashes, remodeling or building materials, furnishings or cabin clean-out refuse.

Thanks for your cooperation!

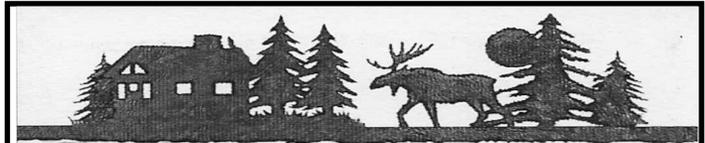
WVI Winter Meeting

The WVI Board Winter Planning Meeting was held on Sat., February 25th at the office of Provost & Pritchard in Visalia. Business discussed at that meeting:

- Wilsonia Advisory Team and WHDT Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Planning of Events for 2017
- Clubhouse maintenance, including bidding for restroom improvements. Clubhouse opening.
- Wilsonia Centennial 2018 initial planning.

After the meeting, the Board and guests in attendance enjoyed a potluck lunch and some time to catch up. Thanks to Dick Moss for providing the meeting space.

The next meeting will be on Sat. May 27th at 2pm at the Clubhouse. Wilsonians are always welcome to attend. Following the meeting (at appx. 3:30 pm) the Wilsonia Fire Committee will have its first meeting of the summer.



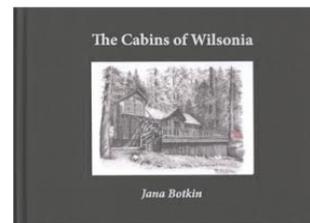
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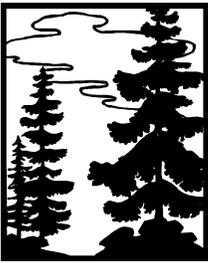
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Summer 2017 - Calendar of Events

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

Sat. May 27	2 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
	3:30 pm	Fire Committee Meeting
Sun. May 28	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike - Destination TBA
	3 pm	Wilsonia Duck Race - Lily and Hazel Lanes
W-F May 31-June 2		Clubhouse Rental - EMS Training
Sat.-Sun. in June	8 am - 5 pm	Yard Clean-up Weekends
Sat. June 3	10 am	Advisory Team-NPS presentation
	6 pm	Potluck Dinner
	7 pm	Buck Rock Foundation Presentation
Sat. June 10	8 am - 5 pm	Community Clean-up - Wilsonia & NPS Fire Crew
	12 pm	Lunch for Workers - at the Clubhouse
Sat. June 17	2 pm	Black Pot Cook-Off - Hazel Lane
Sat. June 24	2 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
	3:30 pm	Fire Committee Meeting
Sat. July 1	1-8 pm	Silent Auction
	6 pm	Potluck
	7-8 pm	Silent Auction concludes
Sun. July 2	3 pm	Wilsonia Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt
Mon. July 3	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike #2
Tues. July 4	11 am	Independence Day Parade at the Visitor Center
	1:30 pm	Ice Cream Social - Dick & Mel Peters Hosts
M-S July 10-15	All Day	Quilters & Crafters Retreat
Sat. July 15	1 pm	Advisory Team meeting in Wilsonia - location TBA
Sat. July 22	All Day	Clubhouse Rental - NLC
Sat. Aug. 5	10 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	1-4 pm	WHDT Cabin Tour
	6 pm	WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck
	7 pm	Annual General Meeting
Sun. Aug. 6	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike #3
T-Th Aug. 8-10	All Day	Clubhouse Rental
Sat. Aug. 19	12 pm	Advisory Team / NPS community lunch - Masonic Picnic Area
Sat. Sept. 2	7 pm	Wilsonia 2018 Centennial Kick-Off Event
Sun. Sept. 3	8-11 am	Pancake Breakfast - Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$3
	1 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Mon. Sept. 4	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike #4

Watch the website, Facebook page and emails for updates to the Calendar



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Bear Tech at
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