

# WILSONIA TIMES

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~early summer edition~

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Though not unprecedented, it was still a delightful surprise... Wilsonia got a little snow on Sunday night, June 11th. After a cold morning and some early afternoon rainfall, a storm blew back in at 9:30pm, dropping over an inch of snow in just under an hour. Monday morning revealed a beautiful blanket of white on everything, which quickly melted away. This weekend brings back typical summer temperatures, just in time for our Black Pot Cook-Off.



**The 9th annual Black Pot Cook-Off**  
**This Saturday, June 17th.**  
**Cooking begins at 2pm, Dinner at 6pm**  
*If not cooking, please bring a salad or side dish*

### Community Clean-Up - Helpers Needed!

We are piloting a community clean-up day in coordination with the NPS Fire Crew. On June 24th, 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. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact:

Ty Parkinson at 559-638-6176 or teebars@yahoo.com  
or Neal Mixer at 559-246-7963

One priority of the day will be those areas most impacted by the hazard tree removal, but we are also interested in helping those that are experiencing a hardship in getting their defensible space cleared around their Wilsonia property. If you require assistance in getting your property cleaned and/or the debris removed, please contact us. We require that you be at your property on clean-up day, and also ask that you assist in the clean-up if you are able, or alternately, make a donation to the Wilsonia Fire Committee.

Did PG&E leave a hazard tree mess in your yard? Read the info on page 2

Remember: June is Yard Clean-Up time. Please clear the defensible space around your cabin as soon as possible. All property owners are required to comply; fire inspections will take place in early July.

The NPS dump will be open, and the gate unlocked, for disposal of yard debris during the month of June. Please close the gate behind you as you enter and exit. Please, only natural yard debris, branches, leaves and needles are allowed at the dump. No trash or trash bags are allowed!

### WILSONIA SILENT AUCTION

This annual event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds brought in from this fun evening allow the Village to provide services and maintain and improve the Clubhouse by supplementing the treasury beyond what your annual cabin dues bring in. The auction will take place on Saturday, July 1st. You may begin viewing and bidding on items at 1pm. The auction closes one section at a time between 7 and 8pm.

Please donate to the Silent Auction. We are looking for new or lightly used household, yard and deck/patio items. We especially appreciate baked goods, produce and hand crafted one-of-a-kind items. Please bring your donated items to the Clubhouse, or contact:

Sheri Parkinson at 559-259-9581 or Uschi Hamm at 559-287-4803

**Please join in the fun... attend the potluck and auction on July 1st.**

### Upcoming Events:

#### June 17th - Saturday

Black Pot Cook-Off  
at Hazel Lane and Laurel

#### June 24th - Saturday

Community Clean-up  
8am to 5pm

WVI Meeting 2pm

#### July 1st - Saturday

Silent Auction 1pm

Potluck Dinner 6pm

Auction concludes 7 to 8pm

Please check out the calendar on page 3



The **WHDT Cabin Tour** is on the schedule again this summer for Saturday, August 5th. There were some owners who said they were ready to open their cabins for this year's tour; Jean Faszholz will be contacting you. But we still need some more! If you are interested in opening your cabin for this outstanding event, contact:  
Jean Faszholz at 510-910-2855 or  
Neal Mixer at 559-246-7963.

### Potluck and Buck Rock Presentation

The small group that attended on the evening of June 3rd had a great time and got treated to a very interesting program on fire lookouts. Thanks so much to Buck Rock Foundation President Kathy Allison, Director Wendy Garton, and co-directors Brent and Marsha Iden for coming to the Wilsonia Clubhouse to share about this vital program dedicated to preserving lookouts for fire detection, education and historic preservation. Please plan to visit the lookouts, support their foundation, and consider joining their docent program.

www.buckrock.org

Welcome to New Cabin Owners

**Alfred and Kimberly Oaxaca**

on Cedar Lane

and

**Lyell and Carley Metcalf**

on Willow Lane

### Wilsonia's Centennial 2018

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.

If you haven't already, please fill out the survey that was included with the last newsletter and available on the website. 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.

### **Hazard Tree Removal**

Due to a high tree mortality in the past few years, there has been a greatly increased effort to remove hazard trees all over the Sierra Nevadas. Locally, in Grant Grove and Wilsonia, this has been done primarily by contract crews working for PG&E: Trees Inc. and Mario's Tree Service. This was a massive effort during the late summer and fall, and will continue this year. If you have questions about hazard trees still standing on or near your property, contact ACRT. Make sure you have your address and cross streets, and a location of the tree, as well as any identifying numbers and letters (if tagged).

If you have trees down on your property, PG&E has a debris management program that should assist you with their removal. All other concerns related to hazard trees or excessive fuel on NPS lots can be directed to John Ziegler, Kings Canyon NP FMO. Additionally, Denise Robertson of the NPS can answer questions regarding the NPS/PG&E policy on hazard tree removal in Wilsonia and the National Park.

ACRT - Hazard Trees: Caitlin (559) 800-2381

PG&E Debris Management Program:

Hannah Long (559) 341-8371 or

Shane Coons (530) 227-0973

John Ziegler: (559) 565-4337 or john\_ziegler@nps.gov

Denise Robertson: (559) 565-3105 or

denise\_robertson@nps.gov

**Wilsonia garbage service** is only for use by **paid** WVI members. So as to not overload the bins and in order for all paid members to have access to this service, please follow these rules:

**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 Board Meeting**

The first meeting of the season was held on Saturday, May 27th at 2pm at the Wilsonia Clubhouse. Business discussed:

- NPS Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Review of upcoming events for the 2017 season specifically July 1st Auction and July 4th Parade
- Discussion regarding PG&E and Hazard Trees
- Fire Committee Report - Water Tanks
- Clubhouse maintenance, including bidding for restroom improvements and replacement of broken toilets
- Advisory Team Report
- Wilsonia Centennial 2018 report

The next meeting will be on Sat. June 24th at 2pm at the Black Pot Cook-Off location (Hazel Lane north of Laurel). As always, Wilsonians are welcome to attend. We are here to serve the community and want to hear from you.



### **PAUL FINCK CONSTRUCTION**

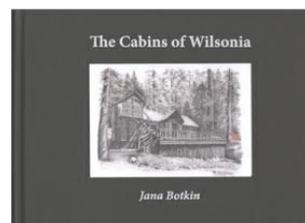
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### **CABIN FOR SALE**

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(559) 352-9891

[tathiesen@msn.com](mailto:tathiesen@msn.com)

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# ***WILSONIA VILLAGE***

## ***Summer 2017 - Calendar of Events***

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

<b>Sat. June 17</b>	<b>2 pm</b>	<b>Black Pot Cook-Off - Hazel Lane</b>
<b>Sat. June 24</b>	<b>8 am - 5 pm</b>	<b>Community Clean-up - Wilsonia &amp; NPS Fire Crew</b>
	<b>12 pm</b>	<b>Lunch for Workers - at Hazel Ln north of Laurel</b>
<b>Sat. June 24</b>	<b>2 pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting - at Hazel Ln north of Laurel</b>
<b>Sat. July 1</b>	<b>1-8 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Potluck</b>
	<b>7-8 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction concludes</b>
<b>Sun. July 2</b>	<b>3 pm</b>	<b>Wilsonia Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt</b>
<b>Mon. July 3</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>W.H.A.T. hike #2</b>
<b>Tues. July 4</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Independence Day Parade at the Visitor Center</b>
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social - Dick &amp; Mel Peters Hosts</b>
<b>M-S July 10-15</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Quilters &amp; Crafters Retreat</b>
<b>Sat. July 15</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Advisory Team meeting in Wilsonia - location TBA</b>
<b>Sat. July 22</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Clubhouse Rental - NLC</b>
<b>Sat. July 29</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Fire Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 5</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	<b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>WHDT Cabin Tour</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck</b>
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>Sun. Aug. 6</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>W.H.A.T. hike #3</b>
<b>T-Th Aug. 8-10</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 19</b>	<b>12 pm</b>	<b>Advisory Team / NPS community lunch - Masonic Picnic Area</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 2</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Wilsonia 2018 Centennial Kick-Off Event</b>
<b>Sun. Sept. 3</b>	<b>8-11 am</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast - Adults \$5, Children (12 &amp; under) \$3</b>
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
<b>Mon. Sept. 4</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>W.H.A.T. hike #4</b>

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

### **The Wilsonia Amazing Race & Scavenger Hunt**

It's back! After several years' hiatus, the Race will take place on Sunday, July 2nd at 3pm. This event is for the whole family (though the very young may tire). Teams will race around the village, round-robin style, following clues, reading maps, searching for special items and competing in fun and challenging activities. Each team will need to have a digital camera (like the one on your phone). All those participating will receive refreshments and prizes. The winning team will receive a special prize package.

Save the date, and keep an eye on the Wilsonia Village Facebook page for more information on this amazing event.

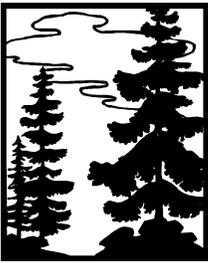
### **June 3rd - Wilsonia Advisory Team Presentation**

Thanks to the Advisory Team members, and Woody Smeck, Denise Robertson and Ned Kelleher of the NPS for presenting the WAT 2017 work plan which includes:

- Architectural Guidelines for the Historic District
- Process and progress on the 11 NPS owned cabins
- Maintenance of NPS property in Wilsonia

Superintendent Smeck spoke about the state of the park, and noted that the maintenance backlog has been cut nearly in half. He reiterated his support for communities like Wilsonia. He also shared about his visit with new Interior Secretary Zinke, who has a special bond with our area, as his mother was a Hume Lake cabin owner.

The next WAT meeting is July 15th in Wilsonia.



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## ***SERVICE CHANGE REQUESTED***

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### **Bear sightings, problems or questions?**



Please contact  
the KCNP  
Bear Tech at  
**(559) 565-4258**

*- Please -*

*Be a considerate neighbor and  
help protect the native wildlife in  
Wilsonia and in the Park*

*Keep all pets on a leash or secure  
at your cabin at all times*

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