

WILSONIA TIMES

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~COVID-19/Wildfire Edition~

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A note from the editor:

As this newsletter goes to print, massive wildfires are ravaging the Sierras: the Creek Fire to the north and the SQF Complex Fire to the south. Both Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks are closed down. While neither fire is an imminent threat to our area, they are a continued reminder of how vulnerable we are. The most important thing we can do as a Village is to work together to make Wilsonia FireSafe. Please be very careful! It only takes one errant spark or careless act to have disastrous effects.

The summer off from community events has meant there was little news to report. It has also allowed me to focus on some needed cabin maintenance and spend more time with my family. My apologies for the lack of printed news updates. Hoping this newsletter helps to catch you up on what's been happening in Wilsonia.
Sincerely, Neal Mixter - Editor

Wilsonia Village Inc. Board Business

The Wilsonia Board held its planning meeting on February 22nd. At that time the restroom project was discussed and the calendar for the summer was developed. Shortly thereafter, COVID-19 changed all our plans.

At first, as a precautionary measure, Memorial Day and June activities were canceled. We started to develop a modified schedule with scaled down activities and social distancing.

The Board held its first summer meeting, using Zoom video conferencing on Thursday, May 28th. At that meeting, due to the changing nature of the county and state guidelines, it was proposed and unanimously approved to cancel all events for summer 2020. A notice was sent out and posted on social media and around the Village.

On July 31st, the Wilsonia Village Board of Directors voted to extend all current members' terms for one year. This decision was made due to the cancellation of all events for the summer, including the annual General Meeting, and the difficulties of conducting a fair election remotely. Like many organizations, the WVI bylaws do not address what we should do if a public health emergency prevents us from holding an election as scheduled. We believe that this one-time extension is the best way to keep Village operations running smoothly this year and protect the health of our community. Elections will resume with the next General Meeting in 2021, when two board seats are up for election.

On Saturday, September 19th, the Board met again using Zoom. At that time, the resignation of Linda Montgomery from the Board was officially announced. In accordance with our bylaws, a replacement Board Member was appointed. Susan Stocking Harper was appointed to the board to replace Linda until the next election.

As is required, Officers for the following year were voted on at this meeting. Chuck Burgin volunteered to assume the office of President in the absence of Linda. Katie Wilson Padrick was selected as Vice-President, and Mary Anne Smith and Neal Mixter will continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The WVI Board will meet again, hopefully face-to-face, for the winter planning meeting on February 27, 2021.

Upcoming Events:

October 9 Friday - tentative
Garbage Service Ends

February 27, 2021 Saturday
WVI Winter Planning - 11am
location TBA

2021 Summer
A Very Hopeful Return to
Community Events

If you have suggestions for
events for 2021, please
contact a Board Member



Changes Coming to the Times

Part of the challenge of producing a community newsletter is getting the news and information in a timely manner and asking contributors to adhere to certain writing guidelines and word limits. Additionally, it is quite a process to format, edit, trim or add filler to create a publication of this specific size. For these reasons, this is the **last printed edition of the Wilsonia Times.**

We are transitioning to a digital format that will allow for easier, more frequent and timely publications. This format will provide for the ability to vary the length of the included features and news articles, and allow for photos. With this change we hope to allow for more contributions from community members, including a series of historical articles. Plus, this format will provide for active links to important outside information and contacts, such as NPS updates.

We ask that you continue to follow the Facebook page for deciduous (changing) information and updates, and refer to the website for evergreen (unchanging) information. Look for a new Wilsonia Times during the off season.

Welcome to new cabin owners
Trisch Deehring and Joe Atman
they bought the Pearson Cabin
at 83653 Park Road

Clubhouse Restroom Project

During the fall of last year, the Clubhouse restrooms were demolished and the building was expanded to build two new accessible restrooms. We had hoped to have a unveiling party to show off the results of your donations to this long overdue improvement project. But, due to the cancelation of Clubhouse events, viewing them (and using them) will wait until summer 2021.

The project was completed with a final price tag of \$23,185. The combination of general fund donations, earmarked donations and fundraising events during 2017 and 2018 netted \$25,718. The extra funds were returned to the general fund and \$550 of that is being used currently for a much needed Clubhouse floor refinishing.

A tremendous THANKS to all of you in the Village that made this project possible.

Farewell and Thanks to Linda & Max! We will miss you!

Max and Linda Montgomery will be leaving Wilsonia. Here is a portion of the letter she gave to the board.

"I have been coming up to Wilsonia since 1945 and owning a cabin since 1958. I have spent my summer months playing in these woods, worked up here in the old Wilsonia Lodge and the Kings Canyon Lodge. Our Cabin has been a constant in my life and has seen love and tears, joy and laughter and great memories.

With this being said I am giving you my resignation as a member on the Board... the reasons are personal. My family has decided to sell the cabin to our cousin Susan and Phill Higgins, so that it will be staying in the family. They are a sweet couple from Los Oso and have both just retired and will love the cabin as I have. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandkids so lots of laughter will be coming from that place. Please welcome them to the Community. Susan has been coming up to Wilsonia since she was about 3 years old and loves this place.

Max and I will miss all the friends that we have made over the years and hope to see you at a future time. All our love and successful best wishes to board, friends and community. Keep Wilsonia a constant in your life".

- Max & Linda Montgomery

Changes in the NPS

Woody Smeck is now a NPS Deputy Regional Director, stationed in San Francisco. The region covers 60 national parks in 8 states. In this position, he will supervise the Superintendents in southern and central parts of that region. Woody was a great supporter of Wilsonia during his tenure as SEKI Superintendent from August 2013 to June 2020. We are sad to see him go, but know he will be a greater advocate for the management of the National Parks in his new role. Woody is replaced by Clay Jordan, who has served in the NPS for 35 years, most recently as Deputy Superintendent at Great Smoky Mountains NP.

Tom Parrack, former acting Kings District Ranger has moved on to Utah, to Dinosaur National Monument. He is replaced by Chris Waldschmidt.

Welcome to both Clay and Chris!

WVI Finances... at a glance

As of 9-19-2020

CD Account	\$8796.81
Savings Account	\$8747.79
Checking Account	\$888.48

The major WVI expenses are garbage disposal service \$800.98 monthly (May-October) and annual Clubhouse Insurance of \$6000.35 (due on October 18).

Please help us pay our bills by paying your annual dues.

See page 3 for more information.

Calling all volunteers: there are always opportunities to get involved and help our community.

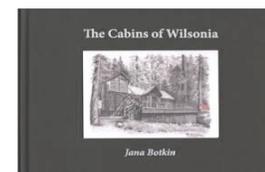
- 1) Wilsonia Community Fire Clean-up. Although we did not have an organized clean-up day. There are always cabins that need extra assistance getting limbs and needles removed to the park dump. We are all in this together when it comes to wildfire. Please as a community talk to your neighbors and work together to keep Wilsonia Fire-Safe.
- 2) Clubhouse front deck refinishing. We are getting the Clubhouse floor refinished this fall, but the front deck is also in need of maintenance. If you have experience or time and energy, contact us and let's get it done this fall or early next summer.
- 3) Fire Committee members needed. The Fire Committee needs members to work on issues and projects to help keep our community safe from wildfire. Chuck Burgin has volunteered to head the committee this coming year. We are looking for young Wilsonians to be part of this group.

Please contact any Board Member if you can volunteer.

Thinking of improving or remodeling your cabin? Please consult the **Wilsonia Architectural Guidelines** developed by the WHDT. The purpose and intent of these guidelines is to expedite the permitting process for construction, repair and renovation of cabins, and to maintain the historic status of cabins in Wilsonia. Copies of the guidelines are on the WVI or WHDT websites.

Personal note: the Guidelines helped me streamline my reroofing project. I was able to get NPS approval and a permit in just under two weeks. Contact Elle_Boerke@nps.gov to get started. - Neal

The Cabins of Wilsonia
A look at 21st century cabin life



Hardcover, 176 pages, 9x12"
273 drawings, many quotes from cabin folks
\$75, including tax - now \$50
Available from Neal Mixter or www.cabinart.net

Thanks to all the Wilsonia Cabin Owners that proactively mailed a check or paid their annual dues online. We did not publish a Newsletter Dues Assessment Request for 2020. The payment period (according to the Wilsonia Village Bylaws) is October of each year for the coming year. With that in mind, for convenience, and if you haven't done so already please pay retroactively for 2020 and pay now for 2021.

Annual dues are the primary source of income for Wilsonia Village Inc. and allow us to have garbage service, maintain and insure the Clubhouse, and costs associated with the website and ENS for Wilsonia cabin owners.

Please fill out this form and return it along with your dues check.

Donations beyond \$75 gladly accepted and appreciated!

WILSONIA VILLAGE INC.

2020 and 2021 DUES ASSESSMENT TIME

Please mark which year (or mark both) you are paying for

2020 \$75 ___ **2021 \$75** ___ **Extra Donation** ___ **Total enclosed** ___

Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Cell Phone # _____

City, State, Zip _____ Other Emergency # _____

Email address _____ Name/relationship _____

Cabin Address _____ Wilsonia Phone # _____
(or cell phone that has service in Wilsonia)

Are you the owner? _____ Other owner or co-owners name (for cross reference) _____

_____ Please take me off the mailing list

_____ Additional email subscriptions (please list on separate sheet)

Make Check payable to WILSONIA VILLAGE INC. — the canceled check is your receipt.

Mail to: **WVI c/o 1118 S. KLEIN AVE. REEDLEY, CA 93654-3720**

Dues can also be paid online at www.wilsoniavillage.com - select the "shop" tab

We are here to serve you - what activities or events would you like to see in the future?

Are you interested in helping? Hosting a potluck? Helping with an event?

Comments Please! Attach sheet(s) with this form

Reminder about the Wilsonia Dumpsters

The dumpsters are only for the use of PAID Wilsonia Village members. Please use the dumpsters only for your daily trash and garbage. There is not sufficient room for disposal of cabin discards. Items such as tarps, toilets, TV boxes, etc. take up room that will not be available for use by your mountain neighbors. PLEASE be considerate neighbor and share the dumpsters! Compact all trash as much as possible and please latch the bins! Never leave any items outside the bins.

***Bears** are currently active in Wilsonia, one broke into a cabin on Friday the 18th. Let's help our local wildlife stay wild. Please keep all food and food scented items securely inside cabins and garbage put in the latched garbage bins.*

Cabin For Sale
83793 Lily Lane
1 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath
Modern & Fully Furnished
 contact owner
559-638-9802
559-908-1013

Cabin For Sale
83664 Willow Lane
between Lilac and Lily
 contact agent
Billy Lovewell
559-287-1896

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Ash Mountain	NPS District Office	www.nps.gov/seki	(559) 565-3341

EMERGENCY ** CALL 911 and 565-3196 / 3197 NPS Dispatch**

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
Wilonia and in the Park*

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

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and save some paper and the cost of a stamp.

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wilsoniatimes@gmail.com

**Type "subscribe" in the subject line
& provide your name and cabin address**