



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

December 2018

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Association Presents:

“Countdown to Midnight” A New Year’s Eve Celebration

Monday, December 31st

Doors open at 7:00pm

Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Menu:

Appetizers, Salad, Fillet Mignon & Scallops, Dessert

Wine served with Dinner

Champagne Toast at midnight

\$78.00 per person

Entertainment Provided by Sweet Harmony

Call 209-795-2357 for reservations. A credit Card is due at time of reservation. Last day to cancel is Friday December 28th. Cancellations after this date will be charged full price.



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2018 Calendar of Events

Tuesday Evening Bridge

First & Third Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
Patty Enos 795-3875

Thursday Morning Duplicate Bridge

Second Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Bev Vasquez 795-1356

Friday Morning Bridge

Every Friday at 9:30 a.m.
Debbie Kushnir 795-0600

Bridge Lessons

1st and 3rd Wed. at 1:00 p.m.
Bobbie Neely 795-7815

**(Please note for all bridge groups,
please call ahead to save a spot)**

Mahjong

First and Third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Leni Salayko 795-7166

Texas Hold'em:

Second Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
(September 2018 through May 2019)
Brian Raley 795-2876

Potluck

Second Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
(September 2018 through May 2019)
Sue Pollak 795-1223

If there is any member
who knows of someone
who may need a get well
card or sympathy card,
please call the Sunshine Lady,
Sheila Silcox at 209-795-5724





SNOWFLAKE LODGE HOURS:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm (year round)

Snowflake Lodge Restaurant is open year round Friday and Saturday nights to members and their guests. It is a full service restaurant serving an extensive, ever evolving menu featuring the finest food on the mountain prepared by Chef Marc Kirby and his talented team. You are sure to find your new favorite!

Although alcohol is not served, you are welcome to bring your own wine with no corkage fee. Snowflake Lodge always offers complimentary soft drinks. We hope to see you in the restaurant soon!

For Dinner reservations please call 209-795-2357. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello fellow Blue Lake Springs Members,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our family certainly did. We now plan to attend the HOA's New Years Eve party, "Count Down to Midnight", at Snowflake Lodge on December 31. Tickets go on sale on Saturday, December 1 at the office – 209-795-2357. The price is \$78.00 per person and includes a great menu, wine on the tables, and dancing to music provided by Sweet Harmony Entertainment. Hope to see you there.

As most of you have seen by now, the invoices for the Annual Assessment have been mailed. Next year's fee is \$735, which is only a 3% increase from 2018. This is also after taking into account the 9% minimum wage increase that was mandated by the State. This minimal increase is the result of more tightly managing our budget, reducing employee over-time, and postponing planned voluntary expenditures. Treasurer, Bruce Utter and his Finance Committee members, deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work in paring down the budget and keeping the expenses lower for 2019.

The amphitheater has been completed and will be available in Spring 2019 for evening movies, special member events such as concerts, plays, wine tasting, and outside events such as weddings, receptions and family gatherings. Rebuilding the amphitheater turned out to be an incredibly difficult project due to issues with flooding from last year's storms and rerouting of previously un-known springs that were discovered under the structure. Facilities Manager, Mark Owens, and his crew deserve a huge thank you for the fine work they have done, and for bringing the project in under budget.

The lake at Snowflake Lodge has been partially drained for the winter with just enough water left to keep the fish alive. Fly-In Lake has been totally drained in preparation for dredging the "Cove" area by early spring. Once the cove has been dredged and the cattails have been removed we plan to begin building out the newly purchased area. Our plan beginning in Spring 2019 calls for converting much of the new area into a large park with a grove of new fast growing shade trees, a lawn with picnic tables scattered around, a kids play area in the middle and two dog runs on the north side, one for large dogs and one for smaller dogs. There will also be a nature trail around the perimeter including an exercise course. We will also install the disk golf course and add a rental gas fired barbecue and picnic table near the upper parking lot. If this barbecue is popular we may add one or two more in the coming year.

For next year the HOA has reserve funds available to resurface the lower tennis courts. A decision has been made by the board to convert at least one of these courts, and possibly both, into Pickle Ball courts. Pickle Ball is becoming extremely popular and we feel it is about time we offer this sport for our members. Rackets and balls will be available for checkout at the recreation office.

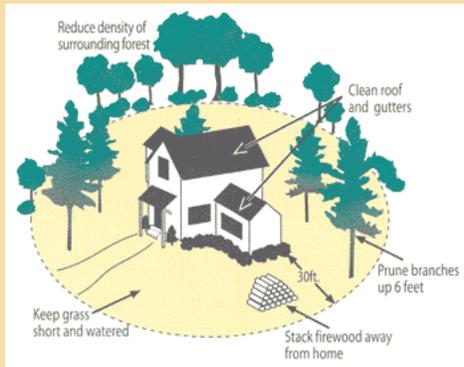
*Our mission in life should not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. **Maya Angelou***

Merry Christmas to all!

Mike McAtee,

BLSHA President

VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)



Hello BLS property owners. I hope your Thanksgiving was as wonderful as mine. The best part of Thanksgiving is the week after Thanksgiving. This is where I consume a week's worth of turkey and stuffing sandwiches. I need to put on the extra pounds for winter. At least, that is what I tell myself. Good times!

I am sure we have all heard about or felt the impact personally of the Camp Fire. It is a stark reminder that one property can eliminate an entire town. This area, that we all love so much, is a prime candidate for this type of catastrophe. Please be aware of your responsibility to keeping your property PRC4291 compliant. That means a 100 ft defensible space around your home. Please take a moment to research PRC4291 and apply it to your property's status. One property can destroy thousands of lives.

We are getting close to the end of the Tree Mortality Grant. If you turned in an application and have not removed your dead trees or logs, there is a possibility you will not get a reimbursement check even though your application was approved. If you have received a phone call from the office telling you that you have been inspected and approved, please remove the dead trees and logs immediately. It is your responsibility to remove the dead trees and logs in a timely manner and to make sure we are getting your application, proposal, and final invoice.

If you have been waiting on PG&E to remove logs from the last 2 years, make sure you call them and confirm that you have given them the right to come on to your property and remove the logs. PG&E will not come on to your property, to remove any logs, without your consent. You will be stuck with the bill to remove the logs. Do not wait!

The rain has come. PG&E and nature have loaded our setbacks with debris and logs. This will affect the drainage system that is in the setbacks. **Please remember that the drainage system pipe, under your driveway, is your responsibility to clean.** None of us want to drive on nasty roadways or have our properties flooded by clogged setbacks and drains.

This time of the year is always special. I moved to this area just for these next few months. I love the rain and snow. I spent many years in Los Angeles, so having actual seasons is what I love most about living in BLS. We have already started putting up the holiday decorations at my house. I love watching my daughter get so excited about the holidays. I hope all of you have a wonderful December and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your time,

Thomas Hein

BLS Fire Safety





Texas Hold'em Poker

Texas Hold'em has started again for Blue Lake Springs Homeowners and their guests.

2nd Thursday of the month. Snowflake Lodge. 1:30 pm

Reservations Required

Email Brian Raley for Reservations: bplaguna1999@yahoo.com

Corrections

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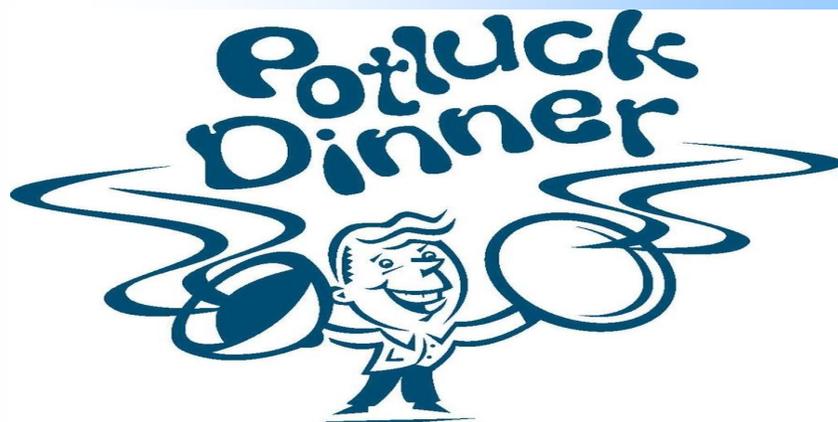
In the 2019 Treasurers Report, on the fourth page under LITIGATION, the last sentence should read "As of September 7th, the PLAINTIFF is appealing the ruling."

Please Note, there has been an amendment to the 2019 budget to reflect a change in Association insurance coverage and to comply with a new law. This amendment will not affect the 2019 assessment.

**Come join your fellow Homeowners
for a Potluck held on the
Second Wednesdays of each month!**

5:30 pm

Call Sue Pollak for any questions: 795-1223



Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

Office Hours

Tuesday-Saturday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Email: blsoffice@caltel.com
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Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Friday and Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Please Call for Reservation (209) 795-2357

Summer Recreation (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Recreation Office Phone (209) 795-4009
Email: blsrecreation@caltel.com

Board of Directors Meetings

Third Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors

President, Mike McAtee

Vice President, Bev Vasquez

Treasurer, Bruce Utter

Secretary, Denny Clemens

Director, Guy Pollak

Director, Steve Pollock

Director, Doug Hjelmhaug

Your Association welcomes letters from members and will publish them in the Lodge Log on a space available basis. If necessary they will be edited for style and shortened to 200 words. Letters will not be returned to author. Formal policy is on file at the Association office. Members should request a copy of the policy if they are considering submitting a Member to Member

Administration

General Manager,
Tony Abila
Assistant General Manager
Amber Meyer

Snowflake Lodge Restaurant

Snowflake Lodge Chef,
Marc Kirby

Facilities

Facilities Manager,
Mark Owens

Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation Director,
Judith Anderson

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Vernon Nicholson



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