



LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

October 2020



ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

In order to stay informed of what is going on around Blue Lake Springs Homeowners Association, please sign up to receive email announcements on our website:

www.blsha.com

Make sure to sign up for every list you wish to receive information on.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Business Office Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

[209-795-2357](tel:209-795-2357)



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



WELCOME NEW OWNERS

Deborah Stevens Unit 2

Matthew & Kimberly Velasquez Unit 11

Julia Pellegrini Unit 13

Kevin & April Rose Unit 2

Justin Mounts Unit 12

Pedro & Nancy Levano Unit 13

Timothy & Janet Wong Unit 1

Dennis & Sonia Maher Unit 11

Daniel & Suzanne Gelb Unit 8

David & Hollie Stark Unit 5

James Black & Jane Alderete Unit 10

Joan & Kerry Kimes Unit 10

Ramon & Nik Delgado Unit 5

Dirk & Kristin Manders Unit 2

Diana Kadash Unit 1

Mary Layton & Naser Atae Unit 12

Angel Singh & Ryan Doran Unit 7



President's Message

Greetings from Blue Lake Springs! October is a beautiful time of year in our community, with the fall foliage in bloom from the colors in the oak and dogwood trees. A trip to Calaveras Big Trees State Park is always a treat to view the colorful dogwood trees which cover the forest floor.

As beautiful as the month of October is, it is also the most dangerous month of the fire season due to extremely dry conditions and seasonal high winds. It is highly important that we stay focused on fire prevention activities in our BLS community. There will be an additional lot inspection that will take place in October to identify areas which may pose a fire risk. Included in this month's Lodge Log is an article on fire prevention by Thomas Hein, BLS Fire Prevention Coordinator. I encourage the membership to review the article, as Thomas has updates and suggestions on fire prevention actions.

We have had a series of thefts in the BLS facilities over the past few weeks. In early September two recently planted trees were dug up and stolen from the Fly-In Lake park area. In addition to the trees, a small rowboat was taken. In the past two weeks, two additional trees were stolen, a pitching mat from the disc golf course, and gasoline from BLS maintenance vehicles. All incidents have been reported to the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department. If you observe suspicious activity around the Fly-In Lake area, contact the BLS office and they will determine what action to take.

The Finance Committee continues to meet weekly to develop the 2021 operating budget. Due to the uncertainties in the year ahead, expense management is currently, and in the year ahead, a top priority. Capital improvements for 2021 will be at a minimum. The goal is to have a 2021 budget prepared for review and approval at the October BoD meeting. If it is determined that additional changes are required, the approval of the budget will occur at the November BoD meeting at the very latest.

Enjoy the Autumn weather before the snow flies!

Best Regards,

Doug Hjelmhaug

President, BLSHA Board of Directors

VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)

Hello BLSHA Members,

October is a scary month for fire danger. Dry vegetation, wind gusts, dry lightning and more State-wide fires. For the next couple of months, please be more careful than normal. The Fire Fighters in our State are tired. They have been battling with fires all throughout the State. We were extremely fortunate here, on the Corridor. It is only a matter of time until Arnold is touched by fire. This is why it is imperative to make sure you are doing your part. Look for dead trees, dry and dead vegetation, check your gutters and your roof, cover your wood with a fire retardant tarp, and please do not start any burn piles until the State and the County allow it. Nobody wants that to happen in Arnold. Please take the time to care and just take a look around the property.

BLSHA submitted the Fire Wise qualifications for 2021 and were approved as a Fire Wise Community for 2021. If you have CA Fair Plan, please send me an email at vip@blsha.com, and we can get you the proper documentation you need for a possible discount, with your insurance company. Discounts are only available for CA Fair Plan Fire Insurance policies.

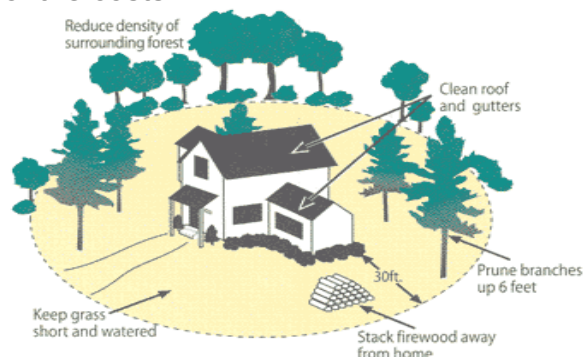
We will be doing one more CC&R/Fire Inspection, in October. We will be looking for those properties with logs on the ground, tall dead vegetation, and standing dead trees. If you receive a CC&R violation notice, you will have 30 days to contact us at vip@blsha.com, in order to request an extension. We understand that it may take time to get on a tree service provider's schedule, but please contact us within that first 30 days. Without any communication, it forces us to invite you to the next BLSHA BOD Zoom Meeting. The BLSHA BOD meetings are held every third Saturday of the month, at 9:00 am. Directions on how to attend are listed at blsha.com.

The bears are out, and they love your garbage! Arnold Bears, not the Chicago Bears. Arnold bears remember your property and your garbage. The Chicago Bears only remember 1985. Whether you rent out your cabin or use it as a vacation home, please look into acquiring a bear box. I recommend the metal enclosures. In my first year of living in Arnold, I went to ACE and bought a wood bear box. The bears thought that it was cute, took it apart and rearranged it for me. \$300.00 down the drain. Also, please sign up for the BLSHA Garbage Program. If there is garbage reported or observed at your address, we will go take pictures and give you a phone call. If you approve, we will go out to your address and dispose of the garbage. The cost is \$37.00 per pick-up. The application is available at blsha.com along with a breakdown of the costs.

Have a wonderful October and stay safe,

Thomas Hein

BLSHA Fire Prevention Coordinator



Rec Ramblings



October 2020

Hello Members,

I just came back from Fly-in Acres Lake...what an incredible gem this is. A big shout out to the maintenance crew for the amazing improvements to this site. Waxing a bit nostalgic...I saw deer and a flock of geese. The big leaf maples are turning yellow, a light breeze and a few families paddle boarding, canoeing and enjoying the fall. Don't you just love this time of the year?

Wouldn't you think if there is one thing, we can all agree on is...we want 2020 to be over! Our summer recreation season has ended and we are now focusing on what 2021 will bring. We have planned a vibrant and action packed 2021 program. Here is a small preview:

1. We will certainly dunk Dad.
2. 4th of July waterslides.
3. Our service veterans will teach how to respectfully fold a flag.
4. Story Time and Kids Time are scheduled.
5. Touch a Truck at Fly-in with the mighty Foam Machine.
6. Bingo and Movie Saturday night.
7. Dribble castles.
8. Water Aerobics, drop in Volleyball, Pickleball and Yoga.
9. ...and shhhh some exciting surprises.

We say our good-byes for now and will think of you as you juggle telecommuting, managing households, and for many wearing various teacher hats. May you stay positive, healthy, and have a joyful holiday season.

Warmly,

Judith A. Anderson, BLS Summer Recreation Director

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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, Doug Hjelmhaug
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Director, Jimmy Cook
Director, Roxanne Dubois

Your Association welcomes letters from members and we'll 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 letter

Administration

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