

THE GRAEAGLE POA SMOKE SIGNAL



WINTER EDITION 2016

Presidents Letter:

Greetings and Happy New Year to our property owners. We are now into over 40 years of watching our community grow! In 2015, we welcomed a newly formed, full time GPOA Board of Directors with some great new ideas. Here is some of what has been going on:

- Please welcome our newest Board Member, Cindy Holms. Cindy has been appointed to fill a vacancy. Cindy works full time at Graeagle Land and Water and she has the technical skills we desperately need.
- If you have not already noticed them, please check out the GPOA signs at the bottom of the "Graeagle, A Gift of a Lifetime" signs as you are coming into town.
- You may have been surprised to see GPOA at the 4th of July festivities this year. For the first time we had an information table set up to help promote membership in our organization! We plan on doing this again, so stop by and say hello, meet our Board, share your ideas and volunteer to help us out.
- Hopefully you have noticed the exterior improvements to our Post Office. The GPOA was instrumental in getting some much needed maintenance done; painting, staining and some landscape clean up have made it much more attractive.
- Improvements are continuing on the properties of non-resident owners in regards to fire safety and concerns for surrounding home owners.
- As a reminder, we meet every quarter and welcome your thoughts. Try and attend a meeting or reach out to us anytime at graeaglepoa@gmail.com
- Sadly, we have lost a few members recently. We will miss Jim Brennan, Jim Harper, Jerry Huff, Beth Nunn, Dolores Popish, and Grace Smith. We extend our condolences to their families.

Just a thought in closing... how we care for our own property reflects on the entire community as well as those visiting this special place.

Liz Holston
President, GPOA

Membership:

It is time again to renew your annual membership to GPOA. A membership form is enclosed. Please complete and return along with a check for \$25 to GPOA in the enclosed envelope. Membership runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Please return your check and form by March 1, 2016.

Save The Date/Reminder:

Meetings are held quarterly on the second Wednesday of January, April, July and October @ 4pm. The January meeting is held at the Chamber of Commerce at the corner of Hwy 89 and 70, next to the White Barn. The April, July, and October meetings will be held at the Graeagle Coffee Shop, downtown. All members are encouraged to attend.

Graeagle Fire Protection District:

The Graeagle Fire Protection District is reminding people that it can be dangerous to dispose of fireplace, wood stove or barbeque ashes. Embers, often concealed in what appears to be cold ashes, can remain hot enough to kindle a fire for several days. It is recommended to wait at least 4 days before disposing of ashes.

“With the extremely dry conditions we have been experiencing, everyone should be extra vigilant with ash disposal,” says Fire Chief Ed Ward. “Hot ashes have caused structure fires when left next to a home, garage, deck or when dumped on pine needles or other flammable materials.”

To safely dispose of ashes:

- Put discarded ashes in a heavy metal container, douse with water and cover with a fitted metal lid.
- Store container outside and away from structures, decks, fences, wood piles and other combustible materials.
- Never use a vacuum to pick up ashes.
- Never put ashes in bags or boxes.
- After sitting for a week in the metal container, check them again to be sure they are cool. If so, the ashes are then ready to be disposed of in your trash.

As the fall and winter heating season approaches, please remember to regularly inspect and clean your chimney. Soot and creosote are combustible materials that accumulate inside chimneys and create a dangerous fire hazard unless they are removed.

Other general fire safety tips for the home heating season

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.
- Test the alarms at least once a month.
- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms twice a year.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from space heaters and other heat sources.
- Keep candles and matches out of the reach of children.
- Extinguish all fires, even candles, when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Remember to call 911 for all fires, no matter how small.

Following these safety tips can save lives and property. Please contact the Graeagle Fire Protection District for more information.
Fire Chief Ed Ward

From your Supervisor:

As we come to the end of another year we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives, those things that bring us joy and that we are most thankful for. As your District 5 Supervisor I would like to say "thank you" for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. I welcome you to contact me with any questions, concerns, comments or ideas you may have. We need to work together to keep and maintain this wonderful community we are so blessed to be living in. I am trying hard, as your County Supervisor, to stop unnecessary spending yet provide the best possible public safety. In our country we have real challenges facing us with declining revenues and population. I would like our young people, our children and grand children to be able to live here, work here and to raise their families here. I want to thank those of you who volunteer, helping out wherever you see a need, and encourage all of us to do our best in this New Year helping to keep our county the best place to live, work, and raise our families. My Wife, Jennifer and I would like to wish each of you the very best in this coming New Year.

Jeff Engel
District 5 Supervisor
530-836-0257 engel.dist.5@gmail.com

Care Flight in the Neighborhood:

Care Flight is developing a new base in Plumas County. Having served the North Eastern California and Northern Nevada region for nearly 35 years, the air ambulance program is expanding its service area. To better serve our partners in Plumas County, Care Flight has entered into negotiations for a base at the Nervino Airport in Beckwourth, Ca.

Care Flight was the first in the area to offer air ambulance service and was pioneers in the air medical industry. The medical crews are trained in critical care assessments, expanded scope of practice and procedures. Care Flight brings the critical care unit to the patient.

Care Flight has a fleet of 4 Helicopters. Care Flight's pilots have extensive pilot in command time with training in high altitude operations. *Flight Plan* is a membership program which helps alleviate some out of pocket expenses for members. The plan covers all members of the household for only \$55 per year. Care Flight has a reciprocal agreement with Enloe medical Center's Flight Care helicopter air ambulance program based in Chico. A membership in Care Flight's program will benefit someone traveling to the West. (See the agreements for both program details). Care Flight is

extending an offer to the GPOA to join the Flight Plan Membership program for the group rate of \$30.00 if you note 'Graeagle Property Owners Association' on the application.

Contact Care Flight @ 775-858-5700 or at Care-Flight.com

Eastern Plumas Health Care:

Eastern Plumas Health Care is a non-profit hospital providing comprehensive medical services to Plumas and Sierra County residents. We operate a 24 hour, physician staffed emergency room and ambulance service; four medical clinics (Graeagle, Greenville, Loyalton and Portola); 2 Dental Clinics (Portola- we will be taking over Dr. Mario Garibotti's practice on Jan.1, and we also offer dental care on our Portola hospital campus); 2 skilled nursing facilities (Portola and Loyalton) with a total of 66 beds, one acute care hospital with nine beds and a robust Telemedicine program.

We offer a full range of in and outpatient services, including a full service lab, x-ray, digital mammography, ultrasound, CT, MRI, respiratory therapy, nutritionist services, scheduled outpatient procedures and surgeries (we share a top rated surgeon, who just moved here from Sacramento in December, with Plumas District Hospital in Quincy- he will see clinic patients in Portola and schedule their surgeries in Quincy), and finally, we offer hospice services in collaboration with Tahoe Forest Hospital.

To serve our community, we have three full time Primary Care Physicians, and three full time Family Nurse Practitioners, as well as several part time practitioners. EPHC also has specialists on staff in the following areas: Cardiology, Dentistry, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics, Orthopedics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Podiatry and Urology (beginning in December). We will add a highly qualified Board Certified Dermatologist early in the New Year.

Our Graeagle Clinic (836-1122) offers Primary care appointments, walk-in appointments, and specialty services, including: Cardiology, Internal medicine, Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation, and Urology. The clinic also has a lab draw station (call for lab hours).

Perhaps most important to Graeagle residents is the fact that they can count on an ambulance arriving within 10-15 minutes of a 911 call (ambulance staff leave within 2-3 minutes of receiving a call any time day or night). Often local volunteer services will be on hand even sooner. If you're transported by ambulance, emergency staff will be waiting for your arrival at the hospital and will have been receiving EKG readings from the field if necessary. Depending on the severity of the emergency, you'll either be stabilized or transported via ambulance or Care Flight to a Reno hospital, or you'll be observed and/or admitted to our acute care hospital if your case is one we can take care of here at home. We also offer rehabilitation services and short as well as long term skilled nursing care, so that you or your family member can be close to home, near family and friends while healing.

Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl (JHSB) Update:

With snow finally falling, Eastern Plumas Recreation District (EPRD) has been able to leverage several improvements made over the last few years and provide limited winter operations that kicked off over the 3 days following Christmas. The first ever "Sledding Days" event was a big success in helping reinvigorate interest in the development of the ski hill and providing expanded winter recreation opportunities for all ages. The Intorf Lodge was

open with a fire roaring all 3 days. Food and non-alcoholic drinks were provided for sale with lower slopes all groomed for winter enthusiasts including sledders, boarders, skiers and snowshoes. Over 300 people attended. The event was “donation requested” with no charge. All proceeds go back towards improvements on the hill and help cover any administrative costs @ EPRD. The event netted over \$1000 after expenses and another event is planned (see below).

Investments in 2015 included rebuilding maintenance shed to house groomer and increase space for storing equipment, and clearing of vegetation of bunny hill behind lodge for expanded sledding areas. Groomer was donated by Stover Mountain ski area a few years ago and went through a discounted service and repair process mid 2015 by Pisten Bully in Reno. In addition, upgrades to water well system were completed in 2015. The groomer shed rebuild and well improvements were made possible through state grant funds and many hard working volunteers. Next priority improvement is the bathroom, with ADA compliant structure in place as a goal. Finishing the installation of the double chair Main Line ski lift purchased from Squaw Valley is the biggest goal with additional funding still required.

2015 was a momentum year with several fund raising events held on the hill, including the first ever “Pizza Throw down” contest hosted by Plumas Ski Club and EPRD in early May. The 3rd annual Lost Sierra Hoedown featuring 30 bands and camping over 4 days in late September and the first Sledding Days event held at the end of December. A second Sledding Days event is scheduled for MLK weekend in conjunction with the Long board Races on Sunday, hosted by Plumas Ski Club. More of these community type events are planned through winter and summer of 2016. Now is required for winter events and volunteers are always in demand to keep the progress and improvements continuing.

More information and updates on JHSB can be found at skijohnsville.com

Volunteers can get more information through John Rowden at 530-316-0109 or Glenn Bardet at 916-208-4384

Our Anticipated Expenditures/Revenues for 2016

Expenditures

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| Doggie Bags (Annual) | 750.00 |
| Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce | 500.00 |
| Graeagle Fire Protection District | 1000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 100.00 |
| Mohawk Valley Independence Day Event | 800.00 |
| Newsletter (semi-annual) | 900.00 |
| Secretary of State Filing (Bi-annual) | 10.00 |
| Office Supplies, PO Box | 160.00 |
| Website | 50.00 |

Anticipated Total Expenditures 4270.00

Revenues

Amount carried forward from 2015 3862.52

Anticipated membership fees 2016 (240x\$25) 6000.00

Anticipated Total Revenues 9862.52

Anticipated Total Revenues Minus Expenditures 5592.52

Following is a list of people who will rake and haul pine needles and other yard debris. GPOA DOES NOT RECOMMEND OR GAURANTEE ANYONE ON THIS LIST.

Robert Kelly tree Care 775-737-9330 (has truck which can carry very large loads)

Martin Rizzo 530-836-4462

Francisco Silva 530-832-4056 cell 530-616-0158

Luis Silva 530-718-6738

Mario 530-816-0943

Jimmy West Tree Service 530-283-1172

Chris 530-414-9639

Fred 408-528-4523

Lew Prince 530-836-2071

Intermountain Disposal's yard waste site in Delleker accepts yard waste (pine needles, grass clippings, leaves, brush, untreated and/or unpainted wood and logs) FOR A FEE. They are open Saturdays from 10:00am-2:00pm April 1 through October 31 and can be reached at 530-832-4879.

Calendar of Events:

FOR AN UP TO DATE CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE AREA PLEASE GO TO WWW.EASTERNPLUMSCHAMBER.COM OR WWW.GRAEAGLE.COM

GRAEAGLE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Visit us at www.graeaglepoa.com

Please ADD or RENEW (circle one) my/our membership in the GPOA for January 1-December 31, 2016

_____Name(s) of Property Owner(s)

_____Graeagle Property Address (physical street number and name)

_____Mailing Address for GPOA Correspondence

_____ Telephone number(s)

_____ E-Mail Address for Newsletter:

The 2016 membership fee is \$25. Please enclose your check made payable to GPOA with this completed form and mail to the address above. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF GPOA

Please indicate if you would be willing to serve on the annual picnic committee YES_____