

Yosemite Alpine Community Services District
P. O. Box 31, Fish Camp, CA 93623

October 2018 Communication

VEGETATION REDUCTION. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council had the chippers in town on Oct. 14. Hopefully you took advantage of the program. Please remove debris and plants from along the roadways. The snow plows will be roaming Fish Camp before too long and we need clearances for them to do their work. Fish Camp was lucky with the fires not approaching too closely to town this year. Air quality was not good for quite a while from the Ferguson Fire and then the Oak Fire.

BLUE RIDGE SERVICES. This is the contractor hired by Mariposa County to remove dead, diseased and trees near the power lines. To have the trees marked and dropped you must sign the form you have been sent. They are trying to lessen the chance of a fire like in Santa Rosa last year. This program is for along county roadways.

SNOW REMOVAL. Yes, that time is almost here. PLEASE ensure that you are **parked off the road** when the snow is falling. The snow removal crew starts early in the morning and clears the roads for YACSD. They do the fire station, post office, county roads and then non-county roads. THEN they do the contracted driveways. PLEASE DO NOT DUMP the snow from your vehicles onto the roadway. This will cause the crews to return to clear the snow AND to charge YACSD more to remove your snow. Those of you with rentals, please have your people park off of the roads. Snow plows coming through!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENTS. Thank you to all who have paid their annual bills. There are a few to go and all will be in order.

WOOD BY WATER TANKS. Please consider the seasoned cedar and fir wood that is located on the tank lot. It has been down for over a year and is ready for you to cut it and take it home. This wood was from trees dropped for the tank replacement project. There is also wood on Outlot B for those more adventurous. Please contact Karen Glendenning if you have questions.

BOARD ELECTIONS. YACSD would like to thank Darlene Swenson for her service to YACSD. She is stepping down from her position on the board after much wise counsel and insight. Patti Frey will continue on the board. Tim McGinty filed candidate papers and since there were 2 persons running for 2 positions he will be filling the spot vacated by Darlene. Welcome aboard Tim!! He will take office after the election results are certified by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, roughly by Dec. 1.

BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2018. We had an interesting board meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14. A challenge is being brought forward against the current YACSD board regarding their qualifications to be board members. There were questions raised about the Brown Act and the Proposition 218 process. There is an extensive Public Records Act, PRA, request being brought forward by an attorney for a YACSD property owner. The board is working to gather the array of documents requested. This PRA request is separate to one filed by another YACSD property owner last spring.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH PALM SPRINGS VILLAGE. At the Aug. 11 Board Meeting, the group as a whole went through the Framework for Agreement point by point with Paul Giuntini in the room. A subsequent set of items were presented to the board by the developer for consideration prior to the Oct. 14, 2018 board meeting. There are some exhibits the board would like to see and two or three points needing clearer language and a new point was brought up at this late date. Once these are cleared up, the board will be ready to vote on the agreement.

REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION HELD AT OCTOBER 14, 2018 MEETING. YACSD board discussed the pending litigation on Oct. 15 and determined we are ready to move forward. The board is unwilling to burden the chair with sole responsibility of signing the final agreement with Palm Springs Village, therefore it is hoped that final approval will take place at the next meeting.

THANK YOU TO DICK RYON. A big thank you goes to Dick Ryon for getting \$710 of the \$1000 deductible from the water main break of 6.21.2017, reimbursed. Insurance covered over \$8500 in costs but YACSD still had the \$1000 deductible not covered. Through Dick's efforts with the insurance carrier and ultimately filings in Small Claims Court, the responsible party was found and their insurance paid the \$1000. There was a cost for the process server to contact the parties involved and that was the \$290 differential. **THANK YOU DICK** for staying on this. You saved the property owners money.

ANIMAL PRESENCE IN FISH CAMP. Please be advised bear scat was left on the top of Silvertip Lane recently. Bears have been seen on Summit Road and along 41. It's that time of year when the last foraging is happening as they prepare for winter. Several does have been sighted within the YACSD area as well.

NEXT MEETING. **Sunday, November 18, 2018,** is the next meeting date. It will be at the Tenaya Lodge beginning at 10:00 a.m. The final Agreement with Palm Springs Village should be voted upon at this meeting, provided all documents are submitted by PSV without further changes. **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at 1:00 p.m. is the second board meeting established for YACSD. Earlier in the day, the FC Planning Advisory Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. with the FC Fire Association meeting following it at about 11:00 a.m. We scheduled the YACSD meeting to follow both of these meetings.

POST OFFICE. Please consider buying your stamps through the Fish Camp Post Office. The revenue generated will help to keep it open. Please notice that the post office has been painted recently, looking good.

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