
Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association

President's Message

To all the many new owners who've joined our community this year, a warm welcome!

Some of you may be familiar with "winterizing" your cabin, but we could all use a reminder: water in pipes can freeze, burst and do a lot of damage. Before leaving, be sure to drain pipes and turn off water at your home's main supply valve (may be at the street). If you have ashes left from last night's fire, don't put them in a can out on your deck - they may be hot enough to start the wood smoking. One house recently had a chimney fire start, but it was saved by a passing neighbor - never leave a fire smoldering in the fireplace when you leave for home.

Winter is a beautiful season up here in the Park, but it can be hazardous. Please stay off the ice at the lake, no matter how solid it appears. Confine snow play to a safe area like Toboggan Hill, rather than on the roads - cars don't steer or stop well on a slick road. Snow, when we get enough, melts across the roads and then refreezes each night, creating black ice, so slow down to avoid slipping off. And finally, we will try to warn you through email if bad weather is forecast - if you come up to see it snowing, bring enough supplies to last longer than you expect. Snowplows can break down, and drivers must take rest breaks. Even though we'll do our best, when snow is falling heavily roads can quickly become impassable!

These simple guidelines will help ensure a safe, fun winter season for you and your family. Wishing you all Happy Holidays - and think snow!

Michael Lechner, President

Highlights from the Annual Meeting

This year's Zoom format was a big success. Thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to those who voted their proxies in advance! Due to popular request, the Board will investigate the possibility of a hybrid Zoom/live meeting for PC (post COVID) times.

All previous Board members will return for another year, and we have two new members who are already bringing in fresh ideas: Jesse Worsham and Lori Crivelli. They bring with them the perspectives of both a long-term resident and a newish "weekend" owner, and are welcome additions!

This year's meeting allowed owners to express concerns over "hot-button" issues, as well as suggestions for improving the Park. Owners are forming interest groups to explore the following topics of concern and develop recommendations. Let us know if you are interested in joining one of these groups by leaving a message with the answering service at the number below.

- Security
- Fire evacuation procedures
- Short-term home rentals
- Off-road or unlicensed vehicles

- Community events (when possible again)

Trash dump area

Any time of year, large items (furniture, construction waste, broken bikes or strollers - you get the idea) are not allowed in or alongside the dumpster. The security cameras can capture your image, and there is a fine for illegal dumping. Those large items should be discarded at the transfer station in Standard, just down the hill.

Happy Holidays!

See you up at the Park

