



NEWSLETTER
 Fall 2007
LUSHMEADOWS ASSOC. INC.
 5979 Meadow Lane
 Mariposa, CA 95338

October 2007

2007-2008 Board of Directors

President's Message

by Jim Roulo

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Please remember that our October Membership meeting will be held at 10:00am on October 20th. This is the best opportunity for the members to inform the Board of Directors of their concerns, complaints and ideas. Please try to attend.

2007-2008 Committee Chairpersons

Architectural -	Kurt Frank	966-8405
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Budget -	Marian Folker	966-3448
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Gate Keys -	Martha Crabtree	742-5880
Lakes & Grounds -	Ellis Schurman	966-3145
Newsletter -	Sue Young	966-2547
editors	and Laura Lee	966-5521
Nominating -	vacant	
Playground -	Gussie Kidd	966-5710
Reservations -	Laura Lee	966-5521
Website & Email -	Terel Young	742-4304

At this time the most serious situation facing the Lushmeadows Association remains to be the ongoing litigation we are involved in. However, it now seems to be coming to an end. We have a court date on November 26th at which time we will be moving to a conclusion. Lowell Young and myself are now reviewing the final set of documents that will be delivered to the court on behalf of the Association.

Now for more pleasant news. The clubhouse hosted its first "Dinners by Gloria" on August 29th, and it was a huge success. The meal was delicious and all attendees left well sated. Thank you Gloria and all the volunteers that helped.

The Lakes and Grounds committee had Dawn Lake tested for verification that we could safely treat the lake with both Reward and Copper Sulfate. The water test results allowed Lakes and Grounds to treat the lake and it has been done. They have also installed an outside shower at Dawn lake. This is intended to eliminate or greatly reduce the occurrence of swimmer's itch. A replacement raft was installed in Dawn lake on September 10th. It is anchored just off the swim beach.

***LM Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of each
 Month at 7:00pm at the clubhouse
 Association October Meeting - Oct. 20th
 10:00am at the Clubhouse***

Thanks to Ted Mueller who repaired 6 picnic tables that had unfortunately been damaged by vandals.

A renewal agreement has been signed with the local 4H chapter. This allows 4H to use our clubhouse for their meetings at no charge.

Important Phone Numbers

LM Clubhouse -	966-4611
LM Website	www.lushmeadows.org
Propane - Campora	(559) 683-4648
Dist. 4 Supervisor -Dianne Fritz	966-8401
Dist. 5 Supervisor - Bob Pickard	742-7698

Lushmeadows now has a website. It can be accessed at www.lushmeadows.org. Please let the Board or Terel Young know of any suggestions you have on content, format, etc.

Dawn Lake Playground

Gussie Kidd reports that due to requests by the parents, the Dawn Lake playgroup has changed their meeting day to **Monday mornings**.

If you would like to attend, just show up any Monday with your toddler/pre-schooler. The gathering starts at 10:30am. For more information, call Gussie at 966-5710.

Welcome to these New Owners

Lot 65 5970 Pine Top Dr. Harold O
Lot 117 5556 Meadow Ln Gregory/Phoebe D
Lot 164 5630 Meadow Ln Jerome/Velda W

Welcome to the neighborhood. We hope to see you at the General Meeting on October 20th at the Clubhouse.

*Thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods.
Cats have never forgotten this!*

In Memoriam

Word was recently received of the passing of **Hazel Eickworth** on July 31 in San Diego County. Hazel and her husband Ernie served many years on the Lushmeadows Board. Hazel served as our President in 1994-95 and part of 1995-96. Her husband, Ernie served as our Treasurer for over 10 years prior to his untimely death in 1992. They resided in Palo Alto before moving to their retirement home on Meadow Lane. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend.

Women's Lunch Meeting

The Lushmeadows women are meeting on the last Friday of the month at the clubhouse. There may be a few months where the date will have to be changed due to private party events at the clubhouse.

To date we have had 2 very enjoyable meetings and have shared neighborhood information such as: who is the best plumber, electrician, who do I get to paint my house?

We have assisted Gloria McDowell in serving the successful "Dinners by Gloria", and are in the process of discussing some outings we might go on.

Please join us the last Friday of the month at 11:00am for lunch. ***Due to a private party reserving the clubhouse for October, the usual potluck luncheon will not be held at the clubhouse. Instead we will be going out to lunch. Meet at Sue Young's house on Meadow Lane to car pool. You may call Sue Young at 966-2547 for more***

information.

Jean's Corner

by Jean E. Hoffman

I'm just an average middle class woman who has a desire to help make this community one that everyone would like to live in, while having fun getting to know our neighbors.

I would like to know what I could do to make your membership valuable to you. I'm patiently waiting for your input. The LMA offers recreational services to you. What are some things you would like to see offered. I want information from the people to lead me not me lead them. You put me on the Board now put me to work for you. Let's hear your thoughts, ideas, and opinions. God Bless.

Clubhouse Calendar of Events

Every Wed.	Men's Coffee Grp	9:00 am
2 nd Wed.	LM Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Last Fri.	Women's Lunch Grp	11:00 am

Oct. 18 th	Lasagne Dinner	5:30 pm Social Hour/ 6:00 pm Dinner
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Oct. 20 th	Membership Meeting	10:00 am
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Dec. 9 th	LM Xmas Potluck Xmas Party	5:00 pm Social Hour/ 5:30 pm Dinner
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Dinners By Gloria

In August the first dinner cooked by Gloria McDowell was held on a Wednesday evening. In September the second dinner was held on a Saturday. Both were successful and enjoyed by all those who attended. It was decided by those attending that in the future, they would rather have the dinners on a weeknight, therefore, the next dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, October 18th**. ***The menu will be: Lasagne, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with dinner to follow at 6:00 pm. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.***

To **RSVP** for this event - call **Gloria at 966-3945** or **Sue at 966-2547** by **Friday, October 12th**.

There will be no organized dinners in November, but don't forget our Christmas potluck on December 9th.

Lushmeadows Website

www.lushmeadows.org

Thanks to the persistence of LM Director Terry Young and the professional work of Carol Fong, we have joined the information age. The Lushmeadows website is up and running. More information will be included on the website in the future but it is fully operational now.

Take a look at it and if you have any ideas or information you would like to include, contact Terry Young at 742-4304.

Treasurer's Report

by Marian Folker

Income for the year that ended June 30th was \$39,592. Expenses for the same period totaled \$36,510. The reason we managed to end "in the black" was that our insurance premiums were much lower than we budgeted, and we paid only part of those insurance premiums last year. We are paying the remaining \$4,475 in monthly payments this year.

Income for the first quarter of this fiscal year was \$8,582, higher than normal for the first quarter. Expenses were \$11,399, also higher than normal. Since no one volunteered to be in charge of the rummage sale, there will be no sale income this fall. The dinners, however, which Gloria McDowell volunteered to cater have produced a nice profit as well as providing a chance to meet and greet our neighbors and friends. Don't forget to make your reservations for the next dinner.

Lushmeadows History

by Sue Young

Swimming, fishing and camping at our two lakes has always been a popular past time. The first mention of problems at the lake with weeds was in the June 1969 newsletter when they asked for help to spray the lakes for weed control. In the early days of the subdivision swimming, fishing and camping occurred at both Dawn and Mallard Lakes. As of January 3, 1976 a new insurance policy excluded liability coverage for swimming at Mallard Lake, thus began the current policy of swimming only at Dawn Lake.

Complaints in 1976 about algae in Dawn Lake caused by fertilizing the weeds resulted in no fertilizer being sprayed that year to see what the consequences would be. By September of 1976, it was decided that the lakes must be treated each year to kill off the weeds or they would get out of control.

In May 1970, a new well and pump house were installed for Dawn Lake and locks were put on the flush toilet doors to protect them from vandalism. (The flush toilets were installed in 1966 to replace the original pit toilets.) The summer of 1970 was a busy one at the campground, 1,243 people camped there (43 member families and guests). *Good thing they had flush toilets installed!!!* In the Summer of 1972, the "men's" bathroom was completed up the hill from the "women's" bathroom.

The planting of fish at the lakes began in earnest in 1971 when 600 blue and 600 channel catfish were acquired at a cost of \$70. In the spring of 1973 another 1,000 bass fingerlings were planted at Dawn Lake. A note of interest: there was a moratorium on frogs at both lakes. This meant that no one could remove frogs from either lake.

In the 1975-6, Association funds were used for the first time to purchase fish for the lakes due to the lack of donations to the fish fund. That year they added 500 catfish. After Mallard Lake was re-graded and filled, the April 1979 newsletter reported that fish were restocked but no fishing was allowed there until the spring of 1981.

Other improvements to Dawn Lake included the installation of a permanent entrance of three 18" x 20' culverts with cement retaining walls under the supervision of Joe Noel, Lakes & Grounds chairman. Then in 1971 the volleyball court was installed. In March 1978, locks were installed on gates to the lakes and clubhouse for the first time. Only one key was to be issued to each paid member. In 1983, the cement legged picnic tables were installed at Dawn Lake.

Reminders to Everyone

1. Feeding deer can be fun, but it is against the law. It is especially dangerous during rut season. Male deer can be very aggressive during the rut. Other animals, such as mountain lions or bears, are also attracted to feed that is left outside for the deer.
2. Please refrain from regularly feeding the geese and ducks at our lakes. They bring in more diseases and make our beaches a mess when they become dependent on us for food. Their natural inclination is to migrate for the winter to a warmer climate so please let's help them remain wild..
3. We have legally posted speed limit signs in Lushmeadows. Please follow them. School children, residents and animals are on the roadways walking, so please slow down and keep this a safe place for all to enjoy.