

Wawona Community News

June, 2019

Pine Needle Pickup Reminder: June 10 – June 14, 2019

Your pile must be ready by Monday, June 10. If it is not ready by the time the equipment is in your area, they will not go back and pick up late piles. Remember, one pile per property along the road in front of your property in an unobstructed area where the equipment can easily access your needle pile. Tree limbs and branches must be cut to a maximum of 3 feet in length to be picked up. **Only vegetation material will be picked up. No construction materials or large branches, please.**

Yosemite National Park, Aramark, & UC Merced properties are not part of the Special Services District and are not included in the pick-up.

If your address is on an out-of-the-way street, you can call or e-mail Calvin Jones so your needle pile won't be missed. Calvin Jones, Superintendent, Mariposa County Solid Waste & Recycling, (209)966-5165 x203
jones@mariposacounty.org

*Mark
your
calendar*

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June 8: WAPOA meeting and picnic Wawona Community Center 9 a.m.

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July: Hooting Owl TBA

July 4: Square Dance Gray Barn 8—10 p.m.

July 20: Square Dance Gray Barn 8—10 p.m.

August 3: Square Dance Gray Barn 8—10 p.m.

August 17: Square Dance Gray Barn 8—10 p.m.

August 31: Wawona Friends of the Library Book/Bake/Craft Sale Library Parking Lot

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October 12: WAPPOA Wawona Community Center 9 a.m.

October TBA: Large Item Pick Up

The Pioneer Yosemite

History Center

is an assembled collection of historic buildings from Yosemite National Park that is located in Wawona, California. Visitors can walk around the buildings year round, and the interiors are open in the summer on a limited basis. There are also special programs and carriage rides in the summer.

The buildings include:

Acting Superintendent's Headquarters
Chris Jorgenson Studio

George Anderson Pioneer Home

Hodgdon Homestead Cabin

Wawona Covered Bridge

Yosemite Transportation Company Office

Blacksmith shop

Ranger patrol cabin

Cavalry office

Degnan's Bakery

Powderhouse and jail

Residential Pile Burning Regulations

As a reminder, burn restrictions within Mariposa County began on May 15, 2019. If a property owner wishes to conduct debris pile burning, a burn permit issued by CAL FIRE is necessary. In addition, residents must also obtain a Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District burn permit.

- Open burning is allowed above 2,000' elevation with a valid permit only and on burn days.
- All residents need to contact the burn day information line prior to burning and the Yosemite Emergency Communications Center.
 - ♦ Mariposa Burn Day Information Line: 209.966.1200
 - ♦ Yosemite Emergency Communication Center: 209.379.1992
- Burn piles must be no larger than 4x4 foot in size. A water source and a shovel, rake, etc., must be at the burn location and a responsible adult in attendance at all times. Scrape the area around the burn pile to bare mineral soil. Do not burn on windy days.
- Piles must be fully consumed on the day of ignition.

Additional Information:

Mariposa County Burn Permit APCD Information - To obtain a permit on-line:
mariposacounty.org;
air@mariposacounty.org
CAL FIRE: 209.966.3622 or
www.fire.ca.gov or
ReadyForWildfire.org

Wawona Fire Information

The seasonal firefighters for Yosemite are here for the season. Wawona will have a crew similar to last year. We will be spending the 4 weeks training hard to prepare for this wildfire season. If you have not been to the Wawona fire station to meet the crew and tour the building and equipment, I encourage you to do so. Feel free to stop by anytime to ask questions or watch while we train.

There are still plans to continue fuels treatments throughout the residential Wawona area. We have begun reducing heavy amounts of fuel loading in key locations. We are planning to build many burn piles throughout Wawona this season in hopes of burning them in the fall of 2019.

WAWONA RANGER UPDATE

June ~2019

Eric Scott ~ Wawona District Ranger

We have a new permanent, full-time Ranger that just joined our staff. His name is Justen Williams. Justen is a recent graduate of the ProRanger program based out of Temple University. As part of this program, he participated in an 11 week internship, followed by 10 weeks working with the Visitor and Resource Protection Division in Yosemite. We have two seasonal rangers this summer. Ranger Roberto Cueva is back for his third season in Wawona, and Ranger Hallie Hauser, who is here for her first season in the park. We hope you have a chance to meet these outstanding rangers and welcome them to the community. Ranger Joshua Smith, who has worked in Wawona since the fall of 2010, will be transferring from Yosemite to Channel Islands National Park sometime in the next couple of months. Josh has been a highly valued member of our team and we are sorry to see him go, but wish him the best in his career.

The spring season has been pretty busy for the Wawona Rangers so far. The amazing waterfalls in the Valley have brought a steady stream of visitors into the park. The Mariposa Grove has been open and the Yosemite Hospitality shuttle buses are running on their summer schedule from 8am-8pm, seven days a week.

As always, please call me if you have any questions at (209) 375-9520.

Eric Scott
Wawona District Ranger

Camp Wawona Summer Camp 2019

Cub Camp (ages 7-11): June 23 - 30

Junior Camp (ages 9-12): June 30 - July 7

Tween Camp (ages 12-14): July 7 - 14

Teen Camp (ages 13-17): July 14 - 21

Family Camp 1 (all ages): July 21 - 28

Family Camp 2 (all ages): July 28 - August 4

We also offer Cowboy, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, and Wilderness Survival camps.

Please visit our website for more information or contact us:

CampWawona.org ~ SummerCampOffice@CampWawona.org

(559)347-3174

The Redwoods in Yosemite

Janine Reichardt-Homeowner Liaison

You might have noticed that one of our cabins is going through a remodel. We are in the process of upgrading it to be a three bedroom to host up to twelve International Students. We are hopeful that it will be ready by 1st of July. We have ten International students coming from Russia, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. They are always looking for extra work during the summer season. If you have any extra work for them, please give the Redwoods a call. 888-225-6666.

The Wawona Living History Project

Liv Eskola

Following the October 2018 WAPPOA meetings, I put a considerable amount of time, thought and money into the formation of a nonprofit which was to have the purpose of gathering oral histories from community members, starting from the 1930's to the present. There seemed to be a lot of interest by people I talked with in the fall, but not enough for anyone to come forward with any real assistance, financially or energetically after the April 2019 meetings.

Initially, the nonprofit form seemed workable as it provides a structure to safely accept funds and grow a project financially. So, I gave myself the deadline of the April meetings to see if this would move forward. I was also clear that I was unwilling to proceed any further at my own expense.

During my presentations to the WAPPOA Board, the general WAPPOA meeting and to some of the Redwood homeowners at their meeting in April 2019, I shared that the legal nonprofit set up was close to complete. I made up a list of all the different costs that would be coming up to continue the project, with the request that people consider helping or contributing. I am reporting here that no one came forward with anything except enthusiasm. This was quite disappointing, of course, but I had considered it might happen.

So, I'd like to suggest that after the general meeting this June, anyone who is interested can see me afterward and we can discuss together what could be done together regarding Wawona's history. Preserving Wawona history is part of the purpose of WAPPOA as put in the bylaws, so perhaps the board might have some ideas.

Mariposa Grove

A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, near South Entrance, to the Mariposa Grove. **There is no shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove for the general public.** The welcome plaza has about 300 parking spaces and may fill up by late morning. Arrive by mid-morning to increase chances of finding a place to park.

Wawona Large Item Pick Up

The Mariposa County Public Works will again pick up large items in Wawona on a Fall date to be announced. The truck will arrive in the Wawona maintenance yard at 9 a.m. that morning and depart at 3 p.m. Large household furnishings, appliances, deck furniture, etc. will be accepted. No hazardous waste or electronics will be accepted. Our special services trash pick up fee has allowed Wawona property owners to continue having our annual needle pick up and our large item pick up.

News from Yosemite-Wawona Elementary Charter School (Y-WECS)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Meet & Greet

Honoring

Stacy Boydston

Wednesday June 5th at 5 pm ~ 7 pm

Light snacks & beverages will be served!

Yosemite Wawona Elementary Charter School

7925 Chilnualna Falls Road, Wawona

RSVP to: admin@yosemitewawonacharter.org

Big Trees Lodge News

Amanda Lee ~ General Manager

Summer is in full swing at the Hotel. Stables are open and BBQs on Saturdays until Labor Day. Golf Course is open (May 24th) and Disc Golf begins Tuesday, May 28th. Please, know now that the course has dried out and the trees removed, the course has sustained extensive damages but the team is working on repairs. Shuttle to the Mariposa Grove from the Hotel is running daily. (Shuttle Passes available on www.wawonanews.com website) Also, be sure to stop by the Pro Shop. We've got pizza.

Big Trees Lodge Features

Comprised of six whitewashed Victorian buildings, the Big Trees Lodge rooms feature antique furnishings and authentic period decor.

- Summer Saturday Night Barbeque
- Golf course on property
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Beautiful dining room with a broad menu and wine list
- Grand verandas overlooking the fountain
- Sun Room with views of the pristine surroundings—ideal for group gatherings
- Manicured lawns are a prime location for an outdoor buffet, reception or barbeque and another ideal location for group gatherings
- Evenings with Musical Performances by Tom Bopp

Friends of the Bassett Memorial Library in Wawona

Library News

PO Box 2008, Wawona, CA 95389

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Annual Membership Board Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Wawona Friends of the Bassett Memorial Library will be held in the library, Thursday, June 6 at 9 a.m. All dues paying members are invited to attend. Memberships may be paid at the meeting if you haven't already renewed your membership. Wawona Friends whose dues are overdue at all, shall not be eligible to vote or serve on the Wawona Friends Board of Directors. (Bylaws: Article VII, Section 3.)

Friends of the Library Board of Directors

Members include Larry Duke, Kathie Heringer, Pierce Loberg, Colleen Murray, Kathy French Sanders, Kathy Scott, Pat Sisco, Michelle Stauffer, and Jennifer Wuchner. Chairpersons are: Larry Duke, Art and Kathy Scott, Book/Bake/Craft Sale. We are always looking for new board members who are available to help with our Friends projects. Just check the space on the membership form if you are interested in working on the Wawona Friends of the Library board, or let one of the librarians know you are interested.

Wawona News Website

To learn the latest Wawona and Park news, check out our website:

www.wawonanews.com

We post all the latest community updates, fire information, park updates, and schedules. Check us out!

Annual Book/Bake/Craft Sale

August 31 ~ Labor Day Saturday

Donations of craft items will be accepted all summer before the sale. Just leave your craft donations at the library.

Wawona bakers are already checking their recipe books for their favorite baked items to donate for the sale. Baked items can be left at the library the afternoon before the sale or early on the morning of the sale.

April—May 2019 Memorial Donations



Dudley and Jane Goul

The 2019 Wawona Friends of the Bassett Memorial Library

22nd Annual Book/Bake/Craft Sale

The 22nd annual sale is on Labor Day Saturday, August 31, 2019. Are you available to volunteer? Wawona community bakers have the best recipes! What are you going to bake for the sale? Call the library at 209-375-6510 or stop in and let one of the librarians know you can help. We already have a great selection of books that have been donated and sorted for the sale. If you are a crafter, please consider donating an item for the sale. Book donations will be accepted until August 24th. **Rain moves the sale to the Wawona Community Center.**

Rain

Thanks to Wawona Property Owners

who donate the dollars for our summer Extra Hours!!

Since the library opened in 1997, the Friends of the Library members have donated dollars to be matched by Sara Miller McCune's Extra Hours Challenge. This enables the library hours to be extended to 30 hours a week from the County's funded 15 hours a week. The library is open 5 hours daily: Monday through Friday, from 1 p.m.—6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The library is closed on Sunday and holidays. Internet and WiFi are available. Our heaviest use is in the summer when the rental cabins are occupied. Thank you for helping keep the library open 30 hours weekly!

Library Book Bags

The Wawona Friends of the Library are selling two sizes of books bags in the library with this Larry Duke logo. Come in and check them out!



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP???

We thank you for your support! Your memberships, financial contributions, volunteer hours, and book donations are very much appreciated! As Friends of the Library, we need your support to continue providing new materials and support services to the County Library. Remember that the Library allows patrons free access to email and the Internet, Ancestry.com, and inter-library loans. The Library is also striving to keep up-to-date with current books, CDs, DVDs, periodicals, etc. as requested by you, the patrons. As a nonprofit organization, the Friends qualify for many company gift matching programs. We urge you to support your Wawona Friends of the Library! Check Wawona News website for upcoming events and activities.

Renew your Friends membership by filling out the form on the back page!

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2019 MEMBERSHIP WAWONA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Please print information for mailing list: April 1 ~ March 31

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Membership Categories:

___ Individual \$ 5.00
___ Family \$ 10.00
___ Business \$ 50.00
___ Life \$ 100.00
___ Golden Patron \$ 500.00

Email Address

___ Gold Friend \$15.00
___ Gold Panner \$25.00
___ Gold Miner \$50.00
___ Gold Strike \$75.00
___ Wawona Fund Booster Unlimited

Additional Contributions: (Include address for acknowledgement)

\$ ___ Memorial for (Name) _____

\$ ___ Gift in honor of (Name) _____

\$ ___ Extra Hours Donation _____

I am interested in assisting with the following:

___ Membership
___ Serving on the Board of Directors
___ Help at Special Events

___ Telephoning
___ Fundraising
___ Newsletter

___ Volunteering in library
___ Book Sale
___ Other