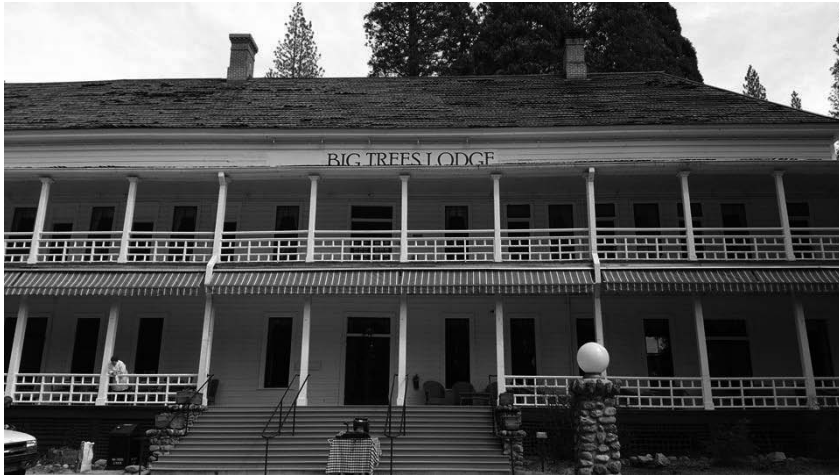


WAWONA
COMMUNITY
CENTER

Wawona Community News

APRIL, 2016

Big Trees Lodge



Big Trees Lodge (formerly known as the Wawona Hotel) is cherished as one of the most respected and most frequently visited Yosemite hotels. Its authentic Victorian architecture features beautiful white buildings, classic verandas and lush natural surroundings. At the Big Trees Lodge, there's something for everyone—including golf, tennis, horseback riding, or fishing. Mornings begin with a complimentary continental breakfast for all guests. Evenings are spent gathered around the piano for musical performances in the lounge with Tom Bopp .



Fire Management News

Gary Wuchner ~ Fire Education and Information Manager

It's the time of the year that Wawona needs to begin thinking and preparing for the 2016 fire season. In 2015, over 10 million acres burned from wildfire – a record year.

Wawona has been fortunate to receive significant precipitation this year, however, the past 5 years of drought effects have become quite visible in and around the community. Pine trees are showing a very high mortality rate and other trees are showing drought distress factors. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), crews have been busy all winter removing hazard trees throughout the community.

As homeowners and residents, please continue the really good work to maintain the 100' clearance (or to your property lines) of all tree debris and needles. It is essential that trees be "limbed up" 15' off the ground, and branches and limbs are clear of heating vents, and chimneys.

Fire inspections will begin later this spring, and are designed to assist you in keeping your property fire safe. Through the years, the attention by all has been significant in preventing fires within the community.

Yosemite Fire Staff is also beginning to plan extensive fuels treatments within the community addressing areas of accumulation of dead and down on park lands. They evaluate the fuel loads and mitigation of the most "at risk" areas. In addition, two prescribed fire projects are scheduled near the community – the upper part of the Mariposa Grove and continuation of the Soupbowl project near the south entrance. Vegetation pile burning will continue to reduce fuel loading along the Wawona Road. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Finding ways to assist our residents and visitors to safely enjoy the community is a common goal for everyone. Please do your part to maintain a fire safe Yosemite National Park community for future generations.



Wawona Fire News

Yosemite Fire and Aviation Wawona District would like to invite residents to join the structure fire department. This is a great way to pay back to the community. If you are interested please contact Captain Fred Mason at the following:
fred_mason@nps.gov or 209-375-9515

The Redwoods In Yosemite

Donna Davis ~ Vice President & General Manager

We have tons of brand new items in **The Redwoods Gift Shop**. **Local residents receive a 10% discount** (Redwoods Homeowners receive a 30% discount).

Gearing up for summer at The Redwoods ~ Our Work and Travel students will begin arriving in May. This year we have 10 students arriving from Jamaica and Eastern Europe. They are always looking for extra work. If you have any housekeeping, yard work or other home projects and could use a hand please contact Donna@RedwoodsInYosemite.com or call 375-6670.

The Redwoods Wedding and Event Center ~ Now has state of the art audio visual and accommodates up to 80 guests in our Fireside Room or on our Fireside Deck. The Event Center has an adjoining catering kitchen and Board Room. For information about Weddings, Reunions, Birthdays, Club Events, Meetings and more contact Janine@Redwoods in Yosemite.com or 209-35-6273 for more information. **Ask about our discounts for locals.**

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

April 9: WAPOA Wawona Community Center 9 a.m.

April 9: Yosemite-Wawona Elementary Charter School Silent Auction and BBQ 11:30 a.m.

June 3 : Annual Friends of the Library Membership Board Meeting in the Library 6 p.m.

June 4: WAPOA Wawona Community Center 9 a.m.

June 6 - 10 Pine Needle Pickup

September 3: Wawona Friends of the Library Book/Bake/Craft Sale

September 10: WAPOA Wawona Community Center 9 a.m.

September 10: Large item pickup

September 17: Golf Tournament sponsored by Yosemite-Wawona Elementary Charter School

Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee (WTPAC)

Ed Mee ~ Chairman

The Committee's last meeting was on Friday, March 11, 2016 at the Community Center. The Committee made recommendations to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on the NPS/Mariposa County MOU. The MOU is a document between Mariposa County and the NPS that spells out the responsibilities of the two agencies who have concurrent jurisdiction in Wawona. The original MOU was signed in 1987 with a twenty year term. The WTPAC asked the County for a review of the MOU a couple of years ago. The MOU includes, but is not limited to the County's responsibilities of building inspections and permits, providing Health Department services, mental health and welfare services, maintaining County roads and administering a private trash hauling contract. The NPS responsibilities include providing a staffed and equipped ambulance in Wawona, providing wastewater treatment and a potable water system. They mutual agree to provide law enforcement responsibilities, provide a library, fire protection, Emergency Medical Service and land use control will be governed by the Wawona Specific Plan.

The MOU is for five years and is subject to review every year by representatives from Mariposa County, the NPS and the Chair of WTPAC. As soon as the Park Superintendent approves WTPAC's latest recommendations, the MOU along with associated agreements, will be posted on Mariposa County's web site.

Also discussed were the Mariposa County Economic Vitality Strategy and Implementation Plan and Mariposa County General Plan Chapter 6 Economic Development Element. If you have any input on this, contact Supervisor Carrier at Mariposa County.

WTPAC has fifteen members which includes one vacancy. If you are interested in serving as a member for a two year term, contact Supervisor John Carrier or Chairperson Ed Mee. You must be either employed, reside or own property within the geographical boundaries of the Wawona Town Planning Area (Section 35). The next meeting date has not been scheduled yet.

WAWONA RANGER UPDATE

Spring – 2016

Eric Scott ~ Wawona District Ranger

This winter has been exceptionally busy for the Wawona Rangers. For the first time in four years, we've had a decent winter with some snow and a lot of rain. With every snowstorm, the Rangers also very busy monitoring road conditions, and responding to multiple vehicle accidents and visitors sliding off the roadway. Badger Pass has had an excellent skiing season this year, starting on December 12 and ending April 3rd. The same has been true of visitors skiing out to the Glacier Point Hut and the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut.

As you many of you know, Yosemite Hospitality (Aramark) took over the concession contract in Yosemite from Delaware North Corporation (DNC) on March 1st. The facilities affected by this change in the Wawona area, were the Badger Pass Ski Area, the Wawona Hotel and the Wawona Store. There were several significant name changes to several of the former DNC properties. The Badger Pass ski area will now be known as the "Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area". The Wawona Hotel will now be known as the "Big Trees Lodge". Several other facilities in the Valley were also renamed. These name changes were made due to the on-going disagreement between the NPS and DNC over "intellectual property" and trademarks filed by DNC.

I also wanted you to welcome our newest permanent, full-time Wawona Ranger, Ian Rippetoe. Ian and his wife Yulia, are not strangers to the Wawona Community. Some of you may have met Ian in the past. He worked for us as a seasonal ranger in 2011, 2012, and last year in 2015. After his summer season ended, we were able to announce the position, and hire Ian. We are pleased to have the Rippetoe's living here full time.

There will be some construction activities at the South Entrance that will disrupt traffic in and out of the park. As part of the Mariposa Grove Restoration Project, a contractor will be installing utilities under the existing roadway at the intersection of the Grove Road area. This will involve a fair amount of work as they install new sewer and water lines and other electrical utilities. There will be traffic delays once this work starts.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel to contact me at (209) 375-9520, or by email at Eric_Scott@nps.gov.

Yosemite Updates

Please note that the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is currently closed for restoration until 2017. Learn more from the National Park Service: [Restoration of the Mariposa Grove](#).

PG&E continues removing all dead/diseased trees in Wawona that are 100' in either direction from their power lines.

YWECS SPRING SILENT AUCTION & BBQ!

Join us on Saturday, April 9th for an event the whole family will enjoy!

11:30am - 2:30pm

*@ Yosemite Wawona Elementary Charter School
in the multipurpose room*

BBQ Lunch!

\$8 for adults, \$5 for kids

Silent Auction!

Bidding available from 11:30am - 2:30pm

Bidding closes at 2:30pm w/ item pick-up after 4:30pm

(Need not be present to collect bid items)

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOSEMITE WAWONA ELEMENTARY
CHARTER SCHOOL**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact us:

Phone: 209-375-6383

Email: admin@yosemitewawonacharter.org



School Website:

<http://www.yosemitewawonacharter.org/>

School Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteWawonaCharterSchool>

Student Website:

<http://yosemitewawonacharterstudents.weebly.com/>

Friends of the Bassett Memorial Library in Wawona

NEWSLETTER

PO Box 2008, Wawona, CA 95389

April, 2016

Extra Summer Hours Challenge

This is an appeal to Wawona residents and property owners to support the addition of extra summer hours for 2016. Without your donations the library will have to reduce the hours that the library is open during the 2016 summer to the County 3 days a week.

Thanks to everyone who made donations towards the Extra Summer Hours Challenge in the past. Sara Miller McCune matches the dollars donated and we are able to keep the library open 6 days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day—adding 3 days to the County funded 3 days a week.

The Wawona Friends of the Library fund the 4th day a week from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

Join the Wawona Friends of the Library!

The Wawona Friends of the Library publish this newsletter four times a year. Your membership in the FoL pays for the printing and postage as well as new circulation materials for our library patrons. Is your membership up-to-date? An up-to-date membership assures that your address is current and you receive the newsletter in a timely manner. Return the form on the back page with your membership. All dues and donations are tax deductible.

Thank You to the Redwoods in Yosemite!

They are placing refrigerator magnets in all their homes displaying the hours that the Wawona Bassett Memorial Library is open!

Important Web Site: Check out local events and news on the Wawona website: www.wawonanews.com

Friends of the Library Book/Bake/Craft Sale



The 20th annual sale is in need of a chairman to organize and run the sale on Labor Day Saturday, September 3, 2016. Are you available to volunteer? 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. We continue to accept books and craft items.

November 2015~ March 2016
Memorial Donations



Eileen Johnson
Scottie Macormac
Norman May
Jayne Posey
Kay and Joe Rossi

Wawona Bassett
Memorial Library Hours

Labor Day 2015 through Memorial
Day 2016
209-375-6510

Free Internet & Wi-Fi Available

Monday: Noon – 5 PM
Wednesday: Noon – 5 PM
Friday: Noon – 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM – 3 PM

Closed Sunday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Holidays

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2016 MEMBERSHIP WAWONA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Membership Categories:

Email Address _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Friend	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Panner	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Miner	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$ 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Strike	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Patron	\$ 500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering in library
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Sale
<input type="checkbox"/> Help at Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Make checks payable to:

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