



# LODGE LOG

Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association

**JANUARY 2021**



If there is any member  
who knows of someone  
who may need a get well  
card or sympathy card,  
please call the Sunshine Lady,  
Sheila Silcox at 209-795-5724



## Welcome New Homeowners

Shakir Awan & Shazia Sultana Unit 8

Abdullah Abdelkhalek Unit 3

Michael & Melissa McWeeney Unit 12

Leland & Pauline Yee Unit 10

Iryna Della Morte Unit 13

Alan Young & Hsiao Wang Unit 5

Sarah Cohen & Asher Davison Unit 3

Kevin & Lisa Clark

Stephen Geisheker & Kathleen Hanson Unit 8

Eilam & Dominique Levin Unit 3

Michael & Gail Schwartz Unit 13

Joy & Scott Scharon Unit 5

Walter & Maria Bertollo Unit 9

Timothy & Josette Reid Unit 5

Michael & Kathleen Glazzy Unit 11

Kai Hansen & Kathryn Geskerman Unit 3

Meredith & David Morford Unit 2

Michelle Beaulieu & Robert Dolan Unit 9

Bradley & Kristy Falke Unit 9

Jeffrey Bowman & Elizabeth Sobieski Unit 13

Martin & Theresa Dillon Unit 13

Mark Mulholland Unit 3

Ralph & Annette Robinson Unit 2

Robert & Catherine Serpa Unit 8

Shawn & Kathy Horan Unit 9



## *The Snowflake Lodge Restaurant*

*Open for Take-Out 5-7:30pm*

Snowflake Lodge restaurant is proud to offer the very best in high country cuisine, from small plates and casual fare, to elevated entrees and delectable desserts! Our elite kitchen staff creates everything in-house, to please even the most discerning palates with a seasonally changing menu and exciting weekly specials. Our cozy mountain dining room is open year round for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays **\*\* (Currently only open for take-out)**. We feature fireside dining in winter, a lake view in summer on our beautiful deck, and casual small plates in the lounge any time! No alcohol is served on site, but we invite all guests who wish to bring a libation of their choosing to enjoy with their meal without the corkage fee charged elsewhere, and soft drinks are always complimentary! Our full menu is also just a phone call away for take out!

For take-out, pre-orders are preferred. Call 209-795-2357 to place your

# President's Message



Greetings and happy new year from Blue Lake Springs! As is the norm for the holiday season, we had a large amount of visitors to our community this year. The crowds have diminished but some remain due to the increase in working remotely and with some school districts offering distance learning for students.

As we say goodbye to 2020 (thank goodness!), and look ahead to 2021, we are hopeful some level of normalcy returns to BLS and the overall community. We are hopeful for a return to dining in Snowflake Lodge Restaurant, greater access to our BLS facilities, a full summer recreation program, and the return of membership events and activities. While this is the time of year to be hopeful for a better year ahead, only time will tell with the Covid-19 situation we all face.

The grand reopening of the Snowflake Restaurant is beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday and Saturday nights) for takeout only. Call to reserve a pick up time and place your order at any time during the week 209-795-2357. The special tamale event offered by the restaurant for the holidays was a huge success. Look forward to additional special events offered by the restaurant in the months ahead.

As of this writing, more snow is forecasted for Bear Valley Ski Resort over the next week or two. The resort has been operating on a limited basis for far this season, but plan to open the entire mountain this week if the snow conditions improve as expected. This would be good news for the area economy!

Just a reminder that the BLS Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of every month. This month's meeting will be on January 16, 2021. A Zoom invitation will be sent out to the membership prior to the meeting, and as always we encourage the membership to join us.

Stay safe and healthy in our new year of 2021.

Best Regards,

Doug Hjelmhaug

President, BLSHA, Board of Directors

## Conditions, Covenants and Restriction (CC&R's)

**Dear Members,**

This article is to help aid homeowners in understanding the CC&R's, and possible violation of such. There are some, not a lot, of violations of the CC&R's within the development, and what the Association is attempting to do is educate the membership of these possible violations.

**Article II, Section 6, Exterior Lighting;** Spillover lighting (mounted to buildings, decks, trees, poles, etc.) Shall not unreasonably encroach onto adjoining property or public roadways. The ARC shall determine whether a light shining from one lot unreasonably shines onto adjoining property or public road.

Please make sure that the lighting on your home is not unreasonably encroaching on to the roads or on to adjoining property. Some suggestions to consider:

Place lights on timers or motions sensitive sensors.

Insure that your lights are not shining on to your neighbor's property.

Consider reduced wattage of light bulbs.

These are just a few ideas that can help.

If you have questions, please contact the Association Office.

### **Article III, Section 1, Signage.**

*Address signs with numerals of at least four (4) inches in height are required and must be visible from the street to assist in the location of properties by emergency vehicles and services.*

*No signs of commercial nature shall be displayed on any property. No more than one "For Rent", For Lease" or "For Sale" sign of reasonable dimension (as determined by the Association) or job identification sign of a type usually employed by contractor, subcontractor, or tradesmen will be permitted. All such signs shall be removed within ten (10) days following conclusion of the construction, sale or other activity.*

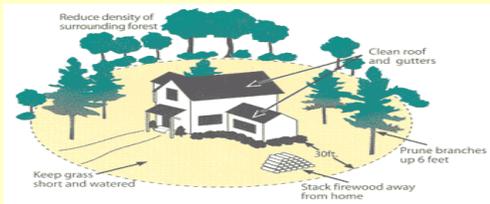
There have been a number of commercial signs left on properties well over the (10) day allowance of the CC&R's. Also, there are a number of signs on utility poles in the development. Under Chapter 17 of the Calaveras County Code it is not permissible to place signs on utility poles.

### **Article III, Section 7, Debris.**

*No rubbish, trash, garbage or debris shall be allowed to accumulate on any property. Any rubbish, trash, garbage or debris outside the interior walls of a residence shall be stored entirely within appropriate covered disposal containers. Any extraordinary accumulation of rubbish, trash, garbage or debris (such as often generated upon vacating a premise or during construction or modification of improvements) shall be removed to a public dump or trash collection are by the owner or tenant at their expense.*

Garbage spills in the development is an ongoing issue. It the responsibility of each owner to ensure that animals cannot access your household trash. Remember that the animals only do what comes natural to them, and that is to look for food. It is can also be very dangerous due to the fact that the animals become accustomed to foraging for food in human trash.

## VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION (VIP)



Happy New Year, BLSHA!

Happy 2021! I am sure most of us are hoping for a better year than the previous one. I am still eating my new year's black-eyed peas, just in case. The Association looks outstanding. Yes, there are a handful of properties that need special attention, and the Association will continue to monitor these properties.

PG&E has been cutting and cleaning up the area. They have really ramped up their removal process. Unfortunately, some of the debris has ended up in the drainage area, within the County easements. Please take the time to check your easement, at the front of your property. Make sure it is not obstructed, and that water can flow naturally. If there are obstructions, you risk having the runoff water freezing in the streets. This makes for a dangerous roadway.

For the third month in a row, I would like to remind all Members that it is their responsibility to clean and maintain the County Right-of-Way, in front of their property. The County has threatened possible fines for those property owners who leave logs and debris, as well as not repairing the County Right-of-Way. It is against County Ordinance to block any County Right-of-Way (i.e.: additions, decks, sheds, bear boxes and even vehicles). Failure to do so may result in fines from the County and the Association. I have been told by some Members that the County said this is untrue. With different departments come different explanations, however, the law is clear.

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For all Members who are going through insurance renewals, please contact me at [vip@blsha.com](mailto:vip@blsha.com). I will be able to send you the BLSHA Fire Wise Community Certificate, a print out of the EPFD ISO rating for BLSHA, and a letter from the Association stating that you are not in violation of the CC&Rs. You may be eligible for a discount because BLSHA is a Fire Wise Community. However, if you are purchasing the CA Fair Plan, then you are entitled to a discount. Check with your insurance company.

If you plan on painting your home a new color scheme, replacing the septic, building a shed, deck or an addition, please do not forget that you must fill out an application to the BLSHA Architectural Review Committee. The Association must inspect the property lines and the plans, before any work may start. If you have plans on any changes to the outside of your home, please send me an email at [vip@blsha.com](mailto:vip@blsha.com), and we will send you out the application.

If you see standing dead trees, please send the Association an email, at [vip@blsha.com](mailto:vip@blsha.com), or call 209-795-2357. The last thing anyone wants is to have naturally falling trees, falling around homes and Members.

Happy New Year,  
Thomas Hein  
BLSHA Fire Prevention Coordinator

**Blue Lake Springs Homeowners' Association**

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**Snowflake Lodge Restaurant**

Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Please Call for Reservation (209) 795-2357  
\*Takeout Only\*

Please have order ready when calling for reservations.

**Summer Recreation (Memorial Day to Labor Day)**

Recreation Office Phone (209) 795-4009  
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- President, Doug Hjelmhaug
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Your Association welcomes letters from members and well publish them in the Lodge Log on a space available basis. If necessary they will be edited for style and shortened to 200 words. Letters will not be returned to author. Formal policy is on file at the Association office. Members should request a copy of the policy If they are considering submitting a Member to Member

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