

Winter 2013



Bodega Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter

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Polenta Dinner

Our first fundraiser of the new year, the Polenta & Beef Stew Dinner (served with cheese, salad and a roll) is on Saturday, March 23 from 5:30pm to 8pm at McCaughey Hall. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. We hope to see you there!

Monthly Business Meetings

Come check out the New Station! Our monthly business meetings will now be held in the training room of the new Fire Station. Join us every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Membership

We currently have 127 paid members. Our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. Yearly membership dues are \$50. We ask that each household and business (owned or rent) become a member and support us.

Hall Rental

The availability of McCaughey Hall will increase with the completion of the Fire Station. If you're interested in renting the Hall for an event or private party, please contact us for more information at 707-876-9438.

A message from the Board President

I'm sure all supporters, members and passers-by have noticed we have resumed construction on the New Fire Station's parking lot/driveway. Thanks to local contractors, Joe Rossetti, Art Casini, and Troy Eisenhower, we have begun the final stages of grading and concrete apron work. Thanks to our volunteer Soils Engineer Jeff Reese for guidance and expertise. Many thanks to Piazza Construction (James Piazza) they have completed the main domestic water service and fire protection water service to the building. R.A. Murphy Construction (Rich Murphy) is now coordinating and working on the final finishes of the interior, great job. I would like to say thank you again to all the volunteers that have donated their time and services to this project. We will recognize all those who have made this possible with a permanent plaque in the Fire House. This project continues to be an extraordinary joint effort from our local community. How soon to completion? We project that late this spring we should reach our goal. A grand opening will be announced in the near future and we hope all will attend.

Lastly, I would like to say a special thanks to Gary Watts (our former Assistant Chief). Gary was an early visionary in all aspects of this project. He spent many years in planning and implementing our goals and was a key player in all that has been accomplished.

Best Regards, Bill Newman, BVFD President



Chief's Report

The Firefighters and Support Staff of the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department continue to take great pride in serving our community. We currently have 16 volunteer firefighters and 2 explorers and they continue to do a tremendous job! In 2012, we responded to over 120 calls, kept up with all the required training, all while maintaining our equipment and working our many fundraising events.

In addition, to all their time they have dedicated to BVFD: Josh Perucchi and Brett Hughes graduated from SRJC Paramedic School. Martin Newman and Gabe Horrell completed the Sonoma County Volunteer Fire Academy. Martin is currently enrolled in the SRJC EMT program and Gabe is in the SRJC First Responder program. Andrew Howe, a volunteer with Bodega since 2008, is also in SRJC EMT program. We have a new volunteer enrolled in the Volunteer Fire Academy, Miguel Hernandez. Congratulations to all! We are truly proud of their accomplishments and appreciate all they do for our community. We are always looking for volunteers and anyone is welcome to sit in on a training to see if they are up for the challenge! We have trainings on the second Wednesday and last Thursday of the month.

Our new building over the year has transformed into a functional Fire Station, I personally would like to thank all of the local businesses, contractors and members who have supported us throughout this project.

Sincerely, Ron Albini, Fire Chief

The Bricks are here!

The second order of bricks has arrived and will be installed on the wall of the New Station within the next couple of weeks. This will be your last chance to order a brick for the wall, as there are only a few more spaces to fill. Please take a moment to stop and look at the bricks. Help us complete the wall by purchasing a brick for \$250. If you are interested, please let us know. Again, there are only a few spots left available.

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Welcome to our New Treasurer

As the new BVFD Treasurer since July 2013, I would like to thank outgoing Treasurer, Nancy Perucchi. Only because of her incredible thoroughness and organization am I able to attempt to fill her dedicated shoes. Thank you Nancy for your years of HARD work!

2012 has been a successful year; we raised over \$90,000 from our fundraising events, brick campaign, raffles and various donations. If you have questions about our budget, please join us at our monthly business meetings.

Regards, Abigail Myers Killey, Treasurer

Grant Update

We continue to have success in obtaining grants to increase our level of service. This past year, we have installed a firefighting gear washer and dryer from the 2010 AFG FEMA grant. We have been awarded a \$47,500 from the 2012 AFG FEMA grant program for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor/Fill station allowing us to fill our air bottles after being used in a fire or for training purposes. Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival allocated us \$6,000 for firefighting and medical equipment. Lastly, we received \$2,500 from Cal Fire grant program to upgrade our wild land firefighting tools.

Sincerely, Josh Perucchi, Captain/Grant Writer

Thank you to the Newsletter Committee and the contributors to this issue: Bill Newman, Ron Albini, Josh Perucchi, Abigail Myers Killey, Ashley O'Callaghan Vickie Watts and Jim Grant.

2013 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Polenta Dinner

Sunday, May 19
7:30 am - Noon
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 4
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
33rd Annual Big Event BBQ

Saturday, August 24 & Sunday, August 25
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Bodega Seafood, Art & Wine Festival

Saturday, October 5
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Polenta Dinner

Friday, November 29 & Saturday, November 30
10am – 5pm
Annual Christmas Crafts Faire

Events held at McCaughey Hall

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