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newsletter

From the BVFD Board President

We are nearing completion of the station; we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's been many years of dedicated service by our volunteer firefighters, our board members (past and present) and the continual support from the Bodega Community. All the donations from local contractors, vendors, businesses and individuals, have made this project an overwhelming success. We could not have accomplished what we have without all the support. We thank you and you should thank yourselves for what we have all done.

As of 4/23, we have nearly spent \$490,000. That's a lot of money for a small town like Bodega. What do we have and how will it change our lives? One, a modern and essential service fire station to house our fire trucks and equipment to better serve our community. Two, a dedicated staff of volunteer first responders that will meet the emergency needs of our community for years to come. Our capabilities are substantial but I know Chief Albini can summarize that better than I can.

We will need approximately \$70,000 to complete the station. We can look at our costs in many different ways but the bottom line will be that we did it, our taxes did not go up to build it and our town should be very proud! At this point our main goal is to finish the project on time, which means before our County Permit expires on 11/30/2012. Our goal is in reach; we have applied for a few new grants that could put us over the proverbial hump soon. We will know in the next two months if these

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grants will come through (I feel there is a good chance). A grand opening is in the near future and you will all know when that will be. Community support is still our bread and butter; please don't stop giving at this point.

Lastly, I would like to say a special thanks to Nancy Perucchi (our current Board Treasurer), who will be ending her second five-year term as board member. She was the volunteer Treasurer during the largest capital campaign BVFD has ever had; it was no small feat. Her energy and great work will be missed, but I know she will be around and still be an active member of our community. Thanks Nancy!

Regards,
Bill Newman, President BVFD

GRANT UPDATE

By Josh Perucchi

- We would like to thank The Home Depot Foundation for the \$2500 they granted us for kitchen appliances in the new station.
- We just completed installation of a radio-paging system thanks to funding provided by Cal Fire.
- Last month, we installed firefighter gear lockers for each volunteer made possible by the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival.

We are always seeking funding from various opportunities to complete the station and other essential equipment. If you know of any grants that would be beneficial to the BVFD, please contact us.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 20th

7:30am - Noon

\$8 Adults / \$5 Kids

Please see Fundraising Calendar on page 4

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Bodega Volunteer Firefighters responded to over 150 calls in 2011. We are all quite fortunate to have such a dedicated group, and also a wonderful board of directors and support staff who coordinate our administrative and fundraising needs.

Our exceptional team of volunteer firefighters and explorers continue to train a minimum of two times per month and work our many fundraising events, perform maintenance on our fire engines and the fire station. We welcome and encourage anyone who is interested in joining our Volunteer Firefighter/Explorer Team or would like to come be part of our support staff. Please contact me for more information – 707-876-9438 or chief8700@comcast.net.

I am quite pleased to say the fire station is coming together rather nicely, in the past several months we have been able to complete our interior wiring, heating system, communication system, sheetrock, painting, flooring, cabinetry and our beautiful sign. Our next steps will be to complete our bathrooms, kitchen, training room, exterior parking area and landscaping. Your donations and continued support have made this all possible.

*Sincerely,
Ron Albini, Fire Chief*

FIRE CALL LOG

These are calls that our volunteer firefighters and emergency response team have responded to in Bodega and nearby communities since the first of the year.

January 2012

- 1-02 Hazardous condition - tree down. Bayhill Rd, Bodega
- 1-03 Medical aid - Bodega Fire Station
- 1-04 Vehicle accident - 500 block of Hwy 1, Bodega Bay
- 1-05 Gas in a structure - Seaway, Bodega Bay
- 1-08 Vehicle accident - Hwy. 1 near Quarry, Bodega Bay
- 1-14 Vehicle accident - 21000 block of Heron Dr, Bodega Bay
- 1-14 Mutual aid - trailer fire, Dillon Beach
- 1-17 Smoke investigation - Doran Park, Bodega Bay
- 1-21 Hazardous condition - tree down on Joy Rd, Bodega

February 2012

- 2-05 Fire investigation - 500 block of Hwy. 1, Bodega Bay
- 2-06 Vehicle accident - jack-knifed big rig Hwy 1, Valley Ford
- 2-07 Vehicle accident - Valley Ford Estero Rd, Valley Ford
- 2-10 Hazardous condition - tree down, Hwy 1 near Estero Ln, Bodega
- 2-12 Vehicle accident - overturned vehicle, Bodega Hwy, Bodega
- 2-13 Hazardous condition - tree down, Franklin School Rd, Valley Ford
- 2-17 Medical aid - man down, 17000 block of Hwy. 1 Bodega
- 2-20 Station coverage - Bodega Bay Fire Station
- 2-24 Vehicle accident - 500 block of Hwy. 1, Bodega Bay
- 2-24 Hazardous condition - tree down, 700 block of Salmon Creek Rd, Bodega
- 2-28 Medical aid - Valley Ford Rd, Bloomfield

March 2012

- 3-03 Vehicle fire - Westshore Rd, Bodega Bay
- 3-05 Medical aid - vehicle vs. pedestrian at Doran Beach, Bodega Bay
- 3-18 Vehicle accident - Hwy 1 near Wrights Beach, Bodega Bay
- 3-18 Hazardous condition - wires down near Watson School, Bodega
- 3-19 Station coverage - Bodega Bay Fire on scene of rescue
- 3-20 Vehicle accident - Hwy 1 near South Harbor Way, Bodega Bay
- 3-23 Public assist - tree down, 17000 Block of Bodega Hwy, Bodega
- 3-27 Hazardous condition - tree down, Watson School, Bodega
- 3-29 Fire alarm - 1500 block of Eastshore Rd, Bodega Bay
- 3-31 Vehicle accident – extrication, Hwy 1 near Estero Ln, Bodega

April 2012

- 4-5 Vehicle accident - Hwy 1 near Bayhill Rd, Bodega Bay
- 4-9 Fire alarm, 1500 block of Eastshore Rd, Bodega Bay
- 4-19 Hazardous condition - tree down blocking road, Salmon Creek Rd, Bodega
- 4-24 Station coverage - Bodega Bay Fire Station

ROSTER

Chief

Ron Albini

Assistant Chief

Gary Watts

Captains

Steve Perucchi
Josh Perucchi, EMT

Training Officers

Boone Vale, Captain/EMT
Shannon Deniz, EMT

Firefighters

Garett Watts
Christophe Zbinden
David Titus
Will Morris
Andrew Howe
Daniel Blair, EMT
Brett Hughes, EMT
Matt Vann, EMT
Eric Calley, EMT
Casey Quinn
Martin Newman
Gabe Horrell
Michael Hutchinson, EMT

Explorers

Andriana Albini
Wesley Albini

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Newman
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Ron Albini
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Fire Chief

Nancy Perucchi
Treasurer

Jim Grant
Laird Sutton
Secretaries



BUILDING UPDATE

For the fourteen months, it has been my pleasure to volunteer as the Architect of In Charge and Project Inspector for the new fire station. When I began, only the foundation and the metal building shell had been completed. Now, thanks to our community's support and generous donations of time and materials, the only work remaining are some interior finishes and the exterior site work which includes the driveway, parking and landscaping.

This remaining work should be completed by the end of the year. I am grateful to have been a part of this community building project which has enabled me to get to know my neighbors in Bodega and to become a part of this community.

Sincerely, Rben Benson

BURN DAY INFO

Permits are required year around. To obtain information on allowable open burning in your area, contact either the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (areas include: Bodega, Bodega Bay, Occidental, Russian River area) at 707-433-5911 or Bay Area Air Quality Management District (areas include: Bloomfield, Freestone, Gold Ridge, Two Rock, Valley Ford) at 415-749-4600 for permit requirements and applications. If you have clearance to burn by the appropriate air district, you must report your burn location to REDCOM (Sonoma County Dispatch Center) at 707-565-1700.



The Brick Campaign continues!

Not everyone has their name engraved on a brick on a community building for generations-to-come to use. Here's your opportunity! Put your name on a brick to show your pride of being part of the Bodega community.

We will be ordering the remainder of the bricks to complete the wall very soon, so get your order in now.

A brick can be purchased for a donation of \$250.
Contact us for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Big Event

This year the Big Event is on Sunday, August 5th. It starts with Sonoma County's smallest parade at 10:30am and the BBQ and music will start at 11:30am.

Participants in the parade are encouraged to be there by 9:00am to allow time to line up. If you are interested in being in the parade, contact Vickie at 707-876-3385.

We are looking for a volunteer to organize the music/entertainment. We are always looking for new ideas for the Big Event and appreciate any suggestions but you must be willing to follow through and make it happen.

The Big Event is always a great day in Bodega. We are thankful there are so many community members willing to get involved in this fun event and supporting us, as it takes a lot of volunteers to make it a success. Every extra hand helps and greatly appreciated: sitting at the membership table for a shift, collecting garbage, running a game, serving food or breaking down tables at the end of the long day.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Linda- msbini@comcast.net (e-mail is best) or leave message at 707-874-1217. Big Event meetings dates and times will be posted in the Bodega Post Office and around town.

HELP NEEDED!

- *CRAFT FAIRE ORGANIZER*

Vickie Watts, our organizer for the last 25 years, will be resigning her post as organizer. The elements are already in place, but we just need someone to keep it all together. We are at the point if we can't recruit someone this year to shadow her, we will have to take a break until we find someone to take it over.

- *BOARD TREASURER*

Nancy Perucchi, served as board treasurer for her second term, will be leaving her post in July and we need a replacement to take over her financial duties of the department.

We would like to thank both Nancy and Vickie for their support over the years. If you are interested in either of the positions, please contact the Board of Directors for further information. Board elections will be at the June business meeting (second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm).

THE ANNUAL QUILT

This year's theme: Trees in the Breeze

The quilt will be displayed at the Big Event – buy your tickets now. It will be raffled off on the last day of the Christmas Craft Faire.

FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

Sunday, May 20
7:30am – Noon
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 5
10am – 5pm
32nd Annual Big Event BBQ & Parade

Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26
10am – 5pm
Bodega Seafood, Art & Wine Festival

Saturday, October 6
5:30pm – 8pm
Polenta & Stew Dinner

Friday, November 23 & Saturday, November 24
10am – 5pm
Annual Christmas Crafts Faire

*All proceeds go directly to the
Bodega Volunteer Fire Department!*

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Comments or questions? We want to hear from you!



It's that time of the year again!

Membership dues are \$50. Our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. Please fill out and submit the enclosed form. We ask that each household (owned or rented) and local businesses become a member and support us.

Be part of the community and join us at our monthly business meetings that happen every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at McCaughey Hall.



About our organization...

The Bodega Volunteer Fire Department is a 501c(3) organization and an all-volunteer department with no paid staff member and operates solely on volunteer firefighters, community support and your donations. We provide service not only to our community, but also the many tourists that enjoy our beautiful town and surrounding areas. We are in the process of completing our new fire station that will accommodate all of its equipment and provide more reliable fire and emergency services to Bodega and the surrounding communities. Our primary financial support comes from donations and fundraisers; we have no tax base, thus the continuing need to seek donations.

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