



# Bodega Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter

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## *Membership Dues*

It is that time of the year again. 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 BVFD member and support us. Membership form enclosed.

## *Grand Opening*

Save the date! Mark your calendars for the grand opening celebration of our new Fire Station on October 19, 2013. Event will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – all volunteers, supporters, donors and community members are most welcome to come and share this exciting day in BVFD history.

## *Hall Rental*

Please consider renting McCaughey Hall for your next event or private party. If you're interested, please contact us for more information at 707-876-9438.

## *Monthly Business Meetings*

Our monthly business meetings are held in the training room of the new Fire Station. Join us every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

## *Order your Brick*

Last chance! Mark on your membership form and return to us.

## A message from the Board President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As we all can see, the progress on the new Fire Station has moved to a point where completion is at our doorstep. A few items need to be finalized and we are done! These are a couple of punch list items: final landscaping, and final approval from Sonoma County. This has been a long haul but the results have been well worth the effort. The hard path to where we are has not been an easy one. This volunteer Fire Station has been built by the Community of Bodega and friends of the Community. We have come a long way over the last 10 years since this was first visualized. The need for this facility and what it means for all of us will show itself for many years to come. I have been honored to be involved in such a great project that benefits the entire Town of Bodega and the surrounding communities.

After all the events of the summer are over the Fire Firefighters and the Board of Directors of Bodega Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite the entire community to our Grand Opening Dedication of the Fire Station on October 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We are still planning the celebration, but the heart felt recognition of all those who made this possible will be the main theme of this dedication. Please attend; we want to thank everyone.

**Best Regards, Bill Newman, BVFD President**

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## Our next fundraiser: The Big Event

This year marks our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Event BBQ fundraiser and will take place on August 4, 2013. The day will start off with Sonoma County's Shortest Parade at 10:30am. Live music starts at 11:00 am with the Easy Leaves Duo (from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm) followed by The Rupert Duncan Country Band (from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm). BBQ tri-tip and chicken accompanied with beans, salad and garlic bread – adults \$12, children \$8. Beer and wine for sale. Raffles with prizes all afternoon long. Event includes displays, local arts and crafts, kid's games and tours of the new Fire Station.

Volunteers are always need to make this event successful, please let us know how you would like to volunteer (sitting at the membership table for a shift, collecting garbage, set up/take down). Signs for Big Event meetings will be posted on the window of the Post Office.

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## Chief's Report

I would like to thank all the Volunteers and Support Staff who make up the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department, without all of you we would not be able to continue to provide the excellent service we provide. This year, I would like to focus on the volunteers who make up your department and their accomplishments over the years. We are very fortunate to have 15 volunteers and 3 explorers - who are all very dedicated.

We are truly proud to have such a dedicated and professional group volunteering for our community and for all their tireless efforts that make our department such an outstanding organization. If anyone is interested in becoming a Volunteer Fire Fighter or a Support Volunteer to assist with events please feel free to contact me at 707-876-9438 or [chief8700@comcast.net](mailto:chief8700@comcast.net)

**Sincerely, Ron Albini, Fire Chief**

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## Dispatch Record

Our volunteer fire fighters have responded to over 83 calls this year – ranging from station coverage to life threatening emergencies. A big thank you to those who serve and continue to protect and make our community safe. Meet our volunteers on the next page.

## Keep Connected

Like and follow us on Facebook for pictures of progress of the new Fire Station, events, volunteers, local news, conditions and updates.

### Board of Directors

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## Our Volunteers & Support Staff

*Eric Calley*, EMT, has recently been accepted to SRJC for fall session of the Firefighter 1 academy. *Josh Perucchi*, Captain, successfully completed his Paramedic course in 2012 and currently is a Paramedic at Bodega Bay Fire Protection District. *Steve Perucchi*, Captain and First Responder, has been a dedicated volunteer since 1991 and has been instrumental in the building of our new station. *Boone Vale*, Captain/Training Officer, has been a dedicated volunteer since 1997 and was one of our first EMT's in the department. *Shannon Shaffer-Killey*, EMT/Training Officer, has completed Paramedic School and currently works in the Medical Field. *Brett Hughes* successfully completed his Paramedic course in 2012 and is continuing his career with Southern Marin and Corte Madera Fire Department. *Christophe Zbinden*, First Responder, and dedicated volunteer since 2000 and our station chef who continues to delight us with his fine culinary expertise. *Will Morris*, First Responder, dedicated volunteer since 2003 and also a member of our building committee. *Miguel Hernandez* has successfully completed the Sonoma County Fire Volunteer Academy and is interested in pursuing a career in the Fire Service. *Martin Newman* successfully completed his EMT course in 2013 and has been accepted to SRJC for the fall session of the Firefighter 1 academy. *Andrew Howe* successfully completed his EMT course in 2013 and is currently employed by Sonoma County Fire as part of the logistics team. *Daniel Blair* successfully completed his EMT course in 2009 and currently is continuing his career at Corte Madera Fire Department. *Matt Vann* successfully completed his EMT course in 2010 and currently works for Bell's Ambulance Service. *Gabe Horrell* successfully completed the First Responder course at SRJC in 2013 and is considering taking the EMT course this fall. *Aaron Pendergraft*, EMT, recently returned to Bodega and works for Sonoma County Parks. *Andriana Albin* and *Wesley Albin* are both Fire Explorers attending trainings until they are old enough to become First Responders. *Nate Sharfman MacMillan* is our newest Explorer and is eager to learn.

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## About BVFD

Founded in 1949 in West Sonoma County, the department consists of 100% volunteer men and women. We are 501c3 organization with no tax base. We respond to first response, fire and rescue, emergency medical services in 16 square mile radius and provide mutual aid to the communities of Bodega Bay, Valley Ford, Occidental, Bloomfield, Two Rock and Freestone.

## 2013 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

Sunday, August 4  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

### 33<sup>rd</sup> 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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