



LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

December 2021 Newsletter

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:

I would like to start off with thanking all the Staff, Board, and, of course, our constituents for a great year. We accomplished a lot this year despite the difficulties with COVID, the economy and, at times, staff shortages. The past two years have been a difficult time for the community. We, the Staff and Board of Lake Shastina Community Services District, continue to strive to make this a better and stronger community.

We are still working on the sewer planning grant and trying to secure grant funding for the projects that were outlined within the engineering report. Further, we are working on a water planning grant that will take us well into next year before it is complete, but we have already started seeking funding for the projects.

We will be launching a new billing and customer software program in the spring to early summer. This will have a lot of new advanced features for the customer and allow for online payments in a customer portal. The bills will look very different from what they are now and will give much more information.

It is our pleasure to serve the constituents of the Lake Shastina Community Services District. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you in this upcoming year.

WELCOME JENNY, TIM, HECTOR & JAIME: ADMINISTRATION

Jenny moved from Redding, CA a few years ago to finish up college at COS. Her favorite thing about being a part of the LSCSD Administration team is providing assistance to all departments as well as the community of Lake Shastina.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tim worked as Lift Maintenance at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park, where he worked for about 13 years. Now, Tim is a part of our Public Works department. He's rapidly learning and fitting in great here with LSCSD.

Hector came to Weed for COS many years ago and loved the town, so he moved to Weed. He is now a part of our Public Works department as well. In his free time, he likes to spend it with his two children or playing soccer.

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8AM-430PM**

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LAKE SHASTINA FIRE

Jaime has volunteered at LSFSD since 2018. He moved from Woodland, CA to complete the COS Fire Academy. He has now taken the Interim Captain's position for Recruitment & Retention Coordinator. In his new position he enjoys being able to spend more time interacting and training with the firefighters. Jaime likes to take advantage of all the outdoor activities the Siskiyou's have to offer when he's not working.

The new Fire Department building is coming along, a special thank you to generous donations made by Community members to help make it possible. We hope to have the building up by Summer 2022.

LAKE SHASTINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES:

First, while we have a Nextdoor social media account for the Lake Shastina Police Department, we can only post. We are not allowed to see what others post, which is why you do not see responses from the Department. Please contact us directly.

Having worked for six chiefs in three police departments, I know all of them agreed the top complaints in urban law enforcement are dogs and parking issues. Drugs, gangs? Nope, dogs and parking. Lake Shastina is no different, especially when it comes to dog complaints.

On average, we handle about a dozen animal related calls a month. We also write dog ordinance violations, including the new excessive barking ordinance that requires two or more separate complaints. We have investigated these complaints and issued criminal citations. Dogs not on leash violations are very rare, and we have so far issued verbal warnings with compliance. There are a surprising number of persons that think the dog can be off leash if "under their control." Not so. The dog must be on a leash while out on public property. This is consistent with leash laws in Yreka, Mt. Shasta and Weed for example.

We collect \$10 on average per dog license. We have 315 dog license homes on the books, so that's a little over 3K. We can't fund an animal control officer with that, nor reconstruct kennels. There is no electricity to the site and especially in the winter we cannot lodge a dog without some form of heat pads as other pounds use.

After taking over as chief three years ago, I developed a list of priority projects for the department. Evidence security, safety equipment, training, new computer software compliant with state and federal mandates, and the maintenance and updating of a building that is over 20 years old, dog kennels, an animal control/evidence officer/records supervisor are also in our needs list.

Ideally, we would hire a person to be a Community Service Officer to fill all these roles, write grants to fund new kennels, enforce current ordinances, etc. We have advertised for this position but have had no applicants for this part-time job, with no benefits and the pay is not great, compared to other cities in our county. We are exploring the possibility of creating a full-time position, possibly a reserve peace officer that can fill in shifts and write tickets. Our search also continues for a full-time officer and the applicant pool is rather shallow, which is the complaint everywhere in law enforcement.

I have been wanting to host a town hall meeting about dog ordinance issues. I know there are members of the community that would like to help write a grant for equipment and kennels. Obviously with the pandemic, onsite meetings are not possible and online meetings bring very low numbers. I believe the online meetings now though is a start, and we will be advertising that forthwith.

We wish everyone a very happy new year with good health and prosperity. We look forward to seeing you at our future town and/or zoom meetings.

Will Bullington, Chief of Police, LSPD



*From all of us here at the Lake Shastina Community Services District,
we wish everyone a Happy New Year!*