



Cascade Connections

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President's Message

Why join the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association (CSHA)? What is its purpose? To paraphrase the Bylaws, the CSHA's purpose is to manage and maintain Lost Mine Lake for the use and enjoyment of its members, and also to take a public position on environmental and other matters affecting the quality of life in Cascade shores.

Following this mandate, most of the efforts of the Association have been to make Lost Mine Lake an enjoyable place for its members, including sponsoring a variety of functions there. This obviously benefits only those members who choose to participate in those functions or to use Lost Mine Lake individually, such as using the playground, swimming, picnicking, hiking, etc.

Many of the activities at Lost Mine Lake cost money for supplies or outside services. The only source of this money is membership dues or facility rentals. The effectiveness of many of the other activities depends upon the size of the membership. The willingness of governmental agencies to listen to an organization is often dependent upon the size of an organization. Thus, joining the CSHA serves two purposes: it supports the Lost Mine Lake activities and it gives the organization more "clout" when dealing with outsiders. Lastly, if you use propane, the discount which has been negotiated with Suburban Propane saves more than enough money to cover the annual dues.

This has been a significantly productive year for the CSHA. We have more members than in previous years. A great many projects have been completed. These projects have included many improvements at Lost Mine Lake. Those accomplishments will be detailed by Vice President Doug Gloff, who has been the person in charge of operations at Lost Mine Lake. The regular maintenance tasks and the many improvements have been done by the members of the Board of Directors and a few other volunteers who are not members of the Board of Directors, but who gave significant amounts of volunteer time and energy to the Association. They are Sharon Hogan, Jenny Kleckner, Charlotte Starn, Larry Starn and Michael Cotton. If I have missed any, I apologize for that.

Other activities of the CSHA have benefited most, or in

some cases all, of the Cascade Shores residents. These have included: convincing the school district to have the school bus come down the hill to the store, instead of making parents transport their children to the top of the hill to catch the bus; multiple meetings with the Nevada County Department of Transportation to convince them to widen and improve Pasquale Road; multiple interventions regarding snow plowing Pasquale Road, Banner Quaker Hill Road and the roads in Cascade Shores; hosting a meeting with county officials when they placed a barricade at the top of the 31% grade to block its use during storms; hosting meetings for our Supervisor to discuss matters of interest to residents; fostering negotiations regarding the sewer treatment plant; sponsoring the Firewise Committee, which has worked diligently to make our community more safe from fire; to name a few.

The annual Family Picnic was very successful, under the leadership of Larry Marvin, our Treasurer. The Friday night movies for the children were put on by Doug Gloff and were well attended. We did not have as many rentals of Lost Mine Lake as usual, but those that we did have were well managed by Jenny Kleckner.

Cascade Shores is being benefitted by NID's replacement of the old 4 inch water mains with 6 inch water mains. This has involved the tearing up of many streets in the subdivision, but will result in an improvement in the water pressure for many residents and, more importantly, the ability of the firemen to fight fires.

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President' Message continued...

At present, both Lost Mine Lake and Scott's Flat Lake are at historic lows. Hopefully, we will have enough rain this winter to refill it and the many other lakes in our mountains. We also hope we will get enough snow that we will have a good snow pack going into next summer. The recent Lowell Fire brought home to many (although not all, as two people were observed illegally burning leaf piles during that week) our vulnerability to a forest fire. It also brought home our vulnerability to looters during an evacuation. Several strange vehicles were observed cruising the area, and an attempt was made to break in to one of our buildings at Lost Mine Lake and there was another attempted break-in at the store. Fortunately, neither succeeded. In any future evacuation, be sure to lock up everything, assuming there is time to do so.

More volunteering by members to help on projects would be much appreciated. Not only does your volunteering decrease the workload of others who have volunteered, but it often improves the outcome of the project being worked upon, as there is more available energy to spend on getting it done really right. Of equal or more importance, donating your time and energy gives you a feeling of accomplishment, and of pride in the knowledge that you have done something really good. Also of great importance is that It gives you the opportunity to get to know fellow members and for them to know you. It is very difficult to work alongside another person for even a short period of time without talking together, getting to know each other and becoming friends. A person cannot have too many friends and someday one of those friends may be really needed or need you.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President and I surely hope we have no more fire scares.

Harry Wander

Security in the Shores

Many of us left the big city and all the big city problems for a simpler, more secure life here in the shores. Communities such as ours tend to have less crime so we tend to let our guard down. We can't afford to do that because, unfortunately, crime exists here too.

We need to remain vigilant of our surroundings but certainly should not feel like captives. Cascade Shores is a safe area but here are some of the things we all can do to increase security if you are not doing it already.

If you have an alarm system use it when you are going to be away for any length of time. Make sure it is connected

to a central monitoring station. Check it periodically to make sure the connection is working.

Put a sign near the entry to your property alerting to the fact an alarm system is installed on the premises. Put a sign out even if you don't have a alarm system.

Put labels on the key entry points to your home to alert the existence of a security system. Use labels even if you don't have a system.

Install at least 2 electric timers on table lamps (in the living room and a bedroom) set to make your home look occupied when you are going away any length of time.

Consider putting a timer on a table radio to play "talk" to make your place sound occupied. Again set to make your place "sound" occupied.

Have a neighbor regularly check your place when you are away. At least every couple of days, not once a week.

If you have an extra vehicle, consider parking it in the driveway instead of the garage while away. It will give the appearance of someone being home.

Turn off the main water supply to your house when you are going to be away an extended period of time. This could save you a lot of money if a water line in the house should leak.

If you have had a window open to get some fresh air make sure you securely latch the window closed. My alarm system will show all windows are closed even if they are not latched securely. If not they can easily be opened and if your alarm system is not set the bugler can climb right in without making a sound.

Consider purchasing a hand gun and take a hand gun safety course on safe operation and your legal rights to protect yourself while in your home.

Close all your blinds while away. This may also keep bears from looking in your windows for a reason to break down your doors.

Start a neighborhood watch program on your street where neighbors watch for any suspicious activity. Get to know your neighbors, their vehicles, and their habits. If something looks out of the ordinary, give your neighbor a call. If that does not clear it up for you, do not hesitate to call the sheriff's office at 530-265-7880..

Last, but not least, consider the CSHA enhanced membership, for just an extra \$50 a year our security patrol will regularly check on your home when you are on vacation or whenever your home is vacant or if your home is a vacation home.

Larry Marvin

Keeping Cascade Shores Beautiful



Recently CSHA board members spent several hours picking up trash along Cardiac Hill. They picked up cigarette butts, cans and bottles, fast food bags, cardboard, styrofoam and a bunch of other trash along the road that all of us use every day. And, don't forget, those nasty cigarette butts could start a fire!

We all live here because it's down-right beautiful and none of us would ever throw our trash out the window. So let's all do our part to keep it that way and encourage our visitors to knock it off! And, if you're out for a walk and see trash, pick it up, unless it's slimmy or something, then you're forgiven. We can all help Cascade Shores maintain its beauty.

By the Way...

There is a leash/under control ordinance for Nevada County and that includes Cascade Shores. Please don't let your dogs run wild in our neighborhoods. It is not safe for them or us. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if you cleaned up after your dog on our streets.

Firewise Committee

Cascade Shores has had it's fire warning. We were all so lucky that the Lowell Fire did not come to Cascade Shores and there was no loss of property. BE AWARE! During the evacuations, some strange vehicles were seen in the area and there were a couple of attempted break-ins. So sad, but a reality. Be sure to lock up your home securely. If a neighbor stays around, notify them that you are leaving.

Congratulations to the residents of our community for their preparedness. People followed the evacuation orders and left in an orderly manner. The fire department was really appreciative of our actions.

BUT, we are not of the woods yet. October is high fire month. As we can see High Fire Season has been going all year. Today there are many large fires in California that have threatened homes, property and lives.

Folks have been doing a good job of cleaning their property. It is important that all take cleaning their property seriously. If you have not cleaned your property, please do so.

It is important at this time to use power tools in the early AM, have spark arrestors on them and NO BURNING. Fire permits have been suspended since June 1st.

Residents can get yard waste buckets from Waste Management to haul off their leaves and debris at a nominal cost. If you plan to burn, *if and when Burning permits are issued again*, please cover your piles with a tarp now to prevent embers from igniting a fire.

Cascade Shores is going into its 3rd year as a Certified Firewise Community. A big THANK YOU to those in the community that have helped with our Firewise projects; i.e., 4 days of AmeriCorps cleaning properties and two large Scotch Broom pulls. Kudos to All.

PLEASE if you are or know of anyone in the community who cannot evacuate on their own, let the Firewise Committee members know or a Homeowners Board Member NOW. We want everyone to get out safely.

The Firesafe Council members are available to assist anyone with questions or if you are in need of advice call Jan: 265-2435 or Joan: 470-0196.

Let's all work together towards a safer and cleaner community.

Joan Hardy

Cascade Shores Firewise Committee

Lost Mine Lake Status

The number of projects completed for the past year is substantial by any measure. We now have a kitchen with a new refrigerator, microwave, cabinets, lighting and floor. We have brought lake water to the newly installed sink on the side of the kitchen, which can also be used for fire prevention.

We have new gravel, plants in the island and solar lighting in the parking lot. We have adopted a no smoking policy at the lake and have placed a bench in the parking lot as the only designated smoking area. Some of the log barriers have been replaced with timber from dead trees cut down as a contribution by Michaels Tree Service and logs hauled in by the board. The new chips in the swing area are also courtesy of Michael who is a member of the HOA. There is also a new fence around the memorial garden.

There have been permanent barricades and signs installed around the property to discourage ATV and dirt bikes from invading our trails. We have been in contact with the adjacent property owners and they have a letter on file with the sheriff's department that there is to be no trespassing on the property and board members have posted signs on their property at the request of the landowner. We now have the cooperation of the sheriff's department in having the riders removed. We have taken corrective action on a long existing problem.

There is new sand on the beach and three Board members and one volunteer, Larry Starn, spent several hours removing bladderwort from the lake and the snags and logs on the island bank. We accomplished a great deal with limited help.

Bladderwort in the lake is a never ending problem that we are currently treating by scheduled spraying. The board is always pursuing better ways of controlling the weed and is investigating a new option that may be very promising. The level of the lake is lower than any previous planned draining and hopefully the exposure to sunlight will help to kill the bladderwort.

We have had two major issues of concern at Lost Mine Lake recently. The first being a burn pile that had been established at LML. It was set on fire and left unattended by unknowns. This was an approved burn period and we had covered the burn piles because rain had been forecast. The pile was set on fire which melted the tarps. A Nevada County employee saw the fire and secured the area.

After the evacuation order, it was discovered that all of the bolts on the kitchen door had been removed, but they did not get into the kitchen. The consensus is that they fled because they were close to discovery. Tamper resistant bolts have been installed on the kitchen hinges.

The horseshoe pits are still a work in progress and will be completed soon.

The BBQ is our next project. We are installing clean out doors, a new fire pit, grills and a paint job. It will be a long, overdue improvement.

The call for volunteers has been disappointing. We wish to thank those that have shown up and apologize for not taking names. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

These projects have been accomplished by a very few. The majority of the repeating volunteers that show up are veteran members who have served the community for many years in various capacities. I would like to encourage all of our members that are new to volunteering to set aside four hours a year to help improve our community. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and is good karma.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a board member.

Doug Gloff

Vice President and LML Supervisor, CSHA.



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Bags are available for purchase for \$2 each. Buy yours at any monthly CSHA meeting or event or by contacting Justine Riley, Board Secretary, at 530-265-6933 or email riley95959@gmail.com

Security Patrol 843

Have you seen these new CSHA Security Patrol decals around the Shores recently? I'd like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. I am Tom Bennett, your



CSHA Security Patrol person since February 1, 2015. In eight months I have made 843 security patrol inspections of Cascade Shores homes on behalf of CSHA members who purchased the "Enhanced Membership" package when they paid their annual dues. Each week, I venture out to inspect these homes to make sure they are locked and haven't had any storm damage, water leaks, break-ins, or bear damage. I typically walk around the entire perimeter of these houses and onto decks to make sure there aren't any open windows or doors. When I see something out of the ordinary, I contact the home owner to inquire and inform.

While making my rounds, I have met many home owners who seem very pleased to see me and are grateful for my weekly inspections. I have also been stopped a number of times by residents wanting to discuss issues they are concerned with, but unfortunately, issues that CSHA has no control over – issues like people stealing mail out of our rural mailboxes, off-road vehicles being driven on our residential streets, offensive noise levels from unruly neighbors, people burning without burn permits or on "no burn days", suspicious activity occurring at a neighboring house, dogs not on leashes, or excessive speeding on our streets. When issues like these occur, it is very important for home owners (members and non-members alike) to contact the appropriate Nevada County authorities and report them. They have the legal authority to respond and act on these issues.

Additional details can be found in the CSHA "Authorization for Security Patrol Inspections" form which is delivered each year with your annual dues reminder, but here is a quick summary of what CSHA Security Patrol provides for "Enhanced Membership" CSHA members:

Permanent resident home owners:

- Twice-weekly inspections of their permanent residence while they are on vacation.
- A weekly drive by inspection of their permanent residence.

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Weekend/Vacation home owners:

- A weekly inspection of their vacation/weekend home and timely contact if something is amiss.

Additionally, CSHA Security Patrol is not:

- Law enforcement- contact the Nevada County Sheriff's Office - 530/265-1471
- Animal Control - contact Nevada County Animal Control - 530/265-1471

That said, the CSHA can and should be pro-active on issues and concerns of our homeowners. In the past, the CSHA has invited our County Supervisor and Sheriff to our annual meetings to give you the opportunity to discuss your concerns with them. We also recommend that you personally contact these officials and share your issues directly with them. They have told us that they prefer first hand details rather than second hand information relayed to them through the CSHA. Supervisor Nate Beason can be contacted at 530/265-1480; Sheriff Keith Royal can be reached at 530/265-1471.

When I'm on my rounds, please introduce yourself and say Hi. If you have any questions regarding CSHA Security Patrol, please feel free to call me (530/264-7489) or email me (tbennitoia@gmail.com). If you want me to include your home in my weekly inspections, make sure to sign up for the "Enhanced Membership" option!

Looking forward to seeing you in the Shores!

Tom Bennett

CSHA Security Patrol person

Our Great Security Patrol

My wife and I left the country for a month last summer. Within a few days of closing up and heading out, a water pipe broke at the back of the house. Making his regular biweekly inspections, our security patrol officer, Tom Bennett, noticed the leak and immediately arranged to have it fixed. If it hadn't been for Tom walking our property, there's no telling what would have happened over the course of a whole month. A huge water bill and possible damage to the house immediately come to mind. For an extra \$50 a year added to our dues, the Cascade Shores Security Patrol is worth its weight in gold! Part-timers and vacationers should take advantage of this great service. You won't be disappointed.

THANK YOU TOM for a job well done!

Kent Rees

CSHA 2015 Calendar of Events

CSHA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Firehouse.
June through September board meetings are held at Lost Mine Lake.

November 4	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
December	<i>--There is no board meeting in December--</i>			
December 9	Wednesday	CSHA Christmas Party	6 pm	The National Hotel
January 6, 2016	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
February 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse

Firewise Community of the Year



On June 27, the Cascade Shores Firewise Committee was recognized as Nevada County's "Firewise Community of the Year." Members of the Committee and CSHA board members received this honor at the Fire Safe Council's fundraiser held at the Northstar House in Grass Valley. Joanne Drummond, the Council's Executive Director, commended Cascade Shores for its work in keeping the community informed, our canvassing efforts, Americorps

projects, and our pioneering efforts in putting dangerous properties "on notice" in coordination with fire officials. Everyone in Cascade Shores should be proud of our collective efforts to reduce our fire risk.

For more information about the national "Firewise" movement, our Firewise Committee, and what you can do to take responsibility for improving fire safety, see "Fire Safe Council" at the cascadeshores.org website.

CSHA Needs You!

Become a member of the Board of Directors and have a positive, direct impact on your community. We have an opening for one board member. Don't want to serve on the board? Then consider volunteering.

We are looking for someone to help with the Kid's Corner activities such as the Christmas Party.

If you are interested in joining the board or volunteering, contact a board member or come to our next board meeting at the Firehouse.

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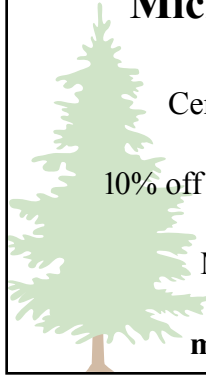
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Cascade Shores Homeowner's Association

A homeowners organization dedicated to the protection of our commonly held property, Lost Mine Lake, the promotion of community safety, property values, and the overall desirability of living in Cascade Shores.

2015-2016 CSHA Board Members

President; Roads	Harry Wander	hjwander@comcast.net	530-265-0884
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Board Member	Open Position		

Association members are welcome to attend CSHA Board Meetings. If you would like to ask questions or make comments it is helpful, but not necessary, to contact one of the officers at least one week before the meeting.

Come meet your neighbors and help us to make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live.