



Cascade Connections

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President's Message

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association has had another good year. Our membership is the highest it has been since as far back as we can find records. More members equals more dollars with which to maintain and improve the Lost Mine Lake facilities, plus it reduces the likelihood of a dues raise for the present members.

Numerous improvements have been made at Lost Mine Lake. These have been accomplished by the Board of Directors members and a few non-board members of CSHA. More improvements are planned for the coming year and we hope for the involvement of even more members. These improvements will be discussed by Vice President Doug Gloff, who does an excellent job of managing the lake facilities.

We continue to have problems with vandalism at the lake and are taking actions which we hope will decrease the vandalism and, hopefully, lead us to the identity of the vandals. The vandalism has been reported to the Sheriff and when we identify the vandals, that will be reported as well.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the Bylaws of the association and proposes numerous changes to those Bylaws and hope for the approval of the membership at the annual meeting, scheduled for 1pm on April 2nd. The changes, and the reasons therefore, are in an attachment to this newsletter. I would like to expound a little further on some of them. The current Bylaws are available on our website, "Cascade Shores.org".

The first change is to clarify the criteria for membership. Article III implies that only owners or renters of property within Cascade shores can be members. However, the Articles of Incorporation approved by the California Secretary of State in 1996 clearly state that owners and residents of adjoining developments can be members and Article I of our Bylaws states the same thing. We have had requests from a few outside persons to join and in the past they have been rejected, based upon Article III. Accepting them will not only bring us in compliance with our own Articles of Incorporation, but will bring in more dues money to help PAY FOR maintenance and improvements.

It seems wise to change from electing all the members of the board of Directors every two years to electing half of them each year. That way, the Board has "Institutional Memory", which may not occur if the whole board should happen to be replaced at one time. Making this change is a little complicated and takes time. The currently elected members have two year terms. We have to change it so that at the end of those terms, half of the new ones would have one year terms and half would have two year terms. After that one time, all terms would be for two years.

The Bylaws state that the secretary will keep track of the membership roster and do a myriad of associated duties, such as issuing membership cards, notifying Suburban Propane, recruiting new members, etc. For the past several years, this has actually been done by the Treasurer. We think that this job is large enough that it should be assigned to the person, or persons, who have the time available to do it. Appointing a separate committee seems to be the best way to handle the problem. That committee will also be responsible for recruiting new members.

Lastly, we want to provide for an annual review of the financial records of the association in order to assure the membership of the integrity of the financial operations of the association.

The Firewise Committee is an independent organization which has contributed a great deal to educating the community and making it more fire safe. It has achieved national recognition and membership in Firewise Communities/USA and was recognized as the Nevada County Firewise Community of the Year" for 2015. I just want to formally recognize, and thank them for, their hard work.

Myself and the rest of the Board of Directors greatly appreciate the help of those who have contributed their time and energy to our various projects. I look forward to the coming year being an even more successful one than has been the current year.

Harry Wander
President, CSHA

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Please read through these bi-law changes and be prepared to discuss and vote on the them at the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting on April 2nd.

1. Article III, Section 2: add after Exhibit A hereof, “and adjoining developments”. Reason: Makes the membership qualifications conform to the statement in Article I and to the similar statement in the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State in 1996. This clarifies that owners and renters in developments which adjoin Cascade Shores can be members of our homeowners association and enjoy our facilities. Interest has been expressed by some of those affected. More members mean more dues money with which to maintain and improve the property and helps keep the dues down.

2. Article III, Section 2: change “located in Nevada City” to “located 6 miles East of Nevada City”. Reason: corrects the location of Cascade Shores.

3. Article V, Section 6: change the meeting notice time for special meetings of the Board of Directors from “seven (7) days” to “twenty-four (24) hours.” Reason: special meetings are only called because of urgent problems and 7 days may be too long a delay for an urgent matter.

4. Article V, Section 3: Delete the second sentence and insert the following in its stead: “Beginning with the 2018 elections there shall be two (2) classes of directors. After the election the directors will draw lots to determine who is in each class. Class 1 Directors will have a one (1) year term and Class 2 Directors will have a two (2) year term of office. In 2019 the terms of the Class 1 Directors will change to two (2) years.” Reason: staggered terms of office means experience will be carried over from one board to the next, which would not be true if all board members happened to be replaced at the same time.

5. Article V, Section 2: Change the first sentence to read: “Beginning in 2017, in November the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee.” Reason: if change # 4 is passed the Nominating Committee will need to meet each year. If it fails, then this proposed change will be withdrawn. The appointment month is changed to November because October is too far in advance, there is no meeting in December and January is too close.

6. Article V, Section 2: change the third sentence to read: “Immediately afterwards the members of the corporation will be notified electronically of the names of the committee members.” Reason: The Fall newsletter is published before the November Board meeting. If change

#4 fails, then this proposed change will be withdrawn.

7. Article V, Section 9: in the last sentence, delete all after “predecessor in office.” Reason: unnecessary language.

8. Article VI, Section 7: Delete the first sentence, which states that the treasurer may be required to be bonded. Reason: a bond has never been required and requiring a bond is unnecessary considering the small amounts of money handled and that he/she is always a property owner.

9. Article VI, Section 7: insert after Directors, “, file the FTB 199N and ST-100 with the Franchise Tax Board each year.”. Reason: makes clear who is responsible for filing these forms which are essential to keeping our tax exempt status.

10. Article VI, Section 8: delete “; keep a register of the post office address of each member; furnish a membership certificate to each member”. Reason: Maintaining the membership roster, recruiting new members and performing the other associated tasks is a large job which should be assigned to whichever CSHA member has the most qualifications and interest in doing it.

11. Article VII, Section 1: delete it as it reiterates powers the Board automatically has.

12. Article VII: add a new Section 1 to state, “A Membership Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board. The Chairperson shall have been a committee member for at least one year. When possible, no more than half of the members shall be replaced in any one year. The committee shall be responsible for all matters having to do with managing the membership roster and recruiting new members.” Reason: see change 10. If it fails, then this one will be withdrawn.

13. Article VII: add Section 2 to state, “A Nominating Committee shall be appointed and have the duties as stated in Article V, section 2.” Reason: Needed for nominating members of the Board of Directors.

14. Article VIII, Section 2: change “Checks, drafts ---- shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president, etc.” to “Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President” and delete what follows. Reason: Having two authorized signers is essential as otherwise checks could not be issued when the single signer is away on vacation, etc. Countersigning is not necessary since all officers are home owners, the amount of money available is relatively small, a financial report is reviewed at each

Proposed Bylaw Changes Continued

board meeting and an annual review of the financial records is proposed in item 13. in addition, the proposed bylaw change has been the actual practice for many years, with no problems.

15. Article X: add “The financial records of the corporation will be reviewed by two members of the Board of Directors, excluding the Treasurer, in March of each year and a report thereof presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.” Reason: To assure the membership of the integrity of the operations of the organization.

Lost Mine Lake

SPRING 2016

The Board has completed a substantial amount of projects this year. The majority of the labor was accomplished by board members. The list is long, but I would like to note a few of the accomplishments of major significance:

- Established communication with the owners of the adjacent property regarding the motor vehicles that have been abusing their property and invading LML. The property owners and the Board have taken steps to stop the trespassing and it appears to be very effective. We have also installed barriers to discourage vehicles on our hiking trails. This has been a major problem for years and the Board has taken satisfaction in their success with corrective action.

- We have plumbed lake water to the kitchen for fire prevention.

- The kitchen has been remodeled and we have a new refrigerator and microwave. There is also a sink adjacent to kitchen plumbed with lake water (NID is not available.)

- New gravel for the parking lot and sand for the beach.

- Addition of solar lights for parking lot.

- Spraying of the lake for weed control and removal of log debris from the island.

The Board has started planning improvements for LML

this year and they are as follows:

- Security cameras to deter vandalism. We have been seeing an increased level of property destruction at LML and feel this is the best way to address the problem. The most disturbing incident was the cutting of four mature pine trees on the island that was foot accessible due to the drought. Several Board members spent 20 hours pulling the fallen trees out of the lake.

- Motion detector lights in the pavilion area as part of the security upgrade.

- Major upgrade to the BBQ

- Painting

- Addressing the beach drainage issue.

I hope our members enjoy the rustic setting of LML and feel free to contact me for comments.

Doug Gloff

Vice-President of CSHA and LML Supervisor
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Cascade Shores Homeowners Association Re-usable Shopping Bag

Renew or apply for new membership by April 2nd and pick up your FREE bag at our Annual General Membership meeting on April 2nd.

Bags are also available for purchase for \$2 each.

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CSHA Annual Meeting at the Firehouse

Saturday, April 2 • 1 pm

Meet your neighbors and CSHA Board Members and hear what's going on in Cascade Shores.

Renew your membership before or at the annual meeting and receive a free shopping bag!

2016 Board of Directors Election

Vote for up to Nine (9) candidates

Please mail your ballot to: CSHA, 16528 Pasquale Road, Nevada City, CA 95959
or bring it to the Annual Meeting at the Firehouse on Saturday, April 2nd at 1pm.

Doug Gloff

I moved from the Bay Area to Nevada County in 2001. I have been on the board for 3 years as Lost Mine Lake supervisor and have been vice-president for the past 2 years.

Andrew Guevel

My parents purchased our lot in Cascade Shores in 1974 when I was three years old. My father Jerry, completed the family cabin in 1975. Though I was a little boy I enjoyed assisting dad whenever I could even if it was holding his tools. My family enjoyed many summers and winters in the Shores before and after our home was built. Sadly, my father passed away before he and my mother were able to enjoy retirement in the house he built. Mom has lived in the house for 15 years and is an active member of the Fire Safe committee. My wife Kristina and I were married in town at St. Canice Church in 1993. Together we have enjoyed the many festivals and seasons through the years and are now proud homeowners and permanent residents of the home my father built.

Thom Guzman

I was on the CSHA Board in the 1980's, including serving as President. I moved away for 27 years, but retained my home in Cascade Shores. In 2014 upon semi-retirement, we moved back to the Shores and I became involved with the homeowners association once again, returning to the board in 2015. I look forward to serve in the place we once again call home.

Larry Marvin

I have served on the CSHA Board for six years. Currently I serve as the Treasurer, Membership Chair, Propane Liaison, Website and Newsletter Coordinator. I am a retired USAF Major and a retired High School Teacher. I am a graduate of the USAF Academy, and I have an MBA in Finance. I enjoying helping to make this community a better place to live by serving on the CSHA Board.

Harry Wander

I have been a member of the CSHA since about 1993. I have been a member of the Board of Directors since about 2003, including 2 terms as the President. During this time, I have devoted several hundred hours to maintaining and improving the Lost Mine Lake area. I have been involved in such things as building the play structure, repainting all of the buildings, installing a new drain pipe for the lake and upgrading the water system. I have enjoyed my time on the Board of Directors. I am retired and have the time and energy to continue to be an active member of the Board.

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Lessons from the Valley Fire

Last summer, my daughter almost lost her house in the Valley Fire. Several on her street burned. Her in-laws were not so lucky and had to move in with my daughter's family. This devastating fire, one of the worst in California history, destroyed nearly 2000 structures and left hundreds of families homeless.

A month after the fire, my wife and I toured the area and tried to take stock of what we saw. (In case you don't know, Lake County is about a two hour drive from Grass Valley traveling west on highway 20.) You are confronted with an eerie silence when you step out into a charred landscape. No chirping birds or other wildlife, houses flattened into ashes, blackened trees looking more like telephone poles, and the skeletons of dishwashers, hot water heaters, and other metal hulks scattered around.

There is much to learn from the Valley Fire, but I took away a few key lessons that can easily apply to us in Cascade Shores:

- 1. Houses seem to survive intact or burn completely down.** We saw no partially burned houses. This tells me that everyone needs to re-check their fire insurance to be certain that you are fully covered (based on the cost of rebuilding, not the current real estate value). Your total should include enough for expensive debris removal which will include a lot of toxins. Most burned houses that we saw had signs that read: "Hazardous Waste – Do Not Enter."
- 2. Wildfires don't usually burn in a straight line, consuming everything equally as they move along.** Instead, the fire front is really a jagged edge being driven this way and that by wind and the availability of fuels. In the Valley Fire, whole "peninsulas" of houses survived while everything around them burned. This tells me that if homeowners clear around structures and remove fire footholds that can threaten their homes, they have a better chance of surviving a wildfire.
- 3. Home "fire safe" boxes, used by many people to hold important papers, are worthless in a major wildfire that leaves your house burned down.** My daughter visited a friend's destroyed house and saw that her in-house box had simply melted. These small "fire safe" boxes are not designed to sustain exposure to high temperatures for many hours. I would recommend that precious items and documents be stored in a bank safe deposit box.

4. When huge areas are evacuated, finding shelter is tough. Many Lake County folks had to move far away. Remember, you are competing with other fleeing people and fire personnel who will quickly take up motel and hotel rooms. You may find a place in a Red Cross facility, but how many nights can your family handle roughing it? Idea: Make a deal with a buddy or family friend to exchange house keys so that you have a comfortable place to stay until you can return to your own home. Who knows, you may be displaced for a couple of weeks, but possibly much, much longer. Being close by and comfortable will be very important to most people.

Go to cascadeshores.org and click on the "Fire Safe Council" link for fire safety information pertaining to Cascade Shores and the work of our Firewise Committee.

Kent Rees, Past President, CSHA

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Saturday, May 7 • 9 am
Fire Station 2
on Sierra College Blvd.

The Cascade Shores Firewise Committee will be participating in a joint education day with the Fire Safe Council and other Firewise Communities.

Lost Mine Lake Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 14 • 9 am

Taking care of our Lost Mine Lake property is all done by volunteers, your help in getting it ready for summer fun is appreciated.

Lunch will be served.

Please bring garden tools if you can: rakes, shovels, weed eaters, etc., and don't forget your gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Call Doug at 530-470-8643 with any questions.

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- ✓ **POTLUCK BBQ’s** – Every week in July at Lost Mine Lake! Bring something to share and your own meat to grill & join us!
- ✓ **FAMILY PICNIC** – Each August at Lost Mine Lake, sponsored in part by Suburban Propane!
- ✓ **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** – Each summer at the Firehouse!
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- ✓ **DISCOUNT** for renting Firehouse meeting room for your private events!
- ✓ Newsletter twice a year!
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- ✓ Weekly **SECURITY PATROL** – on-site inspection of your home!

We look forward to working together to make Cascade Shores the best it can be!

CSHA 2016 Calendar of Events

April 2	Saturday	Annual Meeting	1 pm	Firehouse
April 6	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
May 4	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
May 7	Saturday	Wildfire Preparedness Day	9 am	Fire Station 2 on Sierra College Blvd.
May 14	Saturday	Lost Mine Lake Clean-Up	9 am	Firehouse
June 1	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 1,8,15,22,29	Fridays	Movies at the Firehouse	8 pm	Firehouse
July 5,12,19,26	Tuesdays	BBQ’s at the Lake	6 pm	Lost Mine Lake
July 6	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
August 3	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
August 20	Saturday	Family Picnic	12-3 pm	Lost Mine Lake
September 3	Saturday	Community Yard Sale	9 am	Firehouse
September 7	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Lost Mine Lake
October 5	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
November 2	Wednesday	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
December	<i>--There is no board meeting in December--</i>			
December 7 or 10	Saturday	CSHA Christmas Party	6 pm	TBD

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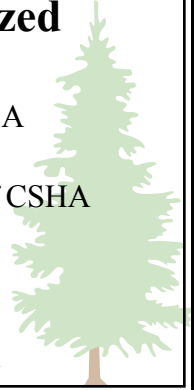
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Volunteers Needed

CSHA needs volunteers to work with the board to host Children's Events/parties.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile endeavor, please contact the board president:

Harry Wander at 530-265-0884.



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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.

Current CSHA Board Members

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Association members are welcome to attend CSHA Board Meetings. Members who wish to present issues to the board shall so advise the President by 3 days prior to the meeting. Participation by CSHA Members in the board discussions is welcomed. Come meet your neighbors and help us to make Cascade Shores a welcoming place to live.