

Cascade Connections

Cascade Shores Homeowners
Association

Spring 2012

Newsletter

President's Message

Sharon Hogan

Hello Everyone,

Are we having an early spring? My bulbs are very confused, as are the residents of Cascade Shores. We are all enjoying the lovely sunny days, but are hoping that someone is doing a rain dance to avoid a possible drought.

There are three items listed in this newsletter that require your response: 1) voting for board members; 2) completing the membership application and security form by April 1; and, 3) providing information for a new Cascade Shores Directory (optional). All three items can be submitted in the enclosed envelope which will be opened by the Nominating Committee.

This is an important year because it is time to elect the board members for 2012-2014. I have been very blessed to work with an energetic and resourceful group of board members. We have accomplished a lot these past two years. Fortunately, six of the eight board members have submitted their names for a second term. They are: Harry Wander, Larry Marvin, Pam Herrenkohl, Larry Starn, Bill Carter, Mike Inglis, and myself, Sharon Hogan. We have a new recruit for the board, Chuck Vintere. The ballot is enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. PLEASE VOTE.

With regret, we had to say farewell to John Jiminez and Chuck Jaffee. John was the board treasurer for several years and Chuck was our website coordinator and newsletter publisher. Both left because of new work commitments. We all wish them well and give them a big thank you for their contributions to Cascade Shores.

The 2012 membership application and security patrol form are enclosed. Dues should be submitted by April 1. Why should you join CSHA? Read about

the benefits of being a member inside the newsletter.

The board voted to create a new Cascade Shores Directory for 2012. The last one was done in 2009. We are asking all residents of Cascade Shores to participate, members and non-members. This directory is a way to keep in touch with your community. We hope that you will all provide us with the necessary information to complete this project. This project is optional but we hope everyone will participate as a community. The form is located on the page with the ballot for board members.

The calendar for 2012 is included in the Newsletter. We have several free fun activities scheduled and hope you will all participate. The summer Wednesday night BBQs will continue, as will the July Friday night movies. The calendar can also be downloaded on our Website-www.CascadeShores.org.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. If you have a problem or concern, our CSHA board meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Firehouse. During the summer months they will be at LML. Contact me at 470-9170 if you would like to be placed on the agenda.

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PG&E High Voltage Lines and Emergency Response

The winter of 2010-11 was the worst and most destructive in at least thirty years. “Sierra cement” knocked down trees and power lines, leaving many of us in the dark and wondering when things would get fixed. Uninsulated 12,000 volt distribution lines fell all over the Shores and created a scary situation especially for those who had to use the roads.

To get some answers about power line safety, I recently visited the PG&E facility in Grass Valley which serves as the main emergency response center for a wide area including Cascade Shores. At one point last winter, this office was directing 475 workers, including out-of-state crews, who were responding to widespread power outages.

The uncovered transmission lines (the highest ones you see on the power poles) consist of six strands of aluminum with a steel core. They are very strong and last indefinitely, but can break under the weight of snow and ice or if hit sharply. When a line breaks, it may or may not be still energized depending on the situation. A “line restorer” feature acts like a breaker switch and shuts down power, but if electricity can still find a pathway, such as in a snow covered tree, arcing may occur for a long time. The rule is to stay far away from any dropped high voltage line even if you believe that it is not energized. I was told that one can simply not tell just by looking at the line. And be aware that you can be electrocuted at quite a distance especially

in wet weather conditions. The safe and sane response to a dropped line is to stay away and call PG&E’s outage number (800-743-5002) where you can report the incident. Work crews will respond and deal with the situation as soon as possible.

When broken lines are reconnected mid-point in the strand, a sleeve-like splice is installed at the place of the break. These splices are very strong and generally do not become weak points. Just walking around your neighborhood and looking up at the high voltage lines, you will notice many of these sleeves, each one about a half foot in length. This will give you an idea of how often the lines have been breaking in any one area. If outage reports caused by trees are frequent in a specific neighborhood, PG&E will re-double its efforts to trim limbs back from the lines. Annual patrolling of the lines in addition to regular tree trimming are part of PG&E’s plan to improve safety. You can also call in to report any dangerous trees that might fall into the lines.

The PG&E person I interviewed is Rob Mitchell, the Distribution Supervisor for our area. He is very familiar with the Shores and the experience we had last year. He graciously agreed to attend our CSHA Annual Meeting on April 14 to make a short presentation and to respond to any questions or concerns you might have.

Kent Rees, CSHA

Lost Mine Lake

The jewel of Cascade Shores is Lost Mine Lake. It is a little bit of heaven tucked away in our little community. As a member of CSHA, you and your guests can enjoy the tranquility and beauty of this lake. A new bridge was erected by Bill Carter to eliminate wet feet when the water level rises. Extra benches have been purchased for you to sit and enjoy the quiet of nature. Volunteer Mark Herrenkohl and his helpers have kept the grounds in beautiful condition with mowing and watering. In addition, Mark widened an area of the path to eliminate having to walk through a bog when hiking around the lake.

LML is maintained by volunteers. Bring your rakes, shovels and energy. We have an annual clean-up scheduled for Sat., May 14th at 9 am. Please come out and help. Lunch will be provided.

LML is a great place for birthday parties, reunions, weddings, receptions, or just Family/friend gatherings. It can be rented by members and non-members. Here are the rates: CSHA members, \$75 all day and \$37.50 for 4 hours; Non-memebers, \$100 all day and \$50 for 4 hours. You can call Pam Herrenkohl at 265-2363 to reserve that special day.

Bladderwort is a funny name for a not so funny pest we have in LML. It makes swimming in the lake unpleasant. Calling all chemists, biologists, or persons familiar with the eradication of this pest from LML. If you have any knowledge of how to get rid of bladderwort, please call Larry Starn at 265-8340 or Pam Herrenkohl at 265-2363. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

TOP REASONS FOR JOINING CSHA

Propane Prices for Members vs. Non-Members Nov. 2010 – Feb. 2012								
Month	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Aug 2011	Jul 2011
Member	2.55	2.68	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.49	2.41	2.43
Non-Member	3.74	3.85	3.73	3.73	4.43	3.69	3.63	3.35
Month	Jun 2012	May 2011	Apr 2011	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2010	Nov 2010
Member	2.55	2.73	2.88	2.81	2.70	2.53	2.47	2.50
Non-member	3.80	4.07	3.80	3.72	3.63	3.45	3.39	3.41

PROPANE

In case you haven't heard, you can save big bucks on Suburban Propane by joining the Cascade Shores Homeowner's Association. The difference in the non-member and member price is usually over \$1 a gallon. One tank alone would more than pay for your membership for the year. So, what are you waiting for? Also, you can go down to Suburban's station at 12575 Charles Dr in Grass Valley and fill your portable tanks or motor home for the same great savings. Who doesn't want to save that kind of money on fuel these days?

If you are a member but not a Suburban customer, it is easy to switch. Just call Suburban at 273-6113 and tell them you would like to change over. They will come out to your house, transfer any remaining propane in your existing tank to a Suburban tank, and set aside your old tank so all you have to do is call your old supplier for pick-up.

If you are not a CSHA member and would like to join, just fill out the enclosed application and mail in your check. You will receive your new membership card and

your name will be submitted to Suburban for your discount. You must be a current member in order to receive the discount.

Top Reasons for Joining CSHA

1. 20% discount on propane
2. Full use of Lost Mine Lake
3. Community Newsletter
4. Private Security Patrol with "Enhanced Membership"
5. Board support with code enforcement, fire safety, defensible space
6. Summer events at LML and movies at the Firehouse
7. Kids' parties at the Firehouse
8. A strong voice with county government and community wide issues
9. Informative website
10. **Most important—CSHA membership is VOLUNTARY AND AFFORDABLE—ONLY \$100 PER YEAR!**

Upgrade to Banner Quaker Hill

Status of our roads.

Last year the Nevada County Department of Transportation performed a major upgrade of Pasquale Road by widening, repaving and patching large sections of it. This year the Department workers have continued working on improving access to our homes. Banner Quaker Hill Road has been patched where needed. On the 32% grade area (Cardiac Hill) a lot of dirt had washed down onto the pavement and effectively narrowed the road. All of that excess dirt has been removed. The clogged drains in this area were also cleaned. Extensive

patching has also been done on Banner Quaker Hill Cross Road and Red Dog Road. Further patching and erosion control has been done on Pasquale Road.

The CSHA Board of Directors has passed a resolution thanking Douglas Farrell, Director of the Department, and his workers for the attention they have paid to our needs.

Harry Wander
Chair, Roads Committee

Cascade Shores Homeowners Assn.

2012 Calendar of Events

CSHA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Firehouse

January 4	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
February 1	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
March 7	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
March		Mail Newsletter		
April 4	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
April 14	Sat	Annual Meeting	1-3 pm	Firehouse
May 2	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
May 12	Sat	Annual Lake Cleanup	9 am	LML
June 6	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
June 6 – Aug 29	Weds	Potluck & BBQ	6 pm	LML
July 11	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
July 6, 13, 20, 27	Fri	Outdoor Movies	8:30 pm	Firehouse
August 1	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
August 25	Sat	Family Picnic/Kayak Races	11 – 4 pm	LML
Sept 5	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Sept 15	Sat	Wine Tasting	4 – 7 pm	LML
Sept 8	Sat	Neighborhood Flea Market		Cascade Shores
Oct. 3	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Oct		Mail Newsletter		
Nov. 7	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Dec 5	Weds	CSHA Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Dec 12	Weds	CSHA Xmas Dinner	6 pm	Restaurant TBA

Don't Forget Lost Mine Lake Clean-up
 Saturday, May 14th at 9 am.
 See you all there. Free Lunch!

Cascade Shores Women's Club

This is a call to all women in Cascade Shores to join a giving and enthusiastic group of women. We sponsor 3 children's parties for Easter, Halloween and Christmas. Our monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month usually in the Firehouse during the winter and at LML during the summer.

We go out to lunch, have guest speakers, have wine tastings, sponsor Friday Night Movies in July, and do other fun activities.

Watch for the annual calendar on www.CascadeShores.org. Membership dues are only \$10. If you would like to join, contact Karen Hatton, Treasurer at 265-4803.



Santa (Mike Inglis)
and his Elves



CS Women's Club Christmas Party



Great Halloween
Costumes



Aelene Oslin
and her
Wedding
Dress

CSHA ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2012-2014

Please vote for 8 candidates for CSHA board members and place the ballot in the enclosed envelope.

BALLOTS DUE BEFORE APRIL 1ST.

- Bill Carter
- Pam Herrenkohl
- Sharon Hogan
- Mike Inglis
- Larry Marvin
- Larry Starn
- Chuck Vintere
- Harry Wander

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CSHA Directory Information (Optional)

Please participate in the Cascade Shores Directory for members and non-members by completing the following information and submitting it with your ballot in the enclosed envelope. Thank you in advance for participating.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address _____

Other mailing adress: _____

Service Provider List

(all phones numbers in 530 area unless otherwise noted)

Auto

Nugget Auto Body
140 Scanding Ave, Grass Valley
Chris Hensley, Owner 272-7275

Engineering (Civil Engineer)

Nevada City Engineering Inc.
Engineering, Surveying, Planning
William D. Green 265-6911
505 Coyote St, Suite B, Nevada City

House Cleaning & Janitorial

Residential and Commercial
Move in, move out
Non-toxic, scent and dye free products
Bonded, Work Guarantee, 17 yrs. exp.
Sharon Hess 265-6286

Snow Removal & Plowing

Clear driveway \$40
(including berm and car)
Berm only \$10 / Car only \$10
Sean O'Brien, Kabota Operator
Home 265-0172 Cell 277-9179

Snow Removal & Plowing

Fast and affordable- we're local!
Ask about our all winter service plan.
Mark and Chris Herrenkohl
Home: 265-2363;
Cell 264-6754 & 264-6748

Roofing

SCL #820427
PO Box 648 Nevada City
Joel J. Megill, Owner 265-9506

Medical / Therapy

Harry J. Wander, MD, FAAP
Sutter North Medical Group
Yuba City
Sr. Aviation Medical Examiner
(All classes FAA Medical Exam)
749-3530

Rose Littau, M.F.T.
Marriage & Family Therapist
1512 Starr Dr. Suite B, Yuba City
674-2438

Tree Service

Michaels Personalized Tree Service
Certified Arborist WE7065A
SCL#723619
Michael Cotton, Owner 265-5724

Tree Service

Tree Preservation / Removal / Chipping
Licensed / Insured / Bonded
Discount to CSHA members
Brian Bixler, Owner
470-0996; bixlertree.com

To list your business on CascadeShoes.org
and the Cascade Shores newsletter contact
Larry Marvin at 478-1095.

Member price is \$15 per year;
non-member price is \$20 per year.

Cascade Shores Homeowners Association

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Cascade Shores Homeowners 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.

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