

# Cascade Connections

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Cascade Shores Homeowners  
Association

Fall 2008

## President's Message

### Changing Shores = Changing Association

I am beginning my two-year term as President of the CSHA. You may have seen me, walking my Dalmatian (Bonnie) every day, rain or shine. My wife, Anna, and I have been members of the Association since 1985 when we purchased a small cabin that we have since remodeled and occupied as full-time residents. I've been on the Board for nearly three years, and I've been impressed with the dedication of my fellow board members.

The history of this Association goes back almost forty years at a time when Cascade Shores was subdivided and a handful of vacation cabins were built. Access was difficult, and few people stayed here full-time. In contrast, today we are nearly built-out, most of our residents live here year-round, and we have a large number of school-aged children. The landscape has also changed from one that was pretty well logged-out in the early 1960's to a thicker-than-ever forest.

In keeping up with the times, this board is challenged with giving our Association a new look. Our "Declaration of Restrictions" affecting the types of dwellings and use of property is in need of a make-over to address current conditions. We plan to roll out an updated document for a community vote by next spring. Additionally, our Association by-laws need to be brought into alignment with some better practices, and we hope to complete that process in the same timeframe. Clearly, more of our "pitch" needs to be directed toward families and their needs. Over the years, we have been transformed from a retirement/vacation community to one that is composed of working, younger families.

Without mandatory membership, we are always trying to give our residents good reason to join the CSHA. Even though membership is up this year and we have made the security patrol self-supporting, we continue to live on a very thin margin and worry that one big crisis could put us over the edge. The history of this Association has been that we tend to spend about the same amount of money we take in each year. Luckily, this board has used funds from our increased membership to



Kent and Bonnie walking the "hood"

start an emergency reserve. Compared with all other homeowners associations I'm familiar with, the CSHA is a bargain by any measure. Just the annual savings in propane from our group buy should more than offset the dues for most families.

I took over as President out of concern over the CSHA financial future. Our advertised topic for last April's Annual Meeting at the firehouse was "Getting Our Financial House in Order." We gave a thorough review of our financial picture, presented by myself and our treasurer, John Jimenez. After much discussion, a motion came from the floor to increase our dues by \$30.00 starting with the next fiscal year in April. That recommendation was passed by those in attendance and then passed by a separate action of the Board. We need to use that money to offset expected increases in our operating budget for Lost Mine Lake

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and to continue to build a healthy reserve. We also need to become financially prepared to meet the challenges of the future and to defend our community from practices and threats that degrade our appearance, safety, and property values.

Without you, our members, we sometimes have to guess what you want from us. You can help by attending any of our board meetings. We try to meet regularly at the beginning of each month, and we would be happy to hear from you. Just give me a call at 265-6114 so I can be sure that you have the correct date and time for the next meeting. Also, you can provide quick feedback by sending me the "Comment/Question" form in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

***Kent Rees, President, CSHA***

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## **Security Patrol News**

The Security Patrol now has a specific focus and address list for those who have chosen a membership at the \$125.00 level ("enhanced membership"). Patrol routes are typically done twice a week mainly in the evening. Special attention is given to homeowners who call and will be away or have specific concerns regarding their property. Security is just a phone call away if you have the enhanced membership. If you would like to have security added to your membership, give Treasurer John Jimenez (265-3736) a call. Please remember that the current security patrol season runs through mid-May, 2009.

I have no serious incidents or unusual activity to report in the Shores. Please slow down when driving in our community. We have many more children and families living here. And watch out for bears!

**Mike Inglis**, Board Member, Cascade Shores Security Patrol  
265-9147

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## **Cascade Shores Home And Garden Tour**

The CSHA is looking into possible interest in a Spring "home and garden tour" within Cascade Shores.

This will be a fundraiser and a chance to visit some of the beautiful homes and gardens in the Shores.

If you are interested in possibly showing your home OR garden and/or willing to help with the tour planning, please contact me. We already have some homes lined up!

**Larry Starn**, Home and Garden Tour, 265-8340

## **Road Clean-up**

Several years ago, the Advisory Committee (no longer in existence) of the CSHA volunteered to pick-up litter on the "big hill." The Board of Directors has extended this Adopt-A-Road program to include Banner Quaker Hill Road from the top of the hill at Quaker Ridge Court to the lower intersection with Pasquale Road at the General Store. The first extended clean-up was on May 3 when several of us gathered many large bags of trash that included cordless phones, answering machines, and almost enough parts to rebuild the front of a Toyota – all in addition to the usual collection of beverage containers.

A special Cascade Shores THANK YOU goes to homeowner Larry Starn who, on his own, has been seen bagging trash on the hill from time to time.

If there is another group interested in adopting a different road area in Cascade Shores, please contact me for getting started. The obligation is to clean-up four times a year. The Nevada County Department of Transportation will provide high visibility vests, signs, and trash bags, and they will even pick up the full bags when you are finished.

**Harry Wander**, Board Member, Road Committee Chair  
265-0884

## **September Flea Market**

More than a dozen different households carted down their treasures for the one day sale at the Firehouse, September 6. I personally purchased many items, from books to brand new car seat covers, wonderful organic and natural home products from Stephanie, a distributor of same, homemade mosquito cream from Sharon Hess (it works!), perfect little baby clothes, a couple of home furnishings, and a set of beautiful vintage cocktail glasses. There was so much to choose from! One guy even had a cement mixer for sale. During shopping "lulls," vendors traded and bartered with each other. Many usable "free" items were instantly snatched up by folks, and the hot dog lunch was a big success. If you didn't come down, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. It was a beautiful day, everyone was in a good mood, and it's such a great way to meet your neighbors. Recycling at its best!



**Denise Cain at the firehouse flea market**

Thanks all!

**Denise Cain**, Board Member, Flea Market Project Leader

# Cascade Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

## Report From Mark Miller And Gordon Plantenga:

The project is currently on schedule and on budget. There have been very few change orders and the estimated completion date is still December 2008 with startup in January. The foundation is underway and cement has been poured. The pre-engineered building is on-site and should be completed before any rain begins.

General contractor Layne Christensen's detailed submittal drawings have been received and the project's grading contractor, Hansen Bros., has completed the majority of the site grading, including the plant's outfall area.

The major, long lead-time equipment was scheduled for order in September. The steel building design is complete and has been finalized, submitted and approved by the Building Department. Specific equipment layout and piping designs are complete.

## Report From Nate Beason Regarding The Farm Bill:

The farm bill passed on May 22. It included Cascade Shores among a list of potential eligibles for loans/grants. We are working on an application to USDA and are asking for a grant.

Potential downside: The bill was written so the funding involved may include more money for loans than it does grants or required combinations. Also, there are rules covering the use of the funds in terms of capital improvements vs. operations. This was delayed over a year before passage.

Information provided by: **Carolyn Inglis**, Board Member  
Sewer Liaison for CSHA

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## The Welcome Committee

Cascade Shores is a great place to live with swimming, boating, cycling, and an abundance of nature right outside your door. It is also a friendly neighborhood with a diversity of wonderful people.

The CSHA formed the Welcome Committee to inform new residents of all the many assets the community and the Association has to offer. Our main goal is to let newcomers know what facilities, services, activities and discounts are available to residents who join the CSHA. New residents were identified through various sources. Last summer we hand-delivered special "welcome" bags stuffed with interesting and informative material, including small helpful gifts. When we encountered people

at home, they were very excited and thankful for the useful materials.

Nevada County Recycle donated some small gift bag items and Suburban Propane provided magnets and clips with contact information for taking advantage of the generous propane discount we have from our alliance with Suburban.

If there is anyone out there who didn't get a copy of the official "Cascade Shores Evacuation Plan," I have extras available at your request. This document was put out by the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and also includes important fire safety information. Just call me at 265-2486 and I would be happy to drop you a copy.

We encourage all new residents to take advantage of what the CSHA has to offer. If you have new neighbors or know someone who would like a "welcome" packet, please let me know and I will take one directly to their home.

**Terry Athanasopoulous**, Board Member,  
Welcome Committee

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## Cascade Shores Women's Club

The Women's Club invites all Cascade Shores women to join. We are truly a community club that gives back to the residents in Cascade Shores. Membership dues are only \$10.00 annually.

What do we do? Our purpose is to support the community. We do this by giving parties for the children at Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. Last summer, we also sponsored Friday Movie Nights at the Firehouse. In addition, we raise money to support activities that enhance life in Cascade Shores.

Our big project this year has been the refurbishing of the inside of the Firehouse. Under the wonderful leadership of Barbie Feyh, the inside of the Firehouse was repainted from top to bottom. She mobilized many of the Club members, their wonderful husbands, and CSHA members to assist with this huge project. She also helped garner support for the purchase of new chairs and tables.

Under the capable leadership of Anna Rees, our fund raising projects help to support the activities of the club. She is selling daffodils for those who want to add a little spring to their yards. She is also selling totes (great gifts!) with the Cascade Shores logo on them.

Most of all, the Women's Club is a caring, social group. We meet monthly and may have speakers, a special theme, or just have fun together. We have a book club that meets monthly and

a group that plays Mexican Train weekly. There is also a walking group, open to all Cascade Shores residents, that meets at 8 a.m. on Mon-Wed-Fri at the Firehouse. We do a three mile walk down Pasquale.

We hope you are interested in joining the Club. Give one of us a call!

**Sharon Hogan**, Co-Chair, CSWC - 470-9170

**Olivia Diaz**, Co-Chair, CSWC - 470-8303

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**The following is a list of Cascade Shores Residents providing services in your area:**

**AUTO**

Nugget Auto Body  
140 Scandling Ave., G. Valley  
Chris Hensley, Owner, (530) 272-7275

**CONSTRUCTION**

Harrison Construction  
Finish Carpentry, Remodeling & Tile  
Brian Harrison, (530) 478-1378  
Lic #513611

Quaker Hill Construction  
Bill Coykendall,  
(530) 798-8972  
Lic. #897-631

Summit Ridge Builders  
Custom Homes & Additions  
Bill Price, Owner, (530) 613-7624  
Lic #B522613

**ENGINEERING**

Nevada City Engineering, Inc.  
Engineering, Surveying, Planning  
William D. Green, Civil Engineer  
505 Coyote St, Suite B, Nev. City  
(530)265-6911

**HOUSECLEANING & JANITORIAL**

Sharon Hess, (530) 265-6286  
Residential\*Commercial\*Move-in/Out  
Products are non-toxic, scent & dye Free  
Bonded\*Work Guaranteed\*17 years Exp.

**TREE SERVICE**

Michaels Personalized Tree Service  
Certified Arborist WE7065A  
Michael Cotton, Owner,  
SCL#723619, (530) 265-5724

**VETERINARY**

Brighton Greens Vet. Hospital  
Susan Smith, DVM  
996 McCourtney Rd, Suite A  
(530) 477-6863

**MEDICAL/THERAPY**

Harry J. Wander, M.D., F.A.A.P.,  
Sutter North Medical Group  
Senior Aviation Medical Examiner  
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(530) 749-3530

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(530) 265-9506

*If you wish to list your business Cascade Shores.org and future newsletters, call Denise Cain at 530-265-8680 for information.*

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**Any Question or Comment?**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like a call, write down your number and one of the board members will contact you. Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your "question/comment" to:**

CSHA, 16528 Pasquale Road,

- 4 Nevada City, CA 95959



## Shore Shots



**The STRUM BUMS entertain at LML Luau**



**Jim Clark, FIRST PLACE in kayak time trials with a blazing 65 seconds!**



**Anna Rees, Carol Carter, and Marvinna Lepianka enjoying themselves at the Luau**



**John Jimenez, CSHA Treasurer, selling raffle tickets at the Luau**



**Kayak races at LML family picnic, July 26**



**Bill Carter preparing to paint at the firehouse**



**Barbie Feyh supervising the firehouse make-over**



**Residents Lori Logan(L) and Lisa Drageset competed in all three events of the annual Barbara Schmidt Millar Women's Triathlon, September 14, Cascade Shores**

## Membership Update

Currently, we have 180 members in the Cascade Shores Homeowners Association. Last year our membership peaked at 150. The more members we have the more revenue we have to help the Association with meeting its obligations and goals. We want to do our part in keeping Cascade Shores a beautiful and desirable place in which to live.

You probably know we receive a "group buy" benefit allowing our members to save approximately 20% on propane from Suburban Propane. There is "strength in numbers," so if we can grow our membership by another twenty people, we will receive even a larger discount from Suburban Propane. If you know any neighbors who are not members of the CSHA, please encourage them to join. The savings on propane will offset their dues! CSHA applications are available on-line at [cascadeshores.org](http://cascadeshores.org) or may be found in the plastic holder at the announcement board in front of the firehouse.

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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.

### **CSHA Board Members**

**Kent Rees**, President, 265-6114, knarees@nccn.net

**Robert Crabb**, Vice President, 265-3102, rcrabb@comcast.net

**Carolyn Inglis**, Secretary, 265-9147, cpinglis@yahoo.com

**John Jimenez**, Treasurer, 265-3736, jjab@aol.com

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**Annette Murphy**, Member, 470-1722

**Harry Wander**, Roads & Maintenance, 265-0884,  
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