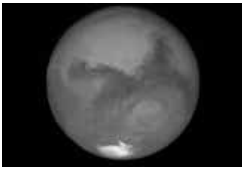


Cascade Connections Fall



Fall 2003

**Cascade Shores Homeowners
Association**

On Aug. 27 at 2:51 a.m. Pacific Time Mars was less than 34.65 million miles away -- closer than it's been in 59,619 years. Hubble image made during the night of August 26-27.

President's Report

Robert Crabb 265-3102

Several Cascade Shores residents deserve recognition for their service to the community.

Lori Sheftal spearheaded a successful petition drive on behalf of those homeowners who were faced with the steep and unfair rise in sewer rates. She gathered the necessary signatures and took the result to the County Board of Supervisors who agreed that the increase was a financial burden on the affected households. The supervisors plan to research alternative funding and cost cutting. (see story on page 2)

The venerable Jim Kain continues to work toward a viable fire safety shelter-in-place and evacuation plan for our area. Jim has lobbied nearly every official from local to state and federal in order to achieve the goal. The first stage of the shelter should be in place by the end of the summer.

Olivia Diaz, President of FONA (Federation of Neighborhood Associations) is running for the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to replace Peter Van Zant who is retiring. Peter has served us well, but what a perk it would be to have one of our own on the county board.

NID, again, turned us down for homeowners' free access to Scotts Flat Lake. Its board cited liability issues as the main concern. Speaking of Scotts Flat Lake, I've been told that refurbishing of the boat ramp area has been funded and work will begin next fall. The plan is to widen the boat ramp, expand the marina, add more parking and demolish and rebuild the restrooms.

Praise should be given to the 49er Fire District and CDF for the rapid response to the recent fire on Lake Lane. Aircraft were dispatched immediately including a helicopter with a bucket, which scooped water from the lake and dropped it on the fire even before the trucks arrived. Chief Tim Fike said a disaster was averted partly due to rapid response and partly because of the early August rains, which kept trees from drying.

Speaking of fires, work on brush removal along Gas Canyon and Sailor Flat Road will continue on Quaker Hill to Red Dog. (see story and photos on p. 6) The CDF hopes this will provide a firebreak and save trees and houses. The fuel reduction is being funded by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Tim Hagan, the CDF coordinator of the project, believes that the best way to protect your property is to clear brush and ladder fuel and cut tree branches away from the ground. Also, trees should be trimmed away from structures.

Please give me a call at 265-3102 with any questions or concerns.

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Sewer Fee Hike Rejected *Lori Sheftal*

Previous story: CSHA NL Summer-03, p. 6.

I've never written a newsletter article before so I didn't realize how difficult it was to find a title. I thought *An Affordable Flush: What A Relief* might be eye-catching but not dignified enough to describe our plight. Here's the story: 104 Cascade Shores Residents who are currently on sewer faced annual charges of \$1,922, with probable increases after that. These fees were proposed to meet requirements for our wastewater discharge permit, requirements that need to be met by 2006. Increasingly more stringent Federal and State regulations, higher operating, maintenance and utilities, costly testing, and dollars needed to pay down outstanding loans for the plant that we already have, were reasons given for the increase.

This fee hike was voted down August 12, 2003 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1, thanks to Proposition 218 (requires majority approval to impose these kinds of fee increases) and the community effort made by Cascade Shores Property Owners. It was a comfort to know that we had the support of the Board even before we submitted a petition with over 80 signatures to reject the fee increase. They unanimously passed a resolution written by Gordon Plantenga, Wastewater Operations Manager, requesting "Special Consideration and Grant Funding for Cascade Shores Re: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Compliance Under New Regulations and Policies."

The Cascade Shores Residents-Sewer Working Group cir-

culated a petition to reject the increase in sewer fees. The C.S.R.S.W.G. is a diverse group, all with the same goal. We refused to accept a situation that we felt would devalue our property and pose a financial burden to so many. We are confident that our treated wastewater already meets the criteria of drinkable, swimmable, fishable. Dave Deardorf and Dick Taylor spearheaded this campaign. They wrote the petition and pleaded our case before the Board. Lisa Harding did all the behind the scenes computer work. Some residents went door-to-door, others made phone calls. Some wrote letters to the Board and many turned out for the public hearing in which the increase was rejected.

This has been an old fight; many of our residents have been dealing with this difficult sewer situation for years. Lots of these people just want to enjoy their retirement and have the peace of mind that they won't be forced out of our community. I'm sure this is an issue that they would like to put to rest.

I would like to thank CSHA for their active support. U.S. Representative John Doolittle (R) was represented by staff member Chris Parillo at the TriTip BBQ in Cascade Shores August 3rd. Secretary Olivia Diaz introduced me to him and summarized our sewer situation. It was a great opportunity to speak to him, and I felt it was a productive visit. Jim Kain, liaison with governmental agencies had a wealth of information and is an inspiration.

Cascade Shores Women's Club Projects *Dot Kain*

As part of continuing beautification projects in the Shores, Women's Club members will be planting more Daffodil bulbs this Fall. The area along Quaker Hill (where bulbs were planted last year) has proven to be too rocky and impacted to allow for more planting. With this in mind, more bulbs will be planted in community areas such as the Firehouse, around entry signs, etc. Hopefully in the future, local residents might also join in efforts to help the community bloom with pride!

The Women's Club will have a booth at the September 28 Triathlon. A committee co-chaired by Denise Kain and Olivia Diaz will organize coffee and breakfast foods at 7 in the morning and hot dogs and soft drinks for lunch. This is one of several fundraisers sponsored by the Women's Club during the year.



Roads *Harry Wander, Chair, Roads Committee*

The logging is supposed to be over for this year. However, we want to be prepared for early intervention next year if there are problems with trucks not following all the rules. Keep in mind for next year that if there are problems with them that need to be addressed you can call me at 265-0884. In the meantime, if there are other kinds of road problems that need addressing you can call me with those also.

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE NUMBERS

Fred Buhler

Most of us carry cell phones. If you dial 911 on your cell phone from Nevada County, the call is routed to the emergency CHP call center in Rancho Cordova. As the dispatchers in Rancho Cordova are not familiar with Nevada County, this results, at best, in a 3 to 5 minute delay in the dispatch. At worst, from time to time there have been emergency units dispatched to the wrong county! Here are two numbers that you may wish to carry with you for emergency use. These numbers should **only** be used from your **cell phone** when making **emergency calls** in **Nevada County**.

CDF - Fire 477-5761 (This is the CDF equivalent for 911 calls in Nevada County.)

Sheriff 265-7880 (This is answered by the Sheriff Dispatch Center in Nevada County.)



School Age Children and School Buses *Robert Crabb*

People who have children please contact me 265-3102. Bill Levitz, members of CSHA and myself are having discussions with the school districts to bring school bus service into the Shores. However, I need to know how many school age children live in Cascade Shores.

Cascade Shores Store Status *Olivia Diaz*

As of the beginning of September John Perry told me there is no buyer for the store. Everything else is rumor. John and Cindy ask that no cars be parked on the property. They are having problems with vandalism.

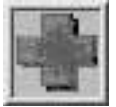
Local Red Cross Coordinating Project to enable Elderly and Disabled to get help During a Disaster *Susan Hayes*

More than 17% of the county's population is over 65 years old. One out of every three seniors surveyed have a family member substantially limited by a physical condition. People over 85 years of age are in the fastest-growing segment of the population. These people would really be at risk if they needed to evacuate quickly in case a disaster, like a forest fire, were to strike Nevada County.

In order to plan ahead so that nobody "falls through the cracks," the local chapter of the American Red Cross is trying to locate and identify Nevada County residents with special needs, including seniors dependent on oxygen or in need of regular medication, families with few

support systems, the physically and mentally frail or disabled, and people who live in remote areas. This information would be confidential and would only be utilized during an emergency by "first responders" (local fire, police and medical personnel) and disaster response teams, to enable them to locate, evacuate people, and provide disaster services to residents with special needs.

If you, or someone you know, would be in need of help in case of an emergency, contact Susan Hayes, Project Coordinator, Western Nevada County Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 250, Grass Valley, CA 95945.



Neighborhood Watch Alert *Steve Foxe*

There recently have been a number of vehicle break-ins and some home burglaries in Cascade Shores. The vehicle break-ins have occurred in the middle of the night and the thieves were looking for unlocked doors.

Be sure to lock your car at night, especially if it's parked on the street in a dark area. Be alert and keep an eye on your neighbor's property too. If you see suspicious activity or a crime possibly taking place call the Sheriff's Of-

fice. The volunteer CSHA Security Patrol only patrols during the daylight hours and we can only check on members' properties. For criminal activity we have to call the authorities.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the CSHA Security Patrol contact Steve Foxe at 470-0441. You get reimbursed for your mileage and it's a great way to meet the people in our community.

S U M M E R A C T I V I T I E S



Spaghetti Feed 2003
 June 22nd 3-6 PM
 Lost Mine Lake



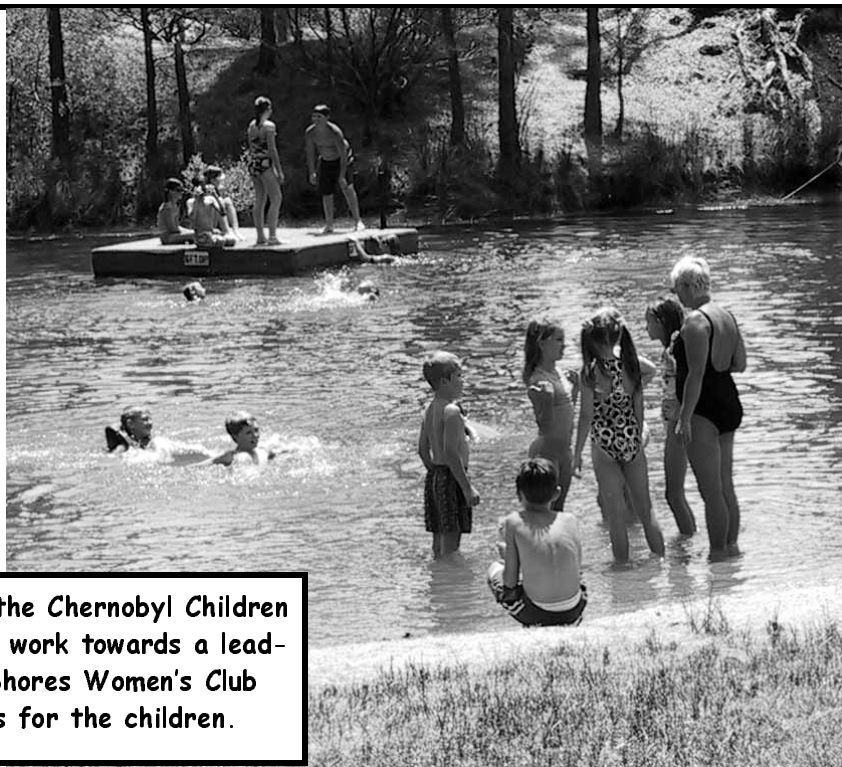
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June 22. This year's very successful Spaghetti Feed was capably organized by Heather Lindefelt. (top left). Enjoying the event (right) are L to R, Olivia Diaz, Supervisor Peter Van Zant, NID Board Member Nancy Weber, Superintendent Terry McAteer, CSHA President Robert Crabb.



July 18. The picnic at Lost Mine Lake for the Chernobyl Children was capably organized by Lauren Schrack to work towards a leadership award in Girl Scouts. The Cascade Shores Women's Club contributed food, and funds for gift baskets for the children.

IN CASCADE SHORES



July 19. The ice cream social is a new summer event for the CSHA. Given its success, due to the hard work of Heather Lindenfelt and the delicious ice cream donated by Cold Stream Creamery, it may become an annual event at Lost Mine Lake. During the event Bill Hunter attached the Dan Troth memorial plaque to the bear proof garbage can that Dan designed. (CSHA NL Fall-02 p. 11).



August 2. TriTip Barbeque. This year's annual TriTip Barbeque was coordinated by Shannon Clark and crew. The TriTip Barbeque is one of the Homeowner Association's summer fundraising events. During this happy event the Women's Club raffled off lovely gift baskets. Photo to the right is of Lenore Teuber presenting a basket to Jere Hunter.

Fire Safety Committee *Olivia Diaz, Chair*

At the September CSHA Board meeting, Jim Kain, member of the Fire Safety and Roads and Environment committees reported on the progress made by those two committees. Overall, his report dealt with safety for residents of Cascade Shores in case of wildfire.

Fuel Reduction. Jim and Lane Cox and Jim Kain managed to get permission from enough homeowners to start the fuel break work along the entry and exit roads for Cascade Shores. If you haven't seen the work done by the FEMA funded Fuel Break team, headed by Tim Hagan, drive to Lost Mine Lake. There you will see the clearing the teams did 75 feet on each side from the center of Gas Canyon and Sailor Flat roads. The workers are scheduled to return in late October to finish clearing the rest of Gas Canyon to Quaker Hill.

Road over Scots Flat Dam. Nevada Irrigation District (NID) has improved the road from Pasquale Road to Scots Flat dam. Nevada County has concluded a study of the structure of the bridge over the spillway and determined it is more than strong enough to stand a steady flow of vehicles.

Fire Safe Shelter. The Shelter in Place south of the Lost Mine Lake recreation area is becoming more and more of a reality. The fuel reduction on both sides of Gas Canyon

and Sailor Flat roads is the first step in making the flat places on the Cox property and the rest of the property owned by CSHA safe for residents to park their cars and wait out a fire. Yet to be scheduled is clearing of fuel within the CSHA property. It is the site of hydraulic mining so there isn't much vegetation to be cleared.

Leach lines for Waste Water Treatment. The same property mentioned above is also being considered as the possible location for leach lines from the Waste Water Treatment plant (Cascade Shores Sewer). Other adjacent properties are also under consideration. If adequate and sufficient area can be found to create a large enough leach field, the sewer plant would satisfy the increased but costly state and federal requirements. Residents on the sewer oppose the increased costs as unfair and discriminatory. (See story on p. 2)

Members of the Board thank Jim for all the work he has done to bring us this far along in providing safety for the Cascade Shores residents. The Fire Safety Committee is operating under a resolution passed by the Board in June.

Thank you to the property owners who authorized Hagan's team to start clearing the roads into and out of Cascade Shores. The shaded fuel break is not only graceful and lovely, but it will make it safer for all the residents of Cascade Shores.



Fuel Break on Gas Canyon.
(L) Before (August 21).
(M) After (September 1).
(R) Crew. Photo: Jim Kain

From the Editor

Ernie Malamud (470-8303, malamud@foothill.net)

This CSHA newsletters features articles on Cascade Shores current concerns and activities. We are now accepting ads as a way to defray a portion of the newsletter. Contact Steve Foxe if you wish to place an ad in the Spring 2004 issue. The Editor thanks Olivia Diaz for help in preparing this newsletter.

Bears *Curt Sutliff*

There have been two bear families causing concern this summer in Cascade Shores. A sow with three cubs has been cruising the Lake Lane area, disrupting several trash cans and recycle bins, and terrifying one lady barbecuing on the back deck. That is, she was doing the bbq, not being bbqed. The sow with two cubs has cruised up Mountain View and Quaker Hill Road, out of the diggins, ambling along without undue damage.

The biggest bear incident of the summer was August 20, when I saw my neighbor put out her recycle bin just before dark. Oh, Oh, I thought, too early, that could draw bears. Sure enough, about 11 p.m. I heard the distinct clanging of tin cans and jars. I grabbed my camera and 1,000,000 candlepower, rechargeable, portable, spotlight, snuck out the door, around the garage and up the driveway. Not too far up the driveway, just far enough to be sure of a clear view of the still clanging recycle bin. Camera at the ready, I squeezed on the spot light and

scared the screaming meemies out of my neighbor who was dumping cans into his recycle bin. Mumbling something about bears I did a hasty retreat, locked the doors and turned off the lights.



**Can you find the bear cubs in this picture?
Taken by Karen Lari in July from her deck on Summit Ridge.**



Steve Foxe staffs the CSHA booth at the Aug. 17 FONA "faire" (Federation of Neighborhood Associations) held at the Loma Rica Ranch.

CSHA Board meeting minutes are posted by Olivia Diaz, CSHA Secretary, on the bulletin board near the firehouse.



Community Emergency Response Team *Steve Foxe*

The local chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with FEMA is promoting local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs). FEMA began promoting the program in 1994 and CERTs have been established in hundreds of communities. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of the neighborhood in basic response skills. CERTs members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help

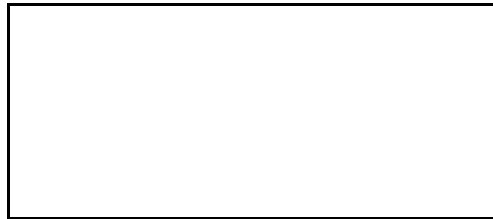
arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

Training is provided free and can be done here in Cascade Shores. The basic training is about 20 hours total and more training, such as CPR classes, can be added as desired.

Cascade Shores can be fairly remote during events like heavy snow, fires, and power failures. Some of our neighbors have already expressed interest in this program. If you would like to be a volunteer please call Steve Foxe at 470-0441. When we get enough people interested the Red Cross representative can come out and give us the details and answer our questions.

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Mark Your Calendars!! 2003 Events and Activities

Sunday, September 28. 7 am. Triathlon

Women's Club Meetings:

October 9, 1 pm

home of Olivia Diaz.

Ierene Riley will co-host

November 11, 1 pm

home of Connie Foxe.

Signups for the potluck Christmas party

December 11, 1 pm, Christmas party

home of Jere Hunter

Christmas Party, December 7, National Hotel



July 19. Water Lilies on Lost Mine Lake.