

# Cascade Connections



**Summer 2004**

**Cascade Shores Homeowners  
Association**

## President's Report

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Spearheaded by Board member Greg Clark and his wife Shannon, the Lost Mine Lake (LML) was a big success. (article on p. 4)

Board members are working on future projects, which include a new communication system. Such ideas were discussed as having our own web site, erecting a marquee in front of the store, returning the bulletin board to its original location at the store for increased visibility, e-mail listings, and a directory of residents who have skills and services to provide. Another possible project would be to advertise LML to the wider public as a venue for special events — weddings, parties, family reunions — to help defray the cost of liability insurance. Other ideas were a Cascade Shores yard sale or flea market at the firehouse, and a wine tasting fundraiser event at LML.

We are fortunate to have Tim Fike as our Fire Chief. He is well known and highly respected in fire circles and he chose Cascade Shores as the community to be the recipient of the grant he recently was awarded. (article on page 5)

Thanks to Dixie Redfearn for single-handedly cleaning up



Quaker Hill Cross as it descends to Cascade Shores.

And thanks to those members who called regarding membership cards. Membership chair Carolyn Inglis informed me that she had

to get a different, and that they will be in the mail soon.

Phone, e-mail or write me if you have thoughts regarding the proposals mentioned above, or if you have other ideas for activities.

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being formed: Communications, Cascade Shores Waste Water Treatment Committee and CC&R Enforcement. We are looking for committee members. You need not be on the board to serve. New committees are on a committee. If you are interested, please contact me.

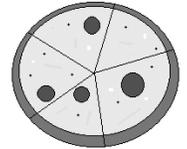


**The CSWC raffle at the June 13 spaghetti feed.  
Ed & Jeanie Ferguson.**

# Store Hours

Keith and Patricia Carman

Store hours subject to change.  
Breakfast on weekends only.  
Grill closes 30 mins before  
store closes.



Monday	Closed unless it is a holiday	Coming Soon! Monday Night Football Open 5:30 to 9:30 pm
Tuesday	9 am to 8 pm	Dinner: Shrimp Basket and regular menu
Wednesday	9 am to 8 pm	Dinner: Meat Loaf and regular menu
Thursday	9 am to 8 pm	Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak and regular menu
Friday	9 am to 9 pm	Dinner: Pizza (only)
Saturday	9 am to 9 pm	Dinner: BBQ (only) Watch our Banners: Ribs or Tri-Tip or Chicken
Sunday	9 am to 5 pm	No Dinners

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# Cascade Shores Women's Club News *Dot Kain*

On April 14 members of the Women's Club enjoyed their annual luncheon at Latitudes in Auburn.

Raffle baskets are being prepared and tickets went on sale at the June 13 Spaghetti Feed for a final raffle at the Tri-Tip barbecue on August 22.

The Welcome Committee greeted new residents, Ed and Christine Batista and Claudine Chambers. We welcome new members to the Club. For information call Jeannie Ferguson at 265-0946. Meeting times are monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm.

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## Roads and Environment

*Harry J. Wander, Chair, CSHA Roads Committee*

Recently I met with the Director of the Nevada County Department of Transportation, the Road Maintenance Chief and the Supervising Civil Engineer to discuss improving access to Cascade Shores. The 2002 DOT study was discussed extensively.

Moving the roadway of Quaker Hill Cross to the north of the present alignment would mean cutting down many trees, removing some 43,000 cubic yards of dirt and would leave a huge denuded gash in the ridge. Most of the grade would still be 12 to 15.5%. No soil tests were done, but they doubt the soil is stable enough to support such a roadway. The estimated cost would be over \$1.1 million. Even if otherwise feasible, the results would probably not be environmentally acceptable.

Making a new roadway parallel to the south of the existing roadway would also mean the removal of many large trees and of some 37,000 cubic yards of dirt. In addition, the soil stability is poor and would probably necessitate the construction of retaining walls. The estimated cost is again in excess of \$1 million.

Constructing a new road from near the junction of Pasquale and Red Dog would mean the condemnation of much land and the cost would be over \$2.5 million.

Connecting Banner Quaker Hill Road with Pasquale near the intersection with Cascade Drive would result in grades that were still unacceptably steep.

Upgrading Pasquale Road would mean condemning lots of land along the right of way, an unpopular move. The DOT has been widening it and putting in turn-out areas where possible. In any case, there are scant funds available right now.

Installing de-icing systems in the existing road would be very costly to install and to maintain. Using de-icing chemicals would also be costly and environmentally damaging.

Removing the coniferous trees from the south side of the steep hill road would allow more sunlight in to melt the snow and ice and perhaps reduce the closure times. This would require the agreement of the property owners and possibly an environmental impact study. However, this is the least expensive way to decrease closure time.

In summary, significantly changing the existing roadways at this time is economically unfeasible. We will continue to investigate options, including increasing the amount of sunlight on the steep hill road. We will also continue to work on improving the safety of Pasquale Road.



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## Notes from the Editor

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

Please send submissions for the Fall newsletters by September 15 — neighborhood issues and concerns, Cascade Shores history, activities and events, nature. If you have a story idea please contact me. Ads defray a portion of the newsletter costs. Contact Steve Foxe to place an ad in the Fall 2004 issue. I can supply electronic copies of past newsletters back through Fall 2001 upon request. Many thanks to Olivia Diaz for help in preparing this issue.

# Improvements to Lost Mine Lake

*Greg Clark*

The restrooms were pumped, cleaned, deodorized, and exterior touch-up stained. The kitchen and garden shed were cleared and cleaned. The horseshoe court was refurbished with new backboards and sand. Logs around the memorial area were notched and raised for a more attractive look, and thanks to Bill Hunter and Connie Fox, a new sign was made and installed (they also did the same for the entrance sign at the bottom of the hill). A round of applause for all who participated: Kathy Aldridge, Tammy Arnold, John Borowski, Robert Crabb, Bill Coykendall, Gary Kilday, Dave and Terry Lavignino, Andy and Cheryl Morateur, Dawnene Needles, Dixie Redfearn, Daniel Rodriguez, Dan Striechen, Dylan and my wife, Shannon. The next projects at the lake will be replacing the sand on the beach and volleyball court and overhauling the sprinkler system.



**Rubbish from sheds I and II**



**John installing a ventilating fan on Shed II**

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## FoNA News

*Olivia Diaz*

The Federation of Neighborhood Associations is holding an evening workshop on how to form a Road Association on June 29, 2004 at the Superintendent's Office on the corner of Nevada City Highway and Ridge Road. There is a charge. Call Nancy Weber, 265-0424 for further information.

At 11 a.m. on June 23, FoNA will hold a no-host Leadership Luncheon for people in leadership positions or those

who would like to assume a leadership role to share ideas and discuss issues.

Renewal letters for the annual membership to FoNA will be going out soon.

The Cascade Shores Homeowners Association is a member of the Federation of Neighborhood Associations. If you are a member of CSHA you are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of FoNA at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Superintendent's Office. For the topic of the next meeting, call Olivia Diaz, 470-8303.

# Cascade Shores Fuels Reduction and Evacuation Plan

*Jim Kain, Fire Safety Committee*

Last August two fires were called into the Fire Protection District, one on Lake Lane and one on Pasquale Road. Quick response from the Fire District, including a chopper and ground crew, extinguished the blazes preventing a disaster in the Shores. Our Fire personnel were aided in their efforts by a heavy rain a few days before the two fires.

We are very vulnerable to fire in Cascade Shores. This is what is being done to make us safer.

The Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, NCCFD, (now including the former 49er FPD), working in cooperation with your CSHA Board of Directors and its Fire Safety Committee, has been developing the Cascade Shores Fuels Reduction and Evacuation Plan. The goal is to improve public safety for the immediate residents of our subdivision and for the communities along the evacuation routes.

NCCFD plans to take three steps to achieve this goal: 1) Reduce the hazardous fuel load on vacant and improved parcels in the subdivision; 2) Reduce fuel at a safe haven for a shelter-in-place and in the right-of-ways along the subdivision's evacuation routes; 3) Provide publications and public education for an evacuation plan.

Last year fuel reduction was done at Lost Mine Lake and this year the Washington Ridge California Youth Authority (CYA) crews will be used again to further reduce fuel in the interior of the safe haven.

Fire Chief Tim Fike won a \$43,000 grant to continue the program, which includes \$26,950 plus the value of matching NCCFD effort. The funds will be used

- To develop a color brochure to mail
- For seed money to inspect vacant parcels, mailing notices to owners of needed corrective actions
- To hire contractors to do the work if owners fail to respond.

NCCFD will be reimbursed for contractor expenses by liens placed against the properties involved. It is hoped owners will voluntarily reduce fuel on their properties so the NCCFD doesn't have to hire contractors to do it.

You can help make Cascade Shores safe from wildland fire by clearing around your home and reducing ladder fuels that pass ground fires on to the trees. Watch for the brochure.



## Chipping *Robert Crabb*

For those of you who have cleared brush from your property and want to take advantage of the free (a \$25 donation is requested) chipping service, you need to call the Fire Safety Council (470-9193) and request a registration form. Fill it out, mail it back, and within a couple of weeks, the work will get done (depending on how much business

there is). Keep in mind that your piles cannot be higher or wider than six feet so flatten it down or stretch it out to reduce the height and cut the debris to shorten it. Also, all brush must be facing the same way with the trunks, branches, etc. facing out so that they are easily pulled from the pile. And remember, the grant that pays for this service is only for property with structures and not for vacant land. Your piles must be on the street in front of a house.

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## CSHA Security Patrol *Steve Foxe*

Would you like the opportunity to meet your neighbors, provide a service, and make some money? If you would like to volunteer for the CSHA Security Patrol please contact Steve Foxe at 470-0441. The position requires patrolling the neighborhood and checking vacant homes when requested. Pay is a mileage reimbursement.

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## CSHA Security Patrol Reduction *Steve Foxe*

The CSHA Board has reduced the neighborhood patrols for cost saving purposes. The volunteers will patrol the community once per day, three days per week (down from 5 days/week.) This would not affect the periodic walk-around of vacant homes on request. This cost savings will help us meet rising insurance fees. If you have comments or concerns please contact Steve Foxe at 470-0441 or email at [sfoxen@nccn.net](mailto:sfoxen@nccn.net).

## Identity Theft *Curt Sutliff*

Last month Citizen's Bank held a very interesting seminar on identity theft. It was not what I thought. I always wondered how people could let someone else run up big charges on their credit cards without them knowing about it. Now I understand.

If someone learns your identity numbers, from a stolen wallet, stolen mail, or any means, they can go to Sacramento, rent an apartment using your good credit references, take out utilities on your good credit, and perhaps open a couple new credit cards using your ID. They may even buy a boat or car, and almost certainly, a really nice entertainment center for a few thousand bucks. The bills come to the Sacramento apartment, and you know nothing about it.

Until, that is, the thieves decide to skip and the collection agencies find you at your home and demand payment.

The seminar had some generic advice for how to prevent identity theft, such as be careful who is watching when you fill out forms at a bank or store. And NEVER mail outgoing mail from your home mail box. There are thieves who specialize in grabbing the outgoing mail from boxes with the red flag up. They get a ton of information about a lot of people that way.

On the other hand, I was at the local Ford dealer parts counter the other day and watched as the clerk wrote down, in my clear view, the name, address, phone number and credit card number for someone ordering a part over the telephone. So, you can't always know how your identity got out there in public.

Never give any information to anyone over the phone who calls you. You don't know who it is, only who they say they are. And these guys are slick. Some very savvy business people have been bilked.

Call one of the three credit reporting agencies and ask for your credit report.

Equifax, 1-800-685-1111

TransUnion, 1-800-916-8800

Experian, 1-888-397-3742

Read the fine print carefully and you will find that, for a fee, you can put a safety hold on your credit information so that your permission is required before it is released. This can slow things down if you are buying something that requires a credit report, but, if you plan, you can also temporarily lift the safety hold.

It takes some work to get this done, but the horror stories at the seminar were enough to get me moving.

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## Living with our Bears *Karen Lari*

Cascade Shores is home for many souls. The black bear is one of them. I was very afraid of them before I moved here. I visualized them attacking my little animals. But I have learned they are shy. They move slowly. Sudden loud noises or spray from a garden hose can and will scare them away. Now, when the bears come through my yard I find myself holding my dogs to avoid scaring the cubs up trees. I now feel fortunate that the family of bears come to visit me



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## Bears in our Community

*Shera Banbury*

Juanita Scott took the photo from her doorstep on Sadie D Drive (corner of Spanish Lane) early in May at 1:30 p.m. She shares it with us because she loves living here and loves the bears and she hopes others will also. Her biggest concern is that someone will freak out and shoot at the bear. She says it comes regularly to the lake for water.

We need to communicate how important it is to live side-by-side with the bears. People need to understand if they leave garbage out and accessible, thinking that it's cute to watch the bears eat it, they are inviting the bear to think it's safe and will provide target practice for someone with a gun.



## Communications Committee Formed *Dane Brinkman, Chair*

The committee consists of Ernie Malamud, Carolyn Inglis, Giovanni Paredes, Steve Foxe and myself. We will consider all means of communication with CSHA members on various issues. We communicate in many ways: newsletter, signs, soon a marquee, the bulletin board, the telephone tree, e-mail alerts, the Member Directory, potentially a printed business directory, the status of the school

bus, posting of local weather (on Giovanni's personal website **CascadeShores.com**), and emergency alerts. The Committee will attempt to link the different methods of communication and think of itself as marketing the image of Cascade Shores. A domain name, **CascadeShores.org**, for CSHA has been obtained and Giovanni has agreed to be the webmaster.

## Status Report of the Cascade Shores Waste Water Treatment Facility

*Olivia Diaz, CSHA Secretary*

This is a new feature of the CSHA Newsletter to inform residents about this problem happening in our neighborhood. There are 91 property owners in Cascade Shores on the sewer system who are being affected by higher standards for water treatment, which has nearly doubled their sewer fees.

Mike Inglis of Lake Lane has agreed to be the Board's liaison with the Working Group (a sub-group of the property owners on the Cascade Shores sewer.) He is the Alternate Representative from Cascade Shores on the County Sanitation Board.

A Study of the property adjacent to CSHA's Lost Mine

Lake must be completed by summer's end to determine if it is an appropriate location for a leach field. Using a soil saturation method is less expensive than improving the quality of the discharged water. The study is to evaluate the water table and soil quality.

In an official Board action, CSHA voted to allow the County to use property owned by CSHA at Lost Mine Lake for leach lines and/or safe haven parking.

Mike will investigate how to join an Alliance of small wastewater treatment plants in northern California. The Alliance can lobby our state representatives to seek a political solution and give our neighbors some relief.

## What you can do about the sewer problem in Cascade Shores *Olivia Diaz*

In April I met with the Aide to Congressman Doolittle to discuss various matters, including the Cascade Shores Waste Water Treatment Facility.

I learned that the money Congressman Doolittle plans to use to help Cascade Shores' homeowners would come from the Water Resources Development Act. That Act has been passed by the House of Representatives but not by the Senate. Before those funds become available, the Act has to be passed by both Houses of Congress, signed by the President and placed in the Federal Budget.

I wrote a letter to our US Senators Feinstein and Boxer, giving them background information and asking their help

to get the Water Resources Development Act passed through the US Senate.

I sent a copy of the two letters to the 91 property owners who are on the sewer system and urged them to send a similar letter to our two Senators.

If you want to help our neighbors who are facing huge increases in their sewer bills, you, too, can send a letter to the Senators.

Call me at 470-8303 or e-mail me at [odiaz@foothill.net](mailto:odiaz@foothill.net) for a copy of the letters and for the addresses and fax numbers where you can send the letter.



June 5. The 23rd-annual Go for the Gold Country Regatta at Scotts Flat Lake.

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## Mark Your Calendars!! 2004 Events and Activities

### Summer fundraising events at Lost Mine Lake

Wine Tasting fundraiser, Saturday, July 24.

Tri Tip BBQ and family picnic.

Sunday, August 22, 4 - 7 PM.

Celebration of Life Triathlon, Sunday, August 29.

Scotts Flat Lake Day Use Area closed for construction  
beginning September 7.

Annual Christmas Dinner Party. Sunday, December 5

Many thanks to Denise and Phil for organizing the wonderful Spaghetti Feed on June 13.

